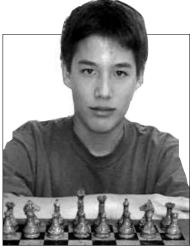


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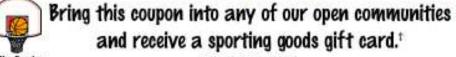
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Carter's last stand The staid old San Diego State University Research Foundation was rocked



Tom Carte

to its roots last Friday when longtime board member **Tom Carter**, the former San Diego Federal Savings exec, real estate investor, and mayoral candidate, stood up at a board meeting and quit, saying the foundation was disastrously mismanaged.

"First I have to say I am going to resign from the board

today," Carter announced at the beginning of the foundation's quarterly meeting. "I have served on almost any kind of board you can imagine. I take it very seriously when I'm on a board of directors. The word 'fiduciary' is always something you must remember. What I have seen happen here in the past year is foreign to the kind of operations I have been accustomed to."

He went on to say that plans to sell off much of the foundation's cash-producing real estate, being suggested to the board by its president, SDSU

president **Stephen Weber**, were illadvised. "We are starting a downward spiral," Carter warned. "This foundation is the largest contributor annually



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to the university — \$2.5 million. That's not going to be there anymore. When we start selling real estate, that money won't be there in the future. I see a downward spiral that will be very difficult to turn around. I don't want to be fighting with President Weber. He knows where I stand on these matters." Then, with an abrupt nod in Weber's direction, Carter turned and headed out the door. "I bid you

adieu and wish everybody well."



Stephen We

After Carter departed, Weber proceeded to introduce tentative plans to sell such foundation-owned properties as Fraternity Row, Sorority Row, parking lots, and commercial buildings to pay off some of the \$23 million in debt and related bank-credit

lines left over from Weber's de facto cancellation last year of the foundation's Paseo redevelopment project.

That development, which had the backing of the City and campus neighborhood groups, was to include student housing and a shopping center. Weber asserted that new state university policies requiring use of public rather than private debt to finance such projects doomed the foundation's proposal, but critics such as San Diego city councilman **Jim Madaffer** contend that was just an excuse to wrest the development away from the foundation and place decision-making power with Weber himself. In the ongoing tug-of-war, the City's Redevelopment Agency has since moved to take control of the project from the university, soliciting new developers.

In yet another blow to the foundation, it was also announced Friday that KPBS, the public broad-

casting operation owned and operated by SDSU and in which Weber has taken a personal interest, was pulling its cash-management business out of the foundation and giving it to another SDSU-affiliated nonprofit, Aztec Shops, which runs the campus bookstore and food concessions. "It appears that they are definitely planning to move their business," said foundation CEO **Frea Sladek**. Money managed for KPBS represents 6.4 percent of the foundation's assets, she told the board.

Money trail The other shoe may finally be about to drop in the long-running saga of the secre-

tive charitable fund set up by San Diego schools superintendent **Alan Bersin**. The Superintendent's Fund for School Innovation funneled a total of \$524,000 in donations from a variety of local benefactors to Bersin, who used the money to pay for consultants, travel, and housing as well as



George Mitrovi

"meeting and entertainment" expenses for himself and other district officials. Political and PR guru **George Mitrovich** picked up \$12,000.

After Bersin left the district and a new board majority came to power last fall, it released a list of expenditures and donations. Bersin called the information "old news," but the board quietly hired a Los Angeles law firm to further investigate the ex-superintendent's role. Now a report of the investigation's findings is said to be almost ready and could be made public at the first school board meeting this month, just weeks ahead of state senate hearings in Sacramento on whether to confirm Bersin's nomination by Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** to the state board of education.

Hunter hunting The Randy "Duke" Cunningham bribery scandal and George W. Bush's problems in Iraq have stimulated some local Democrats into mounting an unlikely challenge against Cunningham's fellow GOP House member Duncan Hunter. Though Hunter's district is packed with Republicans, that hasn't dissuaded La Jolla Democrat Derek Casady, former aide to ex—state senator Jim Mills, from taking on Hunter, the powerful chairman of the House Armed Ser-



Duncan Hunter

vices Committee. Another possible contender: backcountry environmental champion and antiwar activist **Duncan McFetridge**. . . . Missed your car lately? If it's been stolen, it's unlikely you'll ever see the thief behind bars, based on statistics the City of San Diego released last week. Although the "clear-

ance" rate last year was 88.2 percent for murders, it was just 1.4 percent for vehicle theft. Burglary clearances stood at 13.7 percent. While property theft in general was up 1.7 percent, vehicle theft jumped 9 percent.

— Matt Potter

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Older City Retiree Woes

By Don Bauder

While working 30 years for the City's Water Department, Yvonne Paczulla

wrote an in-house column with news of

births, marriages, and other domestic matters. She called it *Under Water*. She didn't realize how prescient she was. A retiree since 1988, she now grumbles, "I am very upset about the pension plan," which retired before mid-1997 and did not receive munificent benefits still have faith in the City or retirement board, or both. They believe they will get their benefits, meager as they are, even if the City goes We've never seen the City in this kind of situation before, so we trust [the board] and also still trust the City," despite pending criminal charges against representatives of both.

To a vocal minority of retirees, such confidence in the pension board and City appears to be a case of "screw me once: shame on you. Screw me twice: roll me over, lay me down, and do it again."

"If the system goes broke and a bankruptcy judge takes over, I'm concerned that a bunch of fancy lawyers representing the policemen and firemen will rush down to



Mike Aguirre



Michael Conger

she knows is underwater by at least \$2 billion. "There has been a lot of monkey business and hanky-panky."

That's obvious to anybody who follows the news. Nonetheless, a surprisingly large number of former city employees who, like Paczulla,

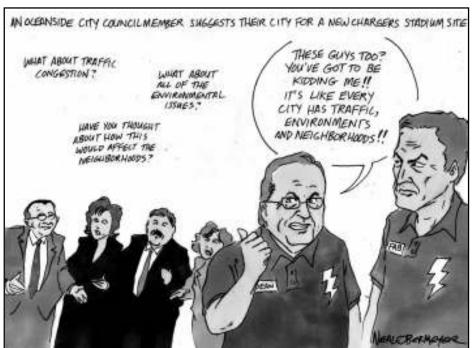
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"The vast majority [of retired people] are convinced they will get their retirement," says Nancy Acevedo, president of the City of San Diego Retired Employees Association. "They probably believe in [the retirement board].

court and get as much as they can," while older retirees, who can't afford high-priced lawyers, continued on page 8

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Academics Exchange Fire

By Joe Deegan

n March 7 of last year the Grossmont College academic senate gave its highest administrator a vote of no confidence.

The rancor between faculty and Omero Suarez, the chancellor of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, began after the passage in 2002 of Proposition R, a \$207 million bond measure for building repairs, renovations, and new construction at the district's two El Cajon colleges. Most Grossmont faculty complain that Suarez favors Cuyamaca College in divvying up the monies. For years, they say, the district had visions of a fast-growing Cuyamaca. "But the college is like a business that's not performing," says one of them. "So the district keeps trying everything to move it along."

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca board of trustees supported Suarez in the conflict and, at its June meeting, voted to extend his contract and the contracts of the vice chan-



Omero Suarez

cellors as well as that of the president of Cuyamaca College, despite the extensions' not being scheduled for that time. But the board did not extend Grossmont College president Ted Martinez's contract nor mention anything about his future. The Grossmont faculty took notice. In subsequent board meetings over the summer many praised Martinez for his leadership at the college.

The faculty may have paid less attention to the president's situation as other conflicts with the district board surfaced last fall. The most serious occurred in October over noncredit classes that Cuyamaca College offers residents of retirement and convalescent homes. According to many Grossmont faculty members, the classes are a gimmick to increase Cuyamaca's enrollment and make a greater case for expanding its campus. According to a September 19, 2004, article in the Orange County Register, community colleges all over the state are using questionable methods to increase enrollments.

But in December President Martinez suddenly became a hot item again. After finishing the fall semester and starting midyear holidays, the Grossmont faculty was shocked



to read in newspapers that the district board had decided to let Martinez's contract lapse this coming June. To seal President Martinez's fate, Chancellor Suarez and the district board held a secret closedsession meeting two days before Christmas. The regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting had already been held on December 13, and faculty members had no idea any further district action would take place before they returned in January. In explaining the action Suarez said he suddenly remembered that by law the district had to give Martinez six months' notice that his contract would not

To make matters worse, in the faculty's view, Chancellor Suarez told Martinez not to return to campus at the start of 2006. The district will continue to pay Martinez's \$145,400 yearly salary and additional benefits. District board chairwoman Deanna Weeks refused to explain Martinez's termination, citing the confidentiality of personnel files.

be renewed.

By all accounts Grossmont College professors and staff love Ted Martinez Jr., who became the school's president in 1999, the year after Suarez became chancellor. Several tell me they thought the board's Christmas furtiveness was spineless. "Shameful," says one. "The district office has become an entity unto itself, hardly caring about the college." She goes on to call Martinez a great listener. "Although

he didn't always agree with you," she says, "he respected your point of view."

One of Martinez's most ardent supporters has been

demic senate president."The board is hiding behind the confidentiality issue in refusing to explain what they did," she says. "Just like everybody



Rick Walker

student counselor Renee Tuller, who characterizes the ex-president as polite and gracious. "But," she says, "he's also a person who legitimately can say, 'Don't mistake my kindness for weakness." Tuller is convinced that Martinez fought Suarez hard behind closed doors over things like Cuyamaca's noncredit classes for the elderly.

> Beth Smith, a math professor, represents the faculty as Grossmont College's aca-

else, I want to know why they fired President Martinez." But Smith has her suspicions. "In board meetings, Martinez spoke up for the needs of the college and its students. In \mathfrak{L} return, board members dishonored him."

As an example, Smith mentions a meeting last year at which Martinez tried to explain to the board how serious the college's loss of full-time instructors was becoming.

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Grossmont College

Retiree woes

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get taken to the cleaners again, says Dave Wood, who retired in 1994 as a deputy director of the Communications and Electrical Division.

Jim Gleason, who retired in 1982 as director of Environmental Quality and spent 12 years on the pension board, says that older retirees "could get 60 cents on the dollar, and they have low pensions to begin with. Older retirees have not gotten their fair share, and it could happen again."

The older retirees have been fleeced in several ways. First, their monthly payments are far lower than the ones current workers are slated to receive. For example, Wood says, "My retirement is 53 percent of my top salary. If I had retired today, it would be 90 or 100 percent."

Then there are the extras the older retirees didn't get. Beginning in mid-1997, employees were granted juicy retirement benefits such as the double-dipping Deferred Retirement Option Plan

(DROP), by which employees declare they will retire in five years and during that period draw their salaries while banking a similar sum with interest, then retire with a monthly stipend as well as a lump sum.

Today's employees can also purchase years of service at a discount — thus increasing their retirement income. Older retirees couldn't purchase years of service — with or without a discount — when they were working.

More than one-fourth of city retirees have benefit levels below the federal poverty line, and more than 40 percent are below the line for a couple, says Gleason. Some older retirees have Social Security income, but others don't. Some have no health-care coverage, and 8.7 percent of city retirees receive less than \$500 a month. "A lot of females in clerical positions were notoriously underpaid," says Gleason.

Current employees with their generous payments and fringes plan to retire "with all the money we didn't get," complains June Sandford, who retired from the Street Division in 1981 after 21 years of service. "They are just greedy."

That's the view of city attorney Mike Aguirre, who hopes to rectify the plight of the older retirees. The City's pension system has "not maintained intergenerational equity in the pension plan," says Aguirre. "The current group increased benefits for themselves at the expense of older retirees and future employees." Aguirre says that benefits granted after July 1997 were illegal, representing "property stolen from the taxpayers. The purchase of service credits, DROP," and some other benefits were "created without funding" and should be jettisoned, he says. Not surprisingly, city employee unions scream for Aguirre's head.

Pension-system officials feared the intergenerational inequity even as they approved the underfunding in 2002, according to a report by Navigant Consulting released early this year. In July 2002, after a meeting on the proposal, then-board member David Crow, who voted against it, sent an e-mail to then-administrator Lawrence Grissom.

"Several people were voting with their wallets and were not really fulfilling their fiduciary duties," wrote Crow. Some board members were "sitting as a trustee [while] pimping for the city. Seven or eight city employees voted themselves a pay raise and benefit improvements...but none has any concern for the much poorer older retirees."

Amen. But the Navigant

report and the pension board offer soothing words that many retirees swallow whole. The pension system "currently has sufficient assets to pay the retirement benefits for all of the current retirees," says the report. But that doesn't take bankruptcy-court haggling or the political pressures of an empty treasury into account. "In bankruptcy, the older retirees will probably get 90 cents on the dollar, but they won't get 100," says attorney Michael Conger, who won one major settlement two years ago and has other suits pending. "But the older ones have extremely modest pensions."

And a surprising number believe they will get them in full. "We are not going to lose our money," says Donald Craig, who has been retired for 24 years after working 28 years with the Street Division. "I have faith. The City screwed up, not the pension fund."

Even in bankruptcy court, "I have a feeling they would leave us alone," says Joseph Sediway, who retired in 1986 after 18 years in Park and Recreation, However, he believes those in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan should have to forfeit some of that double-dipping loot.

The City of San Diego Retired Employees Association has not hired an attorney to protect the older retirees' status. Some members of the group, including Acevedo, retired after mid-1997 and got the special benefits that Aguirre wants to take away. "Our board of directors voted that we should try to remain neutral so that we are not favoring one group over another. But we should protect older retirees on things like health insurance," she says. Just in case the group needs to hire legal help, "We have increased our dues" from \$1

to \$2 a month, says Acevedo. There are slightly more than 1000 members.

Frustration with their fellow retirees' optimism caused Gleason and Wood to become plaintiffs in the suit in which Conger negotiated a favorable settlement. "I tried my damnedest" to get the association to hire a lawyer, says Wood. "I was turned down by the association. The leadership seemed to be more aligned with the City than the retirees. It's easy to fleece older people of their money."

Says Gleason, "The loyalty to the City became ingrained in those people. They had their heads in the sand." But in the Gleason/Wood settlement, the City pledged to put assets into the pension fund, and now Conger has two more suits pending — one for \$166 million and another for \$600 million. He wants the City to sell real estate and boost its tax revenue. "If a household has five cars, why not sell four of them and pay off bills?" he asks. Such advice may not resonate with younger city employees, but it should make sense to the older retirees.

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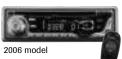
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The California legislature has said that the ratio of full-time to part-time instructors in its community college system should be 75 to 25 percent. "It's a goal, not a mandate," says Smith, who nevertheless agrees that a larger full-time faculty is better for students. When Suarez came to the district in 1998, Smith tells me, Grossmont had a 62 percent full-time faculty. Today the percentage hovers around 50 percent and appears to be dropping further.

That's the point Martinez was trying to get across to the board, says Smith. "But the board members laughed and joked about what he was saying and quibbled in a belittling way with how he arrived at his figures. I felt sorry for him," she says.

Smith maintains that in relating to faculty, rather than discuss disagreements, Chancellor Suarez refuses to acknowledge them. "That is no way to solve problems," she says. "When you're in a relationship, you have to deal with

an issue that's brought up even

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if you don't think there's a problem. What the chancellor does is deny there are problems. As faculty members, we have a duty to say what we think is harming the college." And state law requires that community colleges operate under "shared governance," adds Smith.

Board members come primarily from the business and government communities. None of them has extensive experience in education. Their recent decisions as a board have almost always been unanimous. I ask Smith if they lack confidence in their own opinions about higher education and only rubber-stamp the decisions of a domineering leader. She concurs that Suarez is domineering. "As for the board members," she says, "I wish they would ask more questions before going along with everything."

In 2005 Rick Walker, 35 and a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, served as both president of the Associated Students of Grossmont College and the school's student representative on the district board of trustees. "At first," he tells me, "when the faculty voted for no confidence in Suarez, I supported him and the rest of the board. I started voting right along with the rest of them on everything. It was at the June district board meeting that I was sworn in as student trustee. During that early time, I had very good rapport with Suarez and quite often got to speak with him one-on-one. Later I began to feel that the faculty was right

about a lot of things and started

to let people know. Then the

chancellor accused me of going

over to the other side."

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By the October board meeting, Walker was also feeling heat from board member Tim Caruthers, a local chiropractor. Walker felt strongly enough about it to send Caruthers an e-mail complaining of his "rude" behavior in saying, "I don't have time for you." In a return e-mail Caruthers told Walker that "all you've done is alienate yourself from everyone at this district."

Caruthers then put in a California Public Records Act request for all the messages

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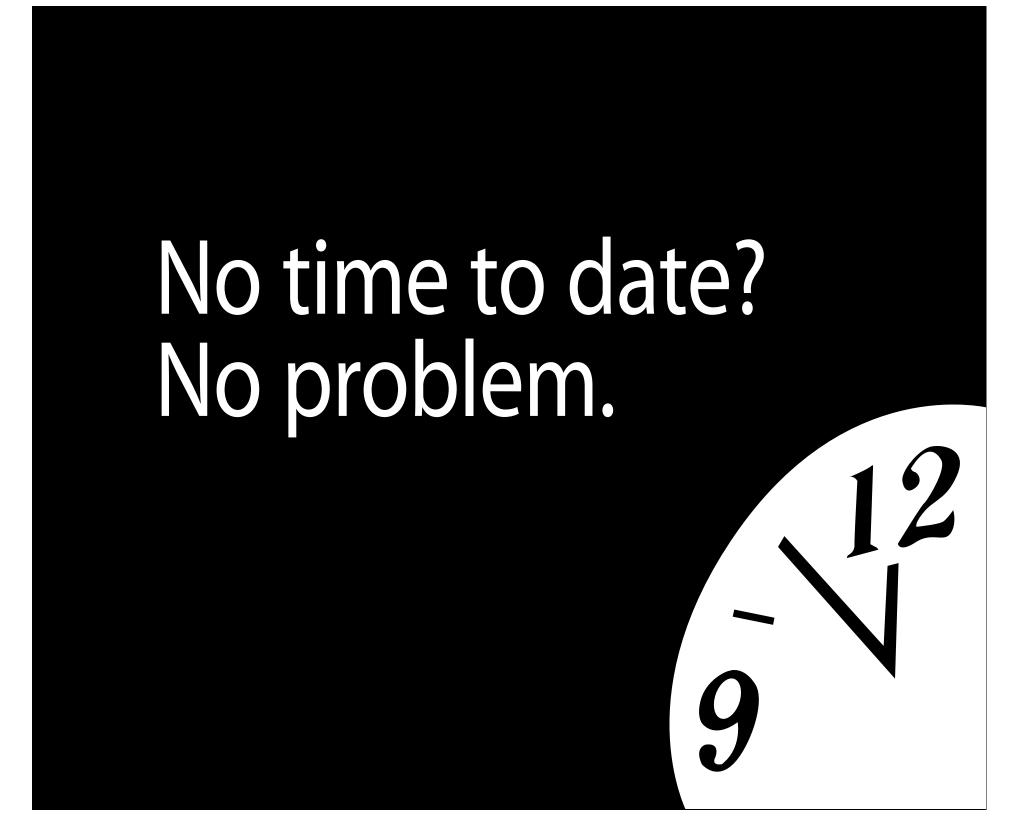
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Walker had sent using the district's e-mail. When Walker learned of it he made a similar request for Caruthers's e-

mails. In doing so he discovered, and brought to the attention of the board, that Caruthers had been using the district's e-mail system to advertise his chiropractic

Walker tells me of another

e-mail exchange last fall, one between Caruthers and geography instructor Tim Cliffe over the way low pay for parttimers makes it difficult for the geography department to staff its classes. The e-mails escalated in inflammatory language and eventually circulated in the computers of the whole Grossmont community. At one point in the exchange, Caruthers wrote of the difference between his being a businessman and Cliffe's role as a publicly paid teacher. "I pay more taxes in six weeks," wrote Caruthers, "than you do in an entire year. You will always be a larger pig slurping off the public trough."

Throughout 2005 Walker, a computer science major, had a part-time job as a Web

analyst for Grossmont College. A week before Christmas his boss called him in to explain that district policy forbids someone from being both a board trustee and a college employee. Since Walker needed his job, he resigned from the board. Then the other shoe dropped. Grossmont fired him anyway.

In January, when the Grossmont College community learned what happened to Walker, many members linked it to President Martinez's fate. In some eyes the two have taken on an aspect of martyrdom that is contributing to the ongoing struggle against Suarez and the district board.

Although his perspective may have become skewed by now, Walker does represent a third point of view on the conflict between the faculty and the district administration over Martinez's treatment. Since people at Grossmont think Martinez did a good job during his tenure, I ask Walker why he thinks the district released Martinez. "They wanted the president to stand the faculty down," he says. "Instead he fought for their concerns."

Meanwhile, Walker and Caruthers continued their electronic feuding. The student notified the board member in a February 18 e-mail that he'd discovered yet another website where Caruthers cited his district e-mail in a chiropractic advertisement. In response Caruthers addressed an e-mail back to "Little Ricky," saying, "Your obsession with me is rather endearing. It's as if you have a school girl's crush which is flattering. Let me ask you something. Are you gay?" In his next message, Caruthers writes, "I've grown tiresome of your games. They match your stature." The e-mail is addressed "Little Man." Walker is five foot two.

Now Walker has filed a sexual harassment complaint against Caruthers with the chancellor for California Community Colleges. Walker is also charging that Caruthers retaliated against him by helping to get him fired from his Grossmont College job.

A friend told Walker recently that he should become a board trustee from the community after he graduates next year. "That's too early," he says. "I want to run against Tim Caruthers, whose term expires in 2008." ■

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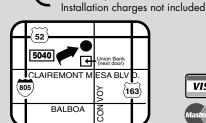
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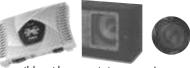






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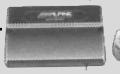
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Sad

I just finished reading the

feature article "Let the World

See Your Pretty Face" (Feb-

ruary 23). As a mother of a

child with Down syndrome.

I am sad to see how this au-

thor portrayed these people.

If I was a new mom, I would

be extremely discouraged

and saddened to read about

the "consumers" featured

in this article. The kind of

article that should be writ-

ten is one about these chil-

dren and adults with Down

syndrome and other dis-

abilities and all of their

amazing accomplishments!

My daughter, who is only

four years old, participates in

weekly therapy sessions as

well as so-called normal ac-

tivities such as gymnastics,

swimming, soccer, and ice-

skating. The world needs to

hear about these amazing

kids we have and know there

is hope out there for them to

As a mother of a 16-year-

old with autism, epilepsy,

and self-injurious behavior.

I was touched by the story

"Let the World See Your

Pretty Face" (February 23).

The author, Laura McNeal,

deserves the highest praise

for entering a world few

folks, especially the big-shot

behavioral psychologists,

educational gurus, and psy-

chiatrists, dare to enter for

more than two hours, most

of which is spent standing in

the corner, observing from a

distance and scribbling notes.

Moreover, McNeal did a

great job highlighting low-

pay and high-turnover rates

among caregivers. Inciden-

tally, this problem could be

solved if community colleges

offered an AA degree that

specialized in caring for dis-

abled. The degree would be

akin (but wouldn't require

the same amount of time

spent studying in school) to

a special educational cre-

dential or an LVN (licensed

vocational nurse). Clearly,

this would raise the standard

of care for disabled and re-

ward those with the gift of

compassion and patience for

society's most vulnerable

population. Great job, Ms.

Kim Oakley

Valley Center

McNeal!

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via e-mail

have a fairly normal life.

Great Job

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Appalled

I am appalled by your feature story, "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23). The article was insensitive and ignorant.

Shame on you for publishing that story, and shame on Laura McNeal for writing it. Ms. McNeal writes without feeling; just as a robot would write. How dare she coldly report on a topic so sensitive in nature.

I would appeal to you to write an apology to all people with Down syndrome and to their families. I would also like to see a story on the accomplishments that people with Down syndrome have made in this decade. I'm sure that the National Down Syndrome Association would be happy to give you information on this subject.

> Patty Moore via e-mail

Best Article

I just finished reading "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23), and I'm writing to tell you this is the best article I think I have ever read in the Reader. Laura McNeal's descriptions of the people, both consumers and job coaches, she worked with at Arc brought tears to my eyes. She is absolutely right about the contribution these special people make to our lives, and I hope more people will seek out information about Down syndrome and other genetic disorders before making any decisions in termination of pregnancy. I have a daughter who has a profound hearing loss. She has brought more joy to my life than I ever thought would be possible. Experiencing the world through her eyes, and the way she expresses herself, delights me every day. Thank you to Laura McNeal for this beautiful story.

> Laurie O'Brien via e-mail

Absurd Generalization

As a parent of an eight-year-

old child with Down syn-

drome (DS), I was initially interested in reading Laura McNeal's story, "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23). It begins as most do, with the initial clinical diagnosis of DS. It briefly points out that women receiving the prenatal diagnosis of DS are not adequately counseled as to both the positive and negative aspects of parenting a child with a disability. However, Ms. Mc-Neal quickly moves to the absurd generalization of adults with DS made in her statement "Down syndrome will remain something you see at a distance, whenever you pass a small clump of adults holding garbage bags and rakes, cleaning pine needles from the front lawn of the public library." I wonder if she had made such a derogatory statement in a racial or religious context if it would have even been published. Sadly, as far as people with disabilities have come, much of society still treats them like second-class citizens, and articles like this do not further the cause to improve this. I'm not sure if this article was meant to address DS, from diagnosis to adult (as the title and intro somewhat implied), to look at some adults with various disabilities, or what. It is a rambling, poorly focused article that will do nothing

disabilities or their families. People with disabilities have made tremendous strides over the past few decades. Thirty years ago, a woman who gave birth to a child with DS was frequently told, "Put the infant in an institution and tell your family the baby died." Those who were raised at home had little opportunity for education or interaction with typical peers, becoming perhaps one of those adults whom Ms. McNeal wrote about at the adult day facility. Thankfully, things have changed. Today, the future for a child born with DS is bright. Federal law ensures that all children, even those with disabilities, are entitled to the same free and appropriate education as their nondisabled peers, enabling them to learn to read, write, do math,

and more. Children with

positive for any people with

DS participate in dance, soccer, karate, music, and everything else kids do. Young adults with DS today hold jobs in the community, attend community college, socialize, and some even marry.

The accomplishments and achievements of people with disabilities are underreported in the media, perhaps because they are not as shocking as this story. Or maybe it makes people uncomfortable, knowing that it wasn't that long ago that people with disabilities were hid away, and now they are asking to be treated like equal members of society? Perhaps the Reader could do an article that focuses on the great strides people with disabilities have made, rather than keeping ugly stereotypes going.

> Leslie Kerrigan via e-mail

McNeal Reveals Beauty

Bravo! I loved Laura Mc-Neal's article "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23) for so many reasons. The many perspectives seen by viewing disabilities from the outside were so vividly described. We can all see ourselves having some of those same thoughts and feelings she expresses somewhere in our life experiences. When the author looks again from the perspective of the consumer, a whole new world opens. Ms. McNeal reveals the value, unique qualities, beauty, and dignity of every person. Thank you.

> Karen Wubenhorst via e-mail

Failure To Inspire

Everytime I leaf through the Reader, I'm reminded more and more what I miss about the Phoenix New Times. Never mind the fact that the Reader fails to inspire or educate, Naomi Wise is an absolute troll. It's becoming clear why she includes egregious and derogatory comments as those in "Moonlight on the Bay" (Restaurant Review, February 9). Ms. Wise, not all "Zonies" lack an appreciation for properly cooked seafood, just as not all San Diego residents are as ignorant as you. It would behoove you to review the works of legitimate food critics; you may learn something and actually contribute to this periodical.

> Gina Varela Sims via e-mail

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BY MATTHEW ALIC

Heymatt

Alongside the 5 freeway heading north somewhere around the airport there is a pink building with a huge white rendition of Michelangelo's David painted on the side. I want to know why.

— Susie in Spring Valley

San Diego's nod to the classics has been around for quite a while, so let's revisit it. The 16-foot acrylic-on-stucco masterpiece is the work of Jeff Sale, circa 1984. At the time, Jeff was a physics student at SDSU; he now works with supercomputers and other high-techy, non-arty things. Just as nature abhors a vacuum, Jeff gets itchy when he sees blank expanses of wall. They seem to cry out for something. Art is one of Jeff's hobbies. And Michelangelo is one of Jeff's heroes. So the head of Michelangelo's statue of David seemed just the thing to put on the vast pinkness that was the side of his brother's house on Conde Street in Old Town.

Jeff spent about 50 hours on the project. He first traced a photograph of the head on grid paper, then transferred the head (enlarged 20 times) to the side of the building, and painted it in. His first wall-painting experience was executing an 8-foot-by-12-foot silhouette of the skyline of Bologna, Italy, on the wall of his fraternity house in Minnesota. Since then he's adorned friends' bathrooms, his daughter's room, and pretty much anything that will stand still long enough. You can see Jeff's work on the Internet. A true Renaissance guy.

Matt

Why can't I buy black olives in glass jars, just in cans?

— Olivia, San Diego

You can't buy them in jars because they don't sell them in jars. Ha-ha, hum... Well, it's all in a good cause: so you won't poison yourself. Pretty thoughtful, I'd say. Black olives are much lower in acid and salt preservative than green ones, therefore much more likely to host unfriendly organisms. So, ripe olives have to be processed at very high heat for several hours as they are packaged, which dictates metal rather than glass.

Gold Medal Matt:

I noticed on the Olympics this week a lot of people biting their gold medals. What the hey? Does this have something to do with people biting coins to see if they're real? Why would anyone do

— WS, the net

If you're asking why a gold-medal winner in the Olympics would chew on his or her prize, well, we can only speculate. Dithering, blithering joy and triumph, maybe? If you're asking where the coin-biting thing came from, we can be a little more helpful. Before there was a U.S Mint, private mints produced our coinage state by state. In those days, a \$20 gold piece, for instance, was made of \$20 worth of pure gold. Coin-makers could up their profits if they used some base metal coated with gold and passed it off as the real thing. It was the wise shopper who bit into his change. You'd leave tooth marks in pure gold. I suppose enough wary consumers would dent up the coin pretty well after a while. But so would normal wear and tear, which would explain why a coin-collecting Texan not long ago resorted to the time-honored bite test when he found a suspiciously shiny \$20 gold piece in a box of old coins. As it happens, the money did more damage to his teeth than vice versa. But the gold-coated fake was still worth \$50,000.

Heymatt

If you strike a safety match on the approved, official strip on the side of the box, the match burns just fine. So why can't you generate a spark when you strike a safety match on, say, concrete?

— Milo, San Diego

It takes four volatile, smelly chemicals to set the tip of a match afire. In the non-safety variety, all four are mashed together in the match head. In the safety kind, three are in the match and the fourth is in the striking strip. Like a pyromaniacal alchemist, you're incorporating the magical fourth ingredient when you rub the match against the strip.

Matt.

Who are Fig Newtons named after? Isaac? Huey? Juice? Wayne?

— JW, San Diego

It's a what, not a who. In the late 1890s, a Philadelphia inventor devised a machine that could produce a dough wrapping. Apparently it taxed his brain so badly, he couldn't come up with a good idea for a filling. He went all the way to Massachusetts, to a jam company in Newton, to find the right stuff to stuff in his dough. (Fig jam was all the rage at the time.) If the company had been in a different town, we might now be eating Fig Bostons or Fig Miltons.

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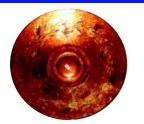
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By Patrick Daugherty

Sports On TV

hen it comes to prime-time television, I've cultivated a lifetime of ignorance. I stopped watching TV in high school, didn't own a set for 25 years after that, then, purchased a big one, and it's been exclusively news, movies, or sports ever since. The arrangement seemed to be working; I didn't watch prime-time television, they didn't interrupt

So, you can understand my nausea ("a feeling of sickness in the stomach characterized by an urge to vomit") to see prime-time TV slop onto my sports page by way of a story about Jerry Rice and a television show called *Dancing with the Stars*. Apparently Rice, the best wide receiver who ever lived, has brought himself small by doing the skanky cha-cha in front of 25 million strangers. This, in return for...what?

Only because it's Jerry Rice, I slog over to the computer and run a Google search, "Nielsen

Follows are Nielsen's top 20 prime-time shows for the week of February 13-16, 2006. I've omitted the Winter Olympics.

Show	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Households</u>	My Participation
American Idol - Wednesday	1	FOX	18,143,000	Never watched it
American Idol -Tuesday	2	FOX	17,042,000	Never watched it
Grey's Anatomy	3	ABC	16,500,000	Never heard of it
Desperate Housewives	4	ABC	15,694,000	Never watched it
Dancing with the Stars	6	ABC	13,464,000	Never heard of it
CSI	7	CBS	13,154,000	Never watched it
House	10	FOX	12,619,000	Missed it
Lost	15	ABC	11,947,000	Never watched it
Dancing with the Stars - Results	16	ABC	11,316,000	Never heard of it
Survivor: Panama - Exile Island	17	CBS	10,807,000	Never watched it
Without a Trace	18	CBS	10,813,000	Never heard of it
CSI: Miami	19	CBS	9,677,000	Never watched it
Two and a Half Men	20	CBS	9,641,000	Never heard of it

Turns out Dancing with the Stars is number 6 and something called Dancing with the Stars-Results, is 16. Lucky for me, Dancing with the Stars will present its final dance-off this very night! I vow to be there with Jerry.

At 8 o'clock, the big Sony screen fills with opening credits and two, what looks to be, dogshow announcers — one male, one female — dressed in dog-show-announcer evening wear, appear. Male dog-show announcer says, "On this special night, one of the competitors will be crowned winner." Then, dog-show announcers introduce ten couples who competed this season. Do not recognize anyone except for the guy who was in the vampire movie and Master P. Actually, I don't recognize Master P either, but have the feeling I should, which counts for something.

Dog-show lady announcer says, "Each couple has chosen their favorite discipline and then created a brand new routine in just two days." She beams as if handed eternal life.

First up is my man, Jerry, and a female named Anna Trebunskaya. Dog-show announcers introduce past Jerry dancing highlights. Jerry moves like an automaton, wears a big Afro wig, looks like O. J. Simpson in The Naked Gun. Jerry dances the way John Kerry talks and every few seconds pops his eyes and opens his mouth, mimicking a landed bass gasping for air. This is very disturbing to watch.

Jerry and woman cha-cha. The judges give Jerry and the female three 9s out of a possible three 10s. Absurd. What in the fuck were they watching?

Next up is Stacy Keibler and Tony Dovolani. Unknown to me. Dog-show announcers introduce Stacy and Tony flashbacks. I learn Tony is the pro and Stacy is a wrestler. I think. Anyway, they do the samba. Stacy is good, way above amateur level. Afterward, judges grovel and award three 10s. We have justice.

Last in is Drew Lachey and Cheryl Burke. Not bad. In fact, pretty okay. Female judge says they were always the most exciting performers. Bruno judge says Drew is a dynamo who could light up Los Angeles. All the judges score 9, same score as Jerry. Everybody keeps a straight face. The fix is in.

Getting hard to follow. Should have kept the scotch in the cupboard.

Musical intermission passes too quickly. Male dog-show announcer returns, says, "So far tonight, it's been a celebration, now it's about to become an elimination."

Cue foreboding music. Stacy and Tony, by far the best dancers, are immediately dismissed. Stacy tells male dog announcer about the memories, so happy for everybody. She cries.

All the ousted contestants return to bum out crowd with disco madness. Male dog announcer introduces another recap, this time of the final four. Jerry is being interviewed. He pops his eyes, says, "To win Dancing with the Stars, God, would be just like winning the Super Bowl for me."

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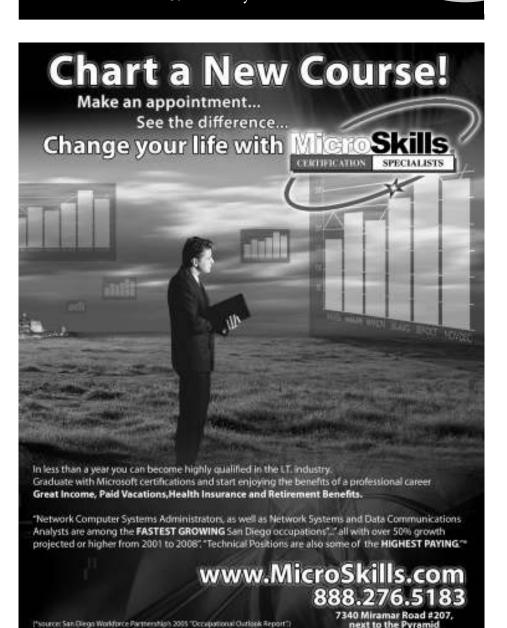


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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Sunday school enrollment: 350 (children and

Annual budget: \$1.2 million Weekly giving: \$23,000

Singles program: "Just dinners" for younger singles; group forming for older singles **Dress:** bordering on dressy (Classic service) **Diversity:** mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: Classic service, 9 a.m.; New Celebration service, 10:15 a.m.; The Vine University service, 7 p.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes Website: www.sdfcnaz.org

"Every year, I give up two things for Lent," said Dan from the lectern. "Brussels sprouts and

skateboarding." A low laugh rose from the congregation — the man looked to be a couple of decades past his skateboarding years. "But I'd like us to be challenged this Lenten season. We would encourage you to find a time when you can get alone with God and spend time with him in prayer. If that means you need to fast, then

couple of hymns — a folksy piano-banger ("From the Rising of the Sun"), breaking quickly into a full-bore old-time organ blast ("Jesus Shall Reign"), and then back again to the piano. Then a reading from Paul — "We do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" — and a collection. Two more hymns - again alternating piano and organ - gave way to Marc's request for two

extra contributions: one for the support of Global Missions and one for a local "work and witness" contingent bound for New Orleans. For the moment, Christian action replaced prayer as the focus.

This was the church's third and last "Changing the World Sunday," and the mission talk kept coming. Dean told the story of Healing Waters, a missionary relief project cofounded by a Point Loma Nazarene University alumnus and directed by people from the church. For \$20,000, he said, Healing Waters could install water filtration systems in churches and then sell purified water at well below the going rate — in the Dominican Republic, 10 pesos for five gallons vs. 40 pesos in the stores. People in these places, he said, are wracked with disease brought on by parasites, "until they start drinking water from the church. There's some wonderful symbolism involved here.'

Joyce extended an invitation to join a mission trip to Honduras, where church members had done work in the aftermath of Hur-

ricane Mitch. "They remember this church as being the church that can minister like no other. They built a church by themselves...now they need a parsonage."

After asking God's blessing on his preaching and on the congregation, Pastor Dee Kelley began by laying out three key components of the spiritual life. One, "our one-on-one relationship with God"; two, "who we are in community, when we gather together as a body of believers"; and three, "living out our faith in the marketplace, in the world in which we live...being a witness of what God has done."

Kelley proposed that the notion of missions could apply to all three. The third — "being a witness" — was perhaps the most obvious, and he began there, saying, "I believe that God calls me, and I think He might call all of us, to be aware of what goes on in the world." He mentioned worldwide poverty, the tsunami, and the ongoing AIDS crisis. "God," he prayed, "open my eyes, that I might be more aware,

and that as you give me the opportunity, I might participate in allowing my faith to have an impact on the

The community of believers, meanwhile, was invited to gather on a Sunday in March "to try to step into our community, as well as some of the needs of this church, this campus, to have some hours together of ministry. Being a missionary does not call us to be on the other side of the world. It calls us to be wherever God has us at any time, to be a reflection of Him."

When it came to his one-on-one relationship with God, he cited the parable in which the shepherd with 100 sheep left 99 of them to seek out the one who was lost. "I often viewed this as a great missionary parable.... But then I was stopped. God said, 'You do realize that you're the one I sought out,

Dee? You're the one that the shepherd left heaven to seek. You are His mission field.' Dear Lord, may the dark places of my life be made available to you."

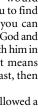
When we prayed the Our Father, Kelley asked people to keep their eyes open, even if it made them uncomfortable — "looking at the community, because it is a community prayer. The pronouns used are collective in

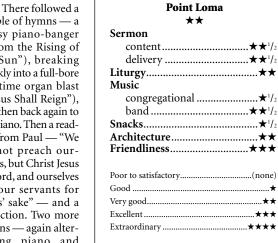
What happens when we die?

"I think Scripture speaks in two directions," says Kelley. "One, it speaks about people being asleep, in the sense that when the Messiah returns again, there will be an awakening of those who are asleep. But I don't think that necessarily contradicts what many within the Christian faith believe — that after death, there is an immediate presence of the soul with the creator. My personal journey leaves me open to both of those possibilities."

– Matthew Lickona

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-EVE KELLY

Helena is from the old country — Czechoslovakia, back when there was a Czechoslovakia. Helena does things her way, and has done so for over 70 years; she could out-stubborn a mule. When she left her home country, she brought her late mother's cane black cherry, with a hooked handle. For the past five years, Helena's been

using the cane, but it doesn't seem to be enough — she's wobbling. She asked me to take her shopping for a new one.

"You might want to check with a physician or therapist beforehand — get some advice."

"No. I know what is best for me."

I decided to run some reconnaissance; maybe I could give the mule a nudge. Mary Engles, physical therapist and owner of Sports Arena Physical Therapy (619-226-4131), gave me some general advice. "There are covered different kinds

4131), gave me some general advi
"There are several different kinds
of canes. What Helena has now
is called a single-point cane,"
which is the most common
form. "It can have a little crook
at the top, or it can have a flat
custom handle — that fits
better in the hand." Some
canes, she noted, might have
offset handles — the handle
set behind the cane's point of
contact. "There's a little jog in
the shaft of the cane that sets the
handle back. That has to do with
weight-bearing."

Engles said that the single-point cane is used "when you want to reduce weight on one leg. This is a very important point: the cane goes opposite the side of the weakness. If you have a problem with your right foot, the cane needs to go in your left hand. It has to do with leverage — you want to keep the cane as far from the weight-bearing point as you can. If it's right next to the injured leg, it's close to the weight-bearing point. If it's farther away, you have better leverage when you push on the cane. Remember the old formula, 'weight equals force times distance.' We're trying to increase distance, so you don't have

to put so much force into it."

She laid out the mechanics of use for an injured right foot. "Your cane will be in your left hand, and you will bring the cane forward with your right foot as you're walking. Both the cane and

walking. Both the cane and your foot are going to be on the ground at the same time. The cane accompanies the injured foot wherever it's going. As your right foot and the cane come forward, push down on the cane and step through with your left foot. Don't just step up to the right foot, step past it — unless you have an injury that doesn't permit your ankle to bend much."

Leverage also plays a part in fitting a cane. "A cane should be custom fit, because people's arms are of different lengths. Normally, the top of the cane would be even with

"The cane goes opposite the side of the weakness."

the outside of your hip. But if a person has a very short or long arm, you should adjust it." What matters is the bending of the arm. "The elbow should be slightly bent when the hand is resting on the cane. If the arm is completely straight, you have no pushing power."

Engles likes adjustable canes, since they can be passed on if the injury is temporary, and because "they tend to be made from lighter materials" — usually aluminum, as opposed to wood. And for someone like Helena, who's unsteady these days, she would recommend "a quadruped cane. The cane comes down to a platform with four little legs on it. There are large or small platforms — for a little lady, I suggest a small platform."

Still scouting, I started calling around to medical supply stores. Connie at Pacific Mobility Center in San Marcos

(760-471-8884) told me, "The majority of our canes are metal, and

height adjustable. You push a little button on the side to raise or lower it. We have either black or brown metal [\$25] and a few with pretty little paisley prints [\$25]. We also have a Lucite cane [\$39.95], which is not adjustable — you'd have to saw it off to

the proper height. We can do it here, or you can take a handsaw and do it yourself. It's good to work off of a cane that's already adjusted to your height. Then you add a rubber tip. Tips wear out, so we sell replacements [\$2.50—\$3 for a package of two]." The store sells a foldable, adjustable travel cane (\$26) and a nonadjustable cane with an attached seat (\$39.95).

Paul at Balboa Pharmacy in Clairemont (858-278-0111) discussed handles. "Our canes have basic hook handles or derby handles. The derby handle makes the cane look like a number seven. Some of the canes have ergonomic grips, and we can order them with either left- or right-hand orthopedic handles." Basic wood canes, which the store will cut to fit, range from \$8 to \$50, depending on wood and handle type. Adjustable aluminum canes are \$23.

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by Josh Board

met Larry, a teacher, at parties I had crashed. When he invited me to a party that he was hosting, I was eager to attend. Larry's party was early in the evening. I'd be able to hit another party afterward, but I didn't tell him that when I snuck out after an hour.

I met one of Larry's former students, a teacher from New York, and a Latina named Diana who was there with her boyfriend. When I asked Diana's boyfriend how they met, his eyes lit up. He spoke about seeing her across the room and knowing he had to talk to her. After the story about their courtship, the conversation turned to golf. I don't know much about the sport and don't care to learn — I moved on.

I met a woman who runs a film festival in Imperial Beach. We talked about old movies, comedies in particular. I felt guilty that my cell phone kept ringing during our conversation and turned it off.

When she brought up Lucille Ball, I told her that Jerry Lewis once said in an interview that he didn't think women should be doing comedy, that he's never thought a woman was funny. We talked about Carol Burnett, Lily Tomlin, and Rita Rudner. We agreed



laugh. Someone overheard this and asked me how I couldn't like his movies. I said, "King of Comedy was great. I also liked Funny Bones.... But all that lame physical humor from his early films does nothing for me." He replied, "Next you're going to tell me you don't like the Three Stooges." I said, "Yep. Don't like them either." I

was driving him home. I was made the designated driver for Randy and his wife without a vote.

The roads were pitch black

"Next you're going to tell me you don't like the Three Stooges."

grabbed a few baby carrots and headed out.

It's hard to rally for a party in Alpine, but my friend Randy was going, so at least I'd know one person there. I was told that if Randy drank too much, I when we pulled off the freeway, but we found the party. You could hear the band playing from down the street. They were called Ignition. They played heavy metal songs, which wouldn't be my choice for a party, but they did pick popular covers — "I Can't Explain," "Rock Bottom," Hendrix, Creedence. When they started to play the intro to "Mississippi Queen," I couldn't help but yell out, "More cowbell!"

One guy in his early 20s laughed, and we started talking about music. I had heard him telling a woman what to do so she wouldn't get a hangover. I said, "You know a lot about drinking for someone so young. That's weird." Weirder yet, his mother was at the party. Someone asked him, "What do you do if you want to pick up on hot chicks?" He said, "My mom is cool about stuff like that."

Just then she walked by, heading to the food table. Just to mess with him, I pointed to his mom and said, "Your mom is a hot-looking chick!" She overheard me, laughed, and told me how flattered she was.

The band's setup had the drummer playing inside a garage in the back yard in an attempt to keep the noise contained. The drummer's wife brought him drinks and gave him a kiss between sets.

I was talking to a guy who was around six foot seven. I said, "You are the third tall guy I've seen here. I haven't seen a single short person. Even the women." He told me he never played basketball. He talked about his work and then his exwife, a story that didn't make sense. I couldn't figure out if they were getting back together or if they were on good terms. He offered me a drink, and I told him I was the designated driver. He said, "That's a shame. Did you see all the alcohol here?" There was a variety — two tables filled with bottles and a small table with virgin Jell-O shots for the kids.

I told Randy that I was going to have one margarita. He walked with me to the blender and after struggling to get the glass container unattached, as he was pouring

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me my drink, the bottom fell off. Margarita ran up my arm. "That's a sign as the designated driver, I should refrain." I drank a

I grabbed food and sat in the living room of this huge house. There were a couple of guys talking about work and a woman talking about her children, who were running around the house. She kept telling them to stop, but the husband said it was okay.

One guy was fiddling with an electronic device, and I asked him what it was. "It's a Nano. I got it for my birthday. It's the size of a credit card, and I can hold a thousand songs in it." (Some day I'll tell my grandchildren, "In my day, it was a Walkman. And it only held enough songs to fill a 60-minute tape!")

One couple was talking about snowboarding, trying to explain to someone the differences from skiing.

I overheard a woman say that she was a surrogate mother for her sister. The woman she was telling this to had mentioned that she was trying to have kids. The conversation made me feel uncomfortable. I walked outside to catch



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Ignition's set.

Teenagers sat along the wall, trying to look cool. Older folks sat in chairs, and they seemed to be enjoying the rock music. Randy didn't appear to be buzzed, but we agreed it would be best if I drove. He didn't say a word when I took his Mustang up to 90 on the way home. ■

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In Her Shoes

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stood by the door and waited for Jane.

"Come on, Bella, we're going for a walk! Want to wear your doggy?" My sister held up the small, plush dog backpack that snaps around her daughter like a harness. The soft puppy's tail is twice as long as Bella is tall.

I decided to be a spontaneous and fun aunt by giving her a zerbert... blowing on someone's belly until your lips vibrate and make a sound that closely resembles that of flatulence.

"You put that leash on her just to go for a walk?" Simon, who had been watching a soccer match on the television across from where he lay on the couch, sat up and raised a quizzical brow at his wife. Jane's face fell.

My sister's guilt for putting a leash on her daughter is almost as great as her fear that Bella might suddenly sprint into oncoming traffic or be abducted by another pedestrian. Last week I accompanied Jane on her weekly trip to Target, where she buys everything she needs, including her groceries. It was fun to have a glimpse of her daily life.

Once inside the building, Bella refused to either sit in the

cart or don the doggy backpack by screaming until her little face was as red as the store's bullseye logo, so we spent most of the morning chasing her up and down the aisles. This seemed to greatly amuse the imp with golden ringlets that bounced around her grinning face as she bounded away from us. A person with legs that short should not be able to run that fast.

Now that I knew what the child was capable of, I agreed with Jane on the leash thing. But, in the end, after she locked eyes with Simon in an attempt to detect any potential judgment, Jane's guilt won out. Nodding in silent understanding, I grabbed Bella's left hand while Jane clasped on to her right, and we headed out the door.

About once a week, I join Jane for a walk around her neighborhood, a trip to Target followed by lunch, or a cup of tea in her dining room. This

was the first time I had been able to set aside an entire day (11.5 hours, to be exact) to spend with my sister and her 2-year-old, a day that taught me that nothing is simple when a child is involved.

We began with a walk or, more accurately, two steps and a stop, two steps and a stop, and so on, depending on which lawn Bella felt like exploring or how many small rocks she decided to pick up, examine closely, and relocate. We made it halfway around the block before Bella decided, with a perfunctory pout, that it was time to turn back.

Jane and I left the little girl with Simon while we went to rent a few movies and shop for lunch and dinner.

"It's so nice to be able to just hang out and do nothing with you guys," I said to Jane as we sifted through the prepackaged sushi. "It's like escaping from my life and living in yours, like I get to walk a mile — or a half a block — in your shoes"

Simon left for work and Bella went down for a nap. Jane and I maximized our time alone by getting comfy on the couch, breaking open the plastic containers, and eating the sushi with our hands while we watched the first of our two rented movies, *The Brothers Grimm*. With the movie over and the sushi gone, it was turning out to be a perfect couch-potato day until (halfway through a taped episode of *Oprah*) Bella woke up.

If I ever need to be reminded of how illsuited I am for motherhood, I need only spend some time with a child. When confronted with the naive sophistication of a little one, I become a bungling idiot. Bella, my darling yet mischievous niece, has the ability to impair my mental acuity with her mere proximity.

Jane and I stared at the screen as Oprah's guest began to divulge the most common professions among 1500 pedophiles who were caught giving their money to child pornography. As though sensing the importance of silence as we leaned in to be truly horrified, Bella chose that moment to test her vocal chords.

"Bella Boo, do you want a cup of tea?" Jane cooed expertly over the noise.

Following her lead, I reached for the miniature ceramic tea set that rested on Bella's small table and grabbed the closest piece, a flowerpainted pitcher.

"Mm, yummy tea," I said, keeping my eyes on Bella and my ears perked for any snippets of sound I could catch from the television. It was working. For a split second, Bella stopped her surprisingly powerful solo and watched me intently. Convinced of my superior intelligence in tricking the young thing to cease making noise so I could hear the man say, "...it turned out that 300 of these pedophiles were pediatricians, teachers, and...," I carried on the charade by tipping the pitcher toward my face and pretending to drink.

"What the?!" A rancid smell reached my nostrils and I suddenly felt...wet. I broke my gaze with Bella, whose cognizant smile was disconcerting, to look down and see that my red shirt and black pants were drenched with a thick white substance that had been sitting in that



mini pitcher for God-knowshow-long. "EWWW!" Oprah forgotten, I jumped up and ran to the kitchen. I can't stand milk, even when it's fresh. I fought back gags as I returned to the living room with a roll of paper towels. "Careful, Jane, if you don't stop laughing so hard, you might piss yourself or forget how to breathe," I snapped.

Bella pointed to the milk-covered spots of floor and couch by way of narking on me, which only made Jane laugh harder. She continued to laugh as she cleaned up my mess. Bella launched back into her song, and I sat at the other end of the room, regaining control of my gag reflex and pouting.

Thirty minutes later, Jane asked me to watch Bella while she went to deal with laundry in the garage. I followed my niece into Jane's bedroom and watched as she scaled the bed frame and pulled herself onto the recently made bed, letting out a sigh of satisfaction at her accomplishment and the feel of the fluffed blanket beneath her as comfortable reward. I decided to be a spontaneous and fun aunt by giving her a zerbert, that funky and strange act of blowing on someone's belly until your lips vibrate and make a sound that closely resembles that of flatulence.

I uncovered her stomach (which, similar to most toddlers, sticks out like a pot

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belly), applied my lips to her flesh, and blew away. She squealed with laughter and said, "Again!" But something was wrong. When I stood up to smile, my lips slid against each other in an odd way. My face felt...greasy. "Wha?" I was wiping at my mouth, nonplussed, when Jane walked into the room carrying a hamper full of clean clothes.

"Jane! I gave Bella a zerbert and my face feels all

My sister didn't look concerned at all. She looked amused. Then she doubled over and cackled like a hyena over a stolen carcass. She somehow managed, between gasps for breath, to communicate that before she went to

the garage, she had applied some kind of topical steroid to Bella's stomach to relieve the itching and soreness caused by a fleabite near the child's belly button. I fervently wiped at my lips as the "ewww" factor returned full force.

"Can it hurt me? Will I get sick?'

"If anything," Jane laughed, "it will soothe your face.'

"Wonderful," I said sarcastically. "Can we watch the other movie now?" I settled back onto the couch, trying to ignore the dried milk on my clothes and the residue of slime on my face. Our second movie was In Her Shoes, a story of two sisters who lead very different lives. Neither

Jane nor I had the heart to tell Bella to stop banging a ceramic piece from her tea set against her wooden table; we simply set up the subtitles so we could read what was being said on the screen.

After dinner, which Bella

intermittently interrupted to demand we stop eating, I decided to call it a night. When I arrived home soiled, traumatized, and humbled — it was as though I truly had worn Jane's shoes, with the blisters to show for it. ■



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thought I had come into hell. Van Nuys was so hot. I mean, God. And at that time I was naughty: I smoked. And I thought, 'How can anybody have a cigarette in this place? It's so hot! You can't breathe!' I didn't know where the hell I had got myself."

Jennifer "Ducky" Dorman was talking about coming, by her own choice, some 40 years ago to the United States.

"When I walked off the plane, I was scared to death. The vastness of everything scared me. Everything seemed very large. The freeways and the roads. The one wonderful thing was that I spoke the language. God forbid how it is for those poor foreign people who come here and can't speak the language. They've got to be twice as scared, or three times as scared, as I was."



Jennifer Dorman

I drove out on a late-summer day to

Dorman's La Mesa condo. My car's steering
wheel burned my palms. Sweat trickled down
my back. Sweat stung my eyes. Days before my
visit, I'd been reading *The Splendid Outcast: The African Stories of Beryl Markham*. Markham,
born in Leicester, England, in 1902, was taken as
a child by her father to British East Africa. As a
young woman, Markham learned to fly and
became not only a famous bush pilot but,
according to her biographers, the "finest woman

pilot in the British Empire."

Reading Markham's African stories, I was reminded of how the English often found their way to hot climates. Lawrence of Arabia. General Charles Gordon in the Sudan. The British East India Company. The artist David Hockney in Los Angeles, with his eye for Southern California's flat, stark light. "In Bengal to move at all is seldom ever done," crooned Noel Coward in 1932, "but mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun."

"Even as small children,
we knew the names of
American film stars,
like Elizabeth Taylor."

Dorman's condo sits among several dozen others in a quiet, parklike complex with hibiscus hedges and broad, well-watered lawns. Sturdy picnic tables in shady corners contribute to the complex's "vacation village" feel. A sleepy cat sunned itself on Dorman's welcome mat.

"Come on in, luv,"
Dorman greeted me at her door. "I was going to make you lunch, but I thought a spot of tea would be better. At least in this heat."

A trio of large, ornate Victorian vases — "They belonged to my grandmum" gleamed on a library table on the living room's east side.



Jennifer Dorman

Another table displayed a collection of Wedgwood boxes and vases. Out on the patio, a "Lytton's Tea" sign hung on the fence. On a white

glass-and-wrought-iron table in the dining room, Dorman had arranged her turquoiseand-white Royal Doulton tea service. A plate of McVities "Classic Rich Tea" and "Digestive" biscuits sat at the table's center.

"Yorkshire tea,"

Dorman said, pouring my first cup.

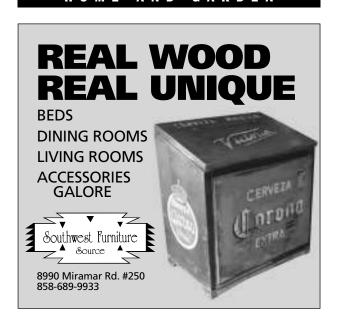
She told me she was born and raised in Lincolnshire, in a small seaside town called Cleethorpes. Her mother was Danish, and her father, who worked as a carpenter, was from a family of Lithuanian Jews. I asked Dorman how she first came in contact with Americans.

"During the war," she said. "We lived in an area where we had the North Sea, and the planes, the German planes, used to fly over. We could hear them. We could hear their heavi-

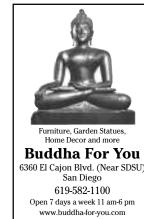
ness. Just outside where I lived is a place called Boston, and they have a big, tall monument there called Boston Stump. When the Germans saw the monument, they would know that they were a hundred miles from the center of London. So they did fly over, and they did do a few bombs. We had a few bombs in our town.

"And during the war, there were Americans in our town. I lived across the road from a family, and there were four girls there. Well, of course, there were Americans there every day. Gorgeous, handsome, handsome young men in their uniforms. Really good-looking. And I was a little girl who was five years old. I was this blonde little kid. The Americans used to think that I was kind of

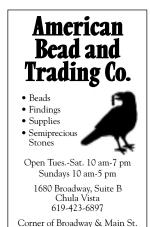
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"That was my first contact with Americans. Everything else about America we learned from films. Even as small children, we knew the names of American film stars, like Elizabeth Taylor. We used to play a game using the names of American film stars. For example, we'd yell out, 'Who's E.T.?' If you knew 'E.T.' stood for Elizabeth Taylor, you'd run from one side of the street to the other.

"After the war, I met this American chap, Roman, and I came to live in Van Nuys. He was from Oklahoma but lived in Van Nuys. At the time we met he worked for the Thor Missile Project not far from our town. The idea was that I would fly out to California and live with his auntie and uncle and see

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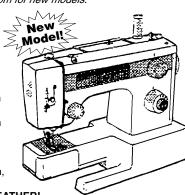


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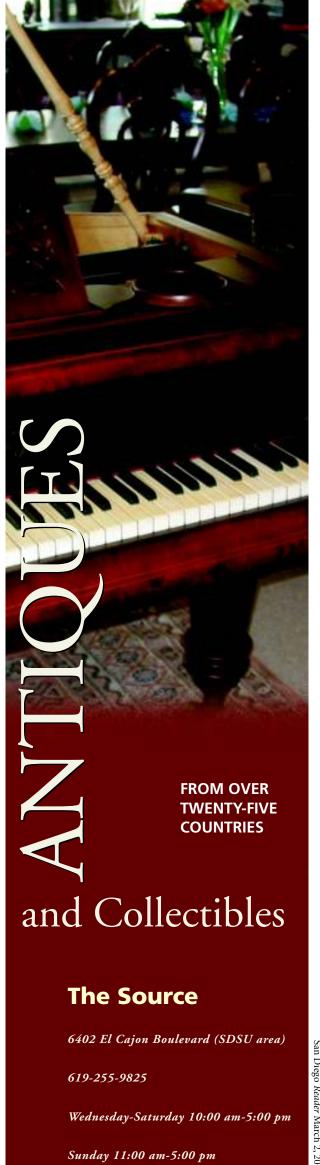
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how things worked out. I was 21 years old. My father had told me that I couldn't leave home until I was 21 and that, if I did, I would burn my bridges behind me. He was serious so I did stay until I was 21. I did not leave until I was 21 years old, because [parents] were controlling in those days, you know.

"So, I flew. I think it was a maiden voyage for the plane. I think the 707 had only flown about four times overseas. It was with Pan American. We flew to Inglewood, California. It was my first trip on a plane, and there were only 20 people on the plane. Twenty people on the plane, a bloody big plane. The captain asked us to move to the middle of the plane so we could stabilize it. It was the scariest damn thing. And then, would you believe it, I later became a stewardess.

"I went to live with

Roman's auntie and uncle in Van Nuys. They were from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and were very, very religious. We said prayers every morning and evening. We went to church twice on Sunday. This was quite a surprise for me. I was raised in the Church of England. Anyway, it became clear that things with Roman and me weren't going to work out. There I was, living with his auntie, and he would come to visit me only after eight or nine o'clock at night. It wasn't going to go anywhere. I was just devastated, really. I didn't know what I was going to do.

"Remember those four girls I told you about? The ones who lived across the road from me? Well, it turns out that one of them was living here in San Diego. She was married to an English guy. He was English, but he was born here. She found

out where I was through my mum, and she called and said, 'You've just got to come to San Diego.' And I said, 'But I've got only 10 dollars.' She said, 'That will be enough. The bus costs only 3 dollars.' I put my things in a paper sack and took the Greyhound bus to San Diego. I was so scared. Imagine. I came to this country with only about 100 English pounds, which was no money, really. About 50 dollars back then.

"My friend's husband met me at the bus station downtown. He had been working for National Steel, but they had a big shutdown, and he was having to find any kind of work, digging holes, doing anything, really. He had to work. They had four kids. I was with my friend and her family for three or four weeks, and she asked, 'What are you going to do? You really ought to get a job.' And I

thought, 'How in the hell am I going to find a

"My friend and her

husband knew this fellow named George, and he asked me out. My friend made me a new dress. I got my hair bleached. George and I went to a nightclub on Midway Drive. The Midway Chuck Wagon. Dr. Dean, the hypnotist, was there. They had a singer. Regis Philbin used to go there all the time and have coffee, because it used to be a real fabulous restaurant for breakfast and things like that. So, George and I are sitting there, and the MC comes over to me and asks, 'Where are you from? London?' I was so embarrassed. I said I was from England. Everyone seemed so curious and interested.

"So, I go back to my friend's house and the next day start looking for work. One day, my friend's husband says,

'Hey, PSA is looking for stewardesses.' I said, 'I am, you know, just a normal person. I'm not a blue blood.' In England at that time, you know, in order to work for British Airways you had to have blue blood, be upper crust, educated in French, German, and everything. I said, 'Oh, I can't do that. I definitely can't do it.' My friend said, 'You're going to try.' She took me to Lindbergh Field. She didn't even know where it was.

"I walked into the PSA office, and the lady who was doing the hiring looked at me and said, 'I know you.' I said, 'Well, I don't know how you would know me. I have hardly been here for eight weeks from England.' She said, 'Yeah, I do know you. It will come to me.' She said, 'Get up and walk.' So I got up and walked and sat down. She watched me walk. She said, 'I know where I saw you. I

saw you at the Chuck Wagon.'

"Four days later, she hired me. I was the only Englishwoman working as a stewardess for PSA. I was quite exotic back then, here in San Diego. Yes, I was fortunate because my accent made me popular. I was a little British girl. A little English girl. I used to say 'Cheerio!' as well as 'Byebye, cheerio!' Things like that."

I said to Dorman that she, as a provincial working-class girl from class-conscious England, must have been amazed by what had happened to her.

"I thought it was a dream, actually. I couldn't believe it. You know, it's the sort of thing where you have to pinch yourself just to make sure that you're really you. I mean, it was a glamorous job. We had film stars flying with us, like James Mason, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope. Oh



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God, Cesar Romero. I have a photo of me sitting on Jerry Lewis's knee. He used to come down because he had a boat called the *Pink Pussycat* right there on the bay.

"We also had these marvelous uniforms. I had three during the five years I flew for PSA. They were very well made, very well tailored. I donated one of them to the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park, and you can see it there. It says the uniform belonged to Jennifer 'Ducky' Dorman. That was my nickname. It's a marvelous little brown gabardine suit with a rust-colored cravat. Very elegant. We also wore a little hat. We were required to wear gloves when coming and going from the airport."

I asked what the folks back in Cleethorpes made of her success.

"They were amazed. I went back home for the first time in 1963. We were making good money. About \$180 per week. It was enough to have an apartment and to have a car that was paid for. We stewardesses lived well. So, when I went home for the first time, they even put an article about me in the little local newspaper. It was all about me flying, being a stewardess, meeting these celebrities. Some of my friends didn't talk to me hardly when I would go 'round at first. They thought I was 'stuck up,' but I wasn't, really."

I asked Dorman how she'd reacted to the American men she met while working as a stewardess. Were they different from the English boys she was used to?

"At first, American men made me nervous. I was only 21 years old. And in England, you are kind of backwards growing up, you know. And the American men were quite *outgoing*. Yes, yes, yes, definitely outgo-

ing, definitely. You learned certain ways for how to deal with them. In those days you could ask for their driver's license if they asked you out. If they were married it would say so on the license. You had to

do that sort of thing, because they used to take their [wedding] rings off."

When did Dorman start to think of herself as an American?

"Not until a long time after I got here. I really, really enjoyed everything about America, but I really didn't know where I was going [to live]. Then I met my husband and I got married in 1965, and then that was it. I had to stay.

"He was an Ameri-

can. We lived in Lemon Grove. We had three girls. They went to school here and everything. It wasn't until they were 10 years old, or 11, that I realized that I'd given birth to little American children. They started bringing their little friends home, and I started to realize how very different American children were from English children. I tried very hard to raise my children in an English way. One of the

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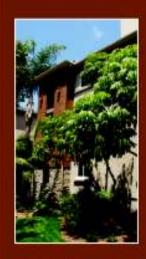
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important things was politeness. They always had to say 'please' and 'thank you.' Another thing was that American children didn't know how to make conversation with adults. They're withdrawn. They still are. I'm not sure why. But I raised my daughters to be able to talk with adults, to know how to meet people. I'm very much a people person, and so this was important to me.

"Also, I think American [children] are a bit more promiscuous than we were. I mean, you know, I used to try and keep my girls in socks

until they were 12 years old. No lipstick and no short skirts. They would come home from school and say, 'So-and-So has a short skirt!' And I would say, 'Well, you are *not* having a short skirt. That's it!' They never did go with lipstick and stuff like that."

Dorman said that her marriage of 20 years ended in divorce. She was left with three adolescent daughters to raise on her own. For many years, she made ends meet by working as a clerk at a 7-Eleven store and, later, as the manager of the import shop All Things Bright

and British, in La Mesa.

"I was brokenhearted for many, many years after my divorce, really. I was homesick. It was a bit lonely. I was by myself. I had good neighbors. My in-laws were pretty good to me. You do feel more like a foreigner in a way, when you are alone, when you don't have anybody.

"And, so, after the divorce, I did think about going back to England. I used to say, 'Mom, I'd love to come home.' But she said, 'You can't. You have three children there and they are Americans.'

"I never thought I

would never go back. I mean, there was no doubt that I was going to go back until just about three years ago, when I realized that I can't possibly go back. The turning point came when my first daughter got married. I thought, 'Well, I have made it this far. Better go the rest.' All my daughters are now married. I have grandchildren. My mother passed away. My father is gone. I just have a sister in England."

I asked Dorman if she felt that her parents' "foreignness" in Cleethorpes had in some way made it easier for

her to leave England.

"No, I don't think so. I must have had some sense of adventure in me that I didn't realize. I mean, when I first got here, I never felt alone. I never felt I was alone. It was a weird thing. I cried a bit, but I didn't cry a lot because I knew that there was a reason why I'd come here. And like my mom used to say, 'There is a reason for you to be there. You are starting a new generation in a new country."

Mario Torero also came to the United States

some 40 years ago. For a while after I first met Torero, I had a difficult time figuring out his age, how old he was when he immigrated. Torero's face is unlined. He has the lithe, muscular body of a dancer. He moves constantly. He can't sit still for long. When he talks, for example, about painting, he stands and pantomimes someone slathering a canvas with paint. When he talks about Bill Haley & His Comets, he snaps his fingers and executes a few quick dance moves. I was so confused about his age that, one





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evening, I finally asked him point blank.

"I'm 58 years old," he said. "I came here when I was 12."

I'd thought he was in his early 40s.

Torero invited me to his studio in the attic of the Victorian home where he lives, one block south of El Cajon Boulevard in City Heights. Mario has painted the foundation of his house with bands of bright primary color. Proceeding upward, the bands of color change, spectrumstyle, until they appear as washed-out pastels just below the house's eaves. Upstairs in Torero's studio, a huge window built into the ceiling fills the space with light. There's a small stove, a sink. Mario's paintings, some done, others unfinished, line the walls.

Torero's 25-year-old son Pablo silently entered the studio while Torero and I were talking. Pablo wore beige cotton pants and a creamy white linen shirt. He'd wrapped his head in a pristine pale-white scarf. His calm, his quiet, his dress, his luxurious long black beard suggested religious devotion. Pablo reminded me of pictures I've seen of Sikh gurus and Afghani warlords.

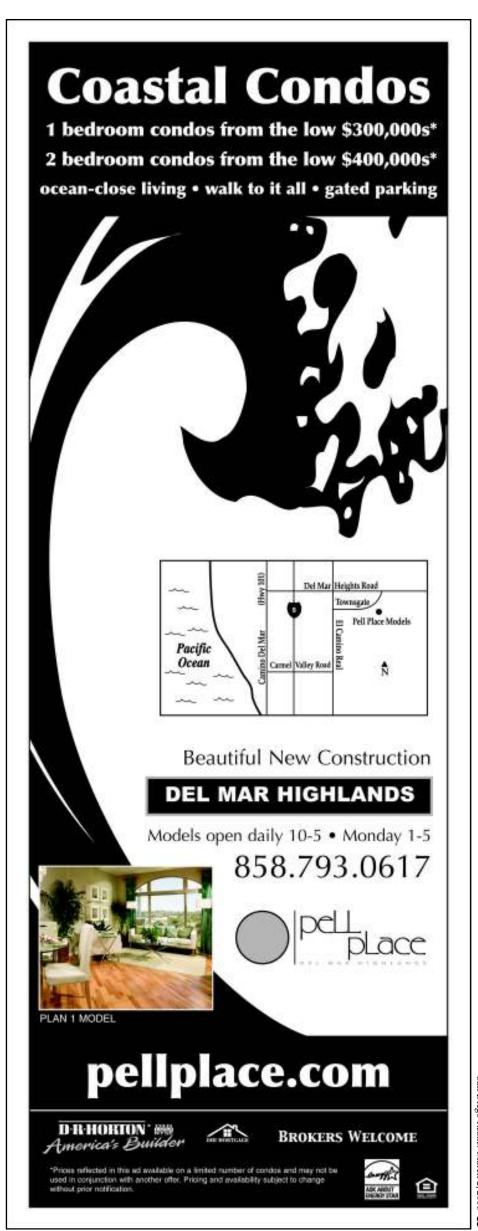
"He's into reggae," Torero said with pride, patting Pablo's back. "He's a big promoter of reggae music. He's handling the top reggae artists in the world."

Pablo grinned in that half-pained way that all young people grin when, in the presence of strangers, they're made the object of parental approval.

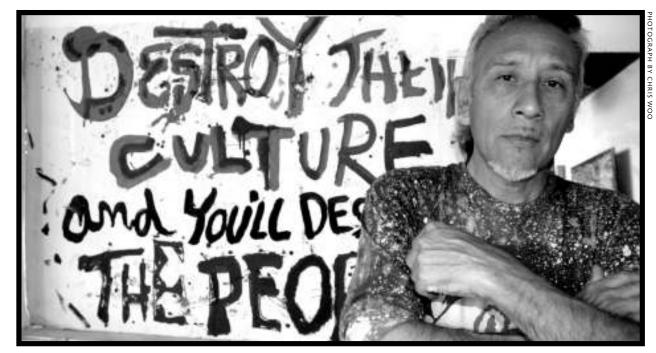
"Reggae's even becoming popular in Lima," Pablo said, steering the conversation away from himself.

"He's been to Lima with me," Mario said. "He loves it."

Another point of pride.



"I was born in Lima," Torero said. "I was born in a part of Lima called Miraflores. 'Miraflores' is like saying 'La Jolla' in San Diego. Because I am of the people, I got self-conscious about saying I was from Miraflores. If I said I was from Miraflores, all of my friends would go, 'Oh, you think you're rich.' It is more acute over there, the rich-andpoor situation. I was born in Miraflores, although I was not raised there. It was almost like my mom and dad got married and they went to live in Miraflores, the good life, but they immediately got their kids together, and they decided to be a little more thrifty about their expenses and they said, 'Let's get out of Peru.' My father, Guillermo Acevedo, had aspirations of being a great artist from when he was young. He was always good at art. He



Mario Torero

knew Peru was limited, so he started to think of going to where all of the artists were going in the 1950s, to Europe or the United States, New York particularly.

"My father was a refugee from the Peru-Chile War. They had a war back then, and his family were moved to Arequipa. My father was born in Arequipa, the second-largest city of Peru, south of Lima. When he was a late teenager he moved to Lima. There he met my mom. My father became an artist leader in Lima. He had an advertising business. He successfully established a clientele and so on. He saved his money, sold his busi-

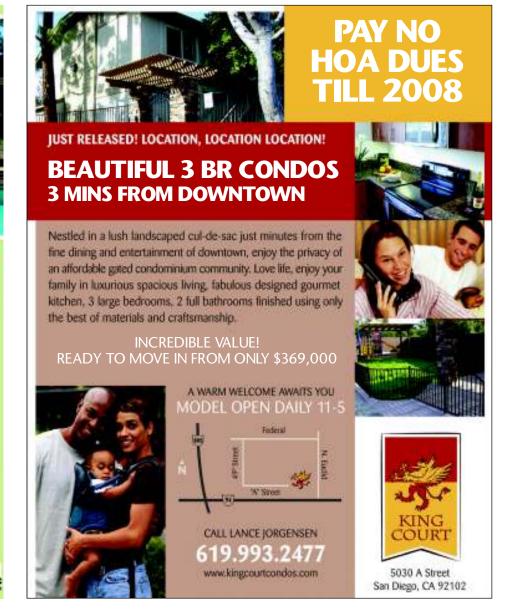
ness, to move to the United States, to migrate permanently.

"In Peru, like in most of the world, there was a segment of the population that was looking at the United States as a leader from where you got all the modern music, modern technology, so I was tuned in to that. Every-

thing was coming from the United States. My father was very advanced. He had all the [foreign] magazines. He had all the music. He followed it. He got all the fox trots, Benny Goodman, Armstrong, so I was very well trained on that, too. We all were, because my father was always up to date on American culture. I always liked to tune in to radio stations that played American music. My father was a collector of all the best jazz. You know, he was hip to everything that was happening. He was part of an artistic element that was always keeping up with modernity. We were not isolated.

"We loved American culture. At one point, the Peruvian government gave my father some land in Lima on which to build a house. They were giving land to people who'd been refugees in the Peru-Chile war. So, my father built this house, pretty big, in the style of America, with the Victorian rooftop, which nobody had ever seen because it doesn't rain there. Nevertheless, he did it and, of course, he got a little flak from some people. My father was even called a gringo. I





couldn't believe it.

"In order to save money — this is how destiny worked — when he decided to come to the U.S., to save money, he went to the north of Peru to take a boat from Piura. Piura is the port that in the 1950s had the biggest fishing fleet in the Pacific. They were fishing all the tuna. So, the major ports were San Diego and Piura because the fish was in Peru. So, to save money, my father takes a boat from Piura and goes to San Diego. In San Diego, he was supposed to take the Greyhound bus, because he had work in New York and they were expecting him. He got to San Diego and he saw the eucalyptus trees. He hadn't seen a eucalyptus since he was young, because in Arequipa there are a lot of eucalyptus trees and in Lima they had cut down all the trees. So, he said he loved it here. He loved the Mexican-American population. He decided to stay here for a while. And I have been here ever since. He moved to San Francisco with my mother and he died there. My mother then moved to San Diego to be with us, and she happens to be living

"My father was here in San Diego for nine months before we came from Lima. We came in on January 20, 1960. So, sometime in March of 1959, he came to the United States. Around the same time that Fidel Castro took over Cuba.

downstairs.

"When my father got here, he'd already had a cultural center going on there in Lima. He'd organized a community of artists. He always shared his dreams with me, as I do with him. So the idea was to come and join a cultural environment or create one if there wasn't one already there. When he got here to San Diego in 1959, 1960, the arts

environment in San Diego was pretty nonexistent. It was only Sunday painters. Because my father was a fine artist, he got a lot of recognition. We have a lot of articles from magazines that speak of him. He was very successful. "Immediately after

he got here, he got a job with Central Signs, which still exists. But he'd always wanted to be on his own. He attained that very rapidly, because he started selling his artwork. Because he was an outsider, a new person, and we were newcomers, he was able to appreciate the Victorian houses that used to be all around downtown in Golden Hill. He started drawing them and selling his drawings. It was not a coincidence that this happened. At that time, San Diego was destroying those houses or removing them because of the growth that was happening then. An

organization was created, with my father's membership, SOHO, Save Our Heritage Organisation. My father was the key element in helping get SOHO off the ground because he donated proceeds from



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successful sales of his art to the organization and also to the San Diego Historical Society.

"Ultimately, selling his work in San Diego and San Francisco supplied him with enough money that he was able to buy two houses in the United States — this one that we live in here now and another one down the street where my sister lives. My father achieved success through his artwork. He was the first Latin Amer-

ican in San Diego's history to gain such notoriety."

Guillermo Acevedo's integration into the American economy seemed so rapid, I wondered how as a boy Torero had made his way into the society.

"I got here on January 20, 1960, and within a week my father was enrolling me in the nearest school available, which was Brooklyn Elementary in Golden Hill. When my father was

enrolling me, I was sitting there on the bench looking around, and I was already kind of scared, nervous. Because everything I knew about going to school in America was from a movie that I had just

seen in Peru called Rebel Without a Cause. In Peru I used to be an impersonator of Elvis Presley. I was buying his 45s. But then I get here and this is the real thing. I was looking around to see who I was going to have to protect myself from. Because, by the way, I had been also tortured in my earlier years in Lima, because living in some of those neighborhoods was pretty rough. There were bullies all over the place. So, I get here and I thought it was going to even be rougher. You know, like what I saw in the American movies. But in reality it was the most

"I went to school immediately, and that is where I really learned English, or started learning English. I was the only male Latino in the class. Right now the school is 100 percent Latino, but in those days I was the only Latino. There was a Mexican-American girl there. It was very embarrassing to speak the language and she didn't want to translate for me.

peaceful thing I had ever

run into.

"Another thing that impressed me so much was at Brooklyn Elementary I had Ms. Brown as my sixthgrade teacher. I had her for every class. We didn't change classrooms. She was there from the morning to the afternoon for a whole year. Well, she took a great liking to me personally, so that she would take her time, and for an hour or so every day, I think, she had me read and she would have me pronounce those words just right. I really appreciated it, because I could see that she liked me and I liked her. She was an elderly lady. So she had a great influence on me in learning correctly, and her emphasis got me going. It wasn't really until I met Clem Ware, my black friend, that I

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started to hang out with black people, and that is when I really picked up the language. But before I went to Memorial Junior High for seventh grade, I was more scared than ever because I

thought the blacks were really going to kill me. Once I was there, it was the African-Americans, the black brothers, who took me in and really showed me what it was to be an American living in America. I was raised with black kids and here on Imperial Avenue in my teenage years.

"What happened was that before I got to Memorial, I only ran into the white kids. But I didn't understand the language, and I found [the white kids] really lame. Then when I went to Memorial I saw the blacks and the browns. The browns were just guarding the fence. They were all standing against the fence and they wouldn't move. And me, I am always moving, because of music or some kind of activity, so I could not fully relate to those Mexican-American kids. What happened was that I didn't know which direction I was going to go. It was Clem Ware, the black trumpet player in the ninth grade, who showed me.

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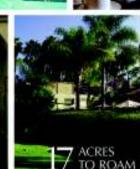
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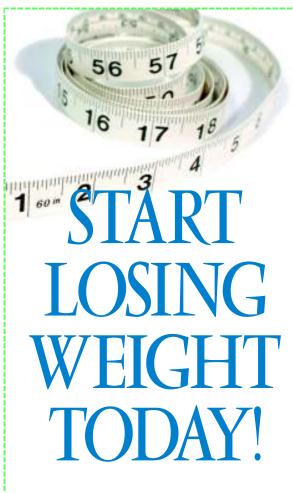
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honkeys. Your name is Joe.' I said, 'All right. So I am Joe.' He turned me into Joe Acevedo. I was tired of that shit so I called myself 'Joe Ace.' Clem put me in the band. At 16 years old, I was in the best black band uptown, Arlene and the Proteens, playing the trumpet. We would go and play for the high school in Point Loma, for the gringos, you know, and we would just bullshit, ha ha, and

then afterwards we'd go to the bar down at the Elks Club down on Imperial to play the opening act for Etta James. Etta James!" As Torero spoke

about his teenage years, I started to realize that there was something familiar about him. I remembered that a friend of mine had, in the 1970s and 1980s. collected Chicano art. I remembered that hanging on my friend's living room wall was a painting by someone my friend had identified as a "Chicano artist named Mario Torero." I wondered how Torero had made the transition from Peruvian immigrant to Chicano artist. In Torero's telling,

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his post-high-school years sounded crowded with big events. The late 1960s, the early 1970s were busy and confusing years for many young people. Torero did a stint in the merchant marine. He met and married Sheila, his first wife, a "very beautiful Jewish girl" who used to hang out in the barrios of National City. He explored the era's turbulent politics. ("I was raised among black people, so when we heard that Watts was burning, man, we was going to go out there and join in the Revolution. But somehow the car broke down and the most we could do was break some windshields in Mission Hills, or something. We went to the rich area and broke a window. You know, we thought we were real big revolutionaries.")

"Okay, this is what happened. I was with the blacks all the way. Then I moved to San Francisco and I was with the hippies. I was not with blacks or browns. There was no ethnicity. We smoked weed and dropped acid in 1967.





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"I went into a coma and I woke up, man, and I said, 'Wow.' I said, 'God, You know I am not a religious man at all or anything, but I know that God has given me a chance to live again, so what am I going to do with my life?' And He said, 'Give it to the Revolution. Give your life to the people. Give meaning to your life. You have a mission.' So I said, 'How?' He said, 'Do it with your art.' So I said, 'How am I going to do

"The phone rings right about the end of January, and an old friend of mine says, 'Joe, there is going to be a gathering of Chicano artists in Balboa Park in front of the Ford Building.' So I went there. I went there. And there was this group of Chicano artists led by Salvador Torres. Guillermo Arranda was there. Victor Ochoa was. I show up and immediately I join this group of artists, Chicano artists. So they are teaching me imme-



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Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Bipolar Disorder and Alcoholism. If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an experimental medication for the treatment of Alcoholism at no cost to you. If you would like additional information regarding this study and are between the ages of 21 and 60, please



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IF YOU ARE:

- ★ Age 65 or older
- **★** Experiencing insomnia for at least 3 months
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(619) 688-6565 See our website: www.ari-inc.com diately about the Chicano movement and what it means to be Chicano. And that is why I became one of the top scholars in learning about Chicano culture. This was in February 1970. As soon as I joined the Chicano artists, I immediately recognized I was Chicano."

Torero participated in the establishment of Chicano Park in Barrio Logan and Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park. He pursued his artwork as diligently as his political interests. His two most famous local murals, The Eyes of Picasso, adorned the exteriors of the Community Arts Building at Third Avenue and E Street and the ReinCarnation Building at Tenth Avenue and J Street. Many thousands of San Diegans and tourists have seen his most well known piece of public sculpture, Los Voladores, that stands in front of San Diego International Airport's Terminal One.

On the morning I met Torero at his studio, I asked if his involvement in the Chicano movement, if his success as an artist, had distanced him from his Peruvian roots.

"In 2001, 9/11 happens and my mom has a heart attack. She is dying, so she gives me a little piece of paper. The little piece of paper says that my mother and father had a dream of one day taking us all

back to live back in Peru, so they bought a piece of land in Lima. It was all dreams. So, my mom was dying — she is fine now — but I told Mom that I would take care of it. So I was forced to go back to Peru in 2001, which I really don't want to do because all of the shit was going on here with the 9/11 things.

"I told my artist friends that I was going to Peru. They said, 'We are going with you.' Berenese Vadillo, Christopher Oleata, and Derrick Ensenger decided to go with me. So I said, 'Why don't I take Pablo, my son, and my daughter Lucy, because they are half Peruvians.' They said yes. We went to Peru

together in 2001. I have been going back every year now, because I have something happening over there. I'm working to create an artistic center in Lima. When I went back there I rediscovered myself."

When he's in Peru, does he notice anything about himself that he considers American?

"I finally convinced the artists in Lima to paint more murals in the streets. So, this one day, all of the artists came out that were painting, but I didn't know what I was going to paint. So, I went to the corner and on every corner there is a newsstand. I went there and started picking the news of the day. I did a composition, and I called it A Day in the Life of Peru, January 27, 2002. Most of the newspapers there compete for the public by putting naked women with big asses on the front pages. I cut out the front pages and used them. These sorts of images would not be accepted in the United States, and I wouldn't accept it, because I am a feminist and I am in the movement and we just would not accept that. So, I wanted to criticize society, the news media in the society, and I did a mural of, among other things, a woman with a big ass. I wanted to point out the degradation of the women.

"Oh, man, when I left Lima, the city came

on. They wanted to paint up over the wall, close the arts center and everything. And so I started apologizing. I went back six months later to apologize for causing the trouble. The artists said, 'Shut up, Mario. We love it.' They got the attention finally from the news media, because the news media and the community got behind the mural. We were like heroes. We were in every newspaper.

"And so my attitude toward women, the fact that I have a higher consciousness about the treatment of women, is one thing I would identify in myself as being American. Because I've lived in America, I have

RESEARCH STUDIES

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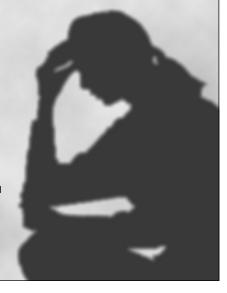
Depressed moodHopelessness or sadness

Problems sleeping
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Creepy, Crawly, Nighttime Legs



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a new perspective of life and I'm a little more opened up. I am not going to say that I'm more advanced. I am going to say just that I am exposed to more things. I travel. Those people in Lima don't have a chance to travel. They barely get out of their own neighborhoods. It's a miserable life sometimes, but they are a happy people, they are a proud people, they are a beautiful people, they are a friendly people."

Several days after I visited Torero's studio, he invited me back to have a meal with his 83-year-old mother, Lydia Acevedo.

She answered the door when I knocked.

"Would it bother you if we spoke in Spanish?" she asked, taking my hand. "I learned many things in the United States, but English wasn't one of them." Earlier, Mario Torero had said of his family, "We're all natural

charmers." Lydia sat across from me, her back not touching her chair. She leaned slightly forward, attentive, smiling. On a table behind her sat a photo taken when she must have been in her twenties. In the picture, she wears a snugly tailored wool suit. She looks directly at the camera. Her gaze is selfassured. She was a beautiful young woman married to a promising artist.

"I loved what I saw of New York in the movies, but I never dreamed that I would live in the United States," she told me.

"At first my life here was extremely difficult. I was so lonely. I left so many family members in Lima. I come from a

family of 13 children. And here, in San Diego, there was no life in the streets. There were so few people in the streets. Back in Lima, people are always coming and going from each other's homes. Everyone helps each other. But here, I didn't speak English. I didn't know anyone. Phone calls to Lima were expensive, and phone calls from Lima to here were expensive. Every week I wrote a letter to everyone in my family.

"My not learning
English very well was a
sacrifice that I made for
my children. After we
got here, I decided that it
was important that they
continue to speak Spanish and continue to
speak it well. I made the
decision that we would
speak Spanish at home.
I'm very glad that I
made that decision.
Mario and his sisters

RESEARCH STUDIES

Creepy, crawly legs?



Do you have the urge to move your legs or feel unpleasant sensations in your legs at night?

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational medication for Restless Legs Syndrome or "RLS."

Eligible participants must be 18-75 years of age and experience symptoms of RLS, or an irresistible urge to move the legs or uncomfortable sensations that worsen during periods of rest or inactivity.

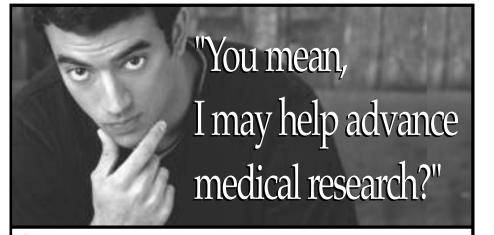
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If you would like more information or think you may be eligible for this study, please contact the physician's office below.

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...Too Heavy?

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To possibly qualify:

- Be at least 18 years or older
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speak Spanish well. If I had insisted that they speak English at home, I probably would have learned to speak English well myself. But I'm glad that my children speak Spanish.

"When we got here, at that time, there was no Spanish-language television. My family in Lima would send me articles about what was going on in Peru. That's how we kept in contact with what was going on in Peru. Not long after we got here, my husband and I started going to Tijuana. We went every week to go to the movies. In Tijuana, we could see movies in Spanish. I loved Tijuana because it reminded me a little of home. Now,

I'm afraid to go, because it's so difficult to cross the border and because there's so much crime."

While his mother talked, Torero put plates, forks, and knives on a small table at the room's center. From the kitchen he brought takeout packages of Vietnamese deep-fried spring rolls and fresh rolls stuffed with bean sprouts and rice noodles. He uncorked a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon. In an unobtrusive way, he poured wine for his mother and arranged her plate of food.

"You see," his mother said, "he knows how to care for me. I think that's the most Peruvian thing about him. He cared for his

father. He cares for me. One thing I noticed is that American children don't often know how to care for their parents.

"But there are good things about this country. It gives to people. I admire this country because it helps people. There's Social Security. And my husband was able to achieve success here. We were able to make six trips to Europe. We were able to live in San Francisco, where my husband surrounded us with many artists, writers, poets. He was a great conversationalist. A man of ideas. People listened to him. When we came to San Diego, he helped many young Mexican artists. He took them seriously.

He encouraged them."

The walls surrounding us in the living room, and the walls throughout the first floor of the house, were filled with Guillermo Acevedo's meticulous, almost photo-realist drawings. Almost all of them were of Native Americans of the Southwest.

"After we came to San Diego," said Lydia Acevedo, "we started to travel in California, Arizona, New Mexico. My husband became fascinated by the indigenous people."

"My father was a socialist-anarchist," explained Torero. "He was in his heart opposed to imperialism. He was always on the side of the

oppressed."

"I never thought my husband would die so young," said Lydia. "I'd always imagined that we would grow old and gray together, walking hand in hand down the street.

"I remember when I first saw him. It was during the procession in Lima for Our Lord of Miracles, which happens during Holy Week. I was there with my older sister and cousin. He was there to see the girls. That's how things were back then. You went to a procession to see girls. He wasn't a religious man. I remember noticing him. I remember that I prayed, 'If he's a good man, let him notice me. If he's not a

good man, let him ignore me.' He came up to me and said something like, 'Isn't the moon beautiful?'

"Ultimately, my aunt told me, 'If you marry that man, you'll die of hunger.'

"But let me tell you another story. It involves that same church in Lima. I was born on January 4, 1922. When I was three months old, my sister dropped me on the floor and I had some sort of brain injury. My mother couldn't wake me. She took me to the doctor, and he asked, 'Are you Catholic?' My mother said, 'Yes.' The doctor said, 'Then you must take your daughter immediately to be bap-

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You may be asked to spend 4 consecutive days/nights in our sleep lab, one of which will include a total night of sleep deprivation. You must also be willing to take an FDA-approved mood stabilizer, such as Lithium, as well as an FDA-approved antidepressant. Financial compensation will be provided



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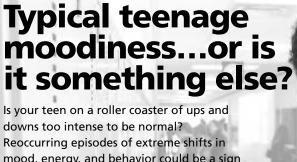
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tized because she's going to die.'

"This was in the evening, at 7:00 p.m., on Resurrection Saturday. So my mother took me to the church, and there was a great deal of singing going on because of the day. My mother went to the priest and said that I needed to be baptized immediately because I was going to die. The priest agreed to do my baptism. At the time in the ritual when the priest put water on my

head, I woke up and started to cry. The water must have woken me up. My mother started crying, and the priest said to her, 'Don't cry. This child is going to live for many years. This child is going to have a very happy life.'

"And you know what? The priest was right."

I'd encountered Mario Torero, his mother and son, and Jennifer Dorman by chance when looking for "voluntary immigrants." I was curious about how people who hadn't been forced by war or other disaster to immigrate had fared in their lives. Listening to these stories, I thought I detected a theme I hadn't expected. I thought I heard this theme, too, when I spoke with Shabda Roy.

"I was what you might call a 'revolutionary' kid," Roy told me on the afternoon I visited him at his Rancho Peñasquitos home.

"Originally my family came from the east part of India, called Bengal. I am Bengali, but I was born on the west side of India in the state of Gujarat. I speak five different dialects. Outside the home, I spoke Gujarati. At home we spoke Bengali. Just to give you a background of my family, way back when the British were there in India, my dad's

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grandfather was a high court judge. And the British at that time had their headquarters in the east part of India, in the Bengal area. There were all the political prisoners, and the British were trying them. But the British didn't want any part of Indian judges. So they transferred my dad's grandfather to a desert area called Rajistan. So my dad grew up in Rajistan. The government brought my dad to Gujarat as minister of education in that state. And since that time, that was way back in 1927

and 1928, my dad stayed there and we were all brought up there. But we are Bengali, from Calcutta, fish out of water in Gujarat. So we have maintained speaking Bengali throughout. We are traveling Bengalis. And now we are in the United States, across the seven seas."

Roy was parked on a comfortable chair in his living room, where a Claude Monet print hung over the fireplace. Roy wore a sweatshirt and a loose pair of jogging pants. He held Raj, his ten-month-old

grandchild, his *first* ever grandchild, on his lap. Raj, his round brown eyes blazing with adoration, patted his chubby hands against Roy's mouth. Roy didn't mind.

Outside the house, up and down Roy's suburban street, Mexican gardeners mowed lawns and clipped hedges and aimed leaf-blowers down sidewalks and driveways. The sounds and smells of all this industry drifted through the living-room window. Roy's talk about his family's involvement in

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government and education made me ask about his family's caste.

"We're Brahmins," he said. "We are the highest class of Brahmin."

He reached through the neck of his sweat-

shirt to show me the thick cotton thread he wears beneath his clothes. A thread tied in a circle is worn by all Brahmin males who've done *upanayanam*, a ritual marking their passage from boy to man.

Among some groups of Brahmins, the ritual is celebrated with as much fanfare as a wedding. I asked Roy what significance the thread had for him.

"I keep wearing it, because it's the tradition and I want to keep the legacy of being Brahmin. The reminding of my family that we come from Brahmins, to maintain the roots of my culture, of my religion, of my family. See, I want to walk down the

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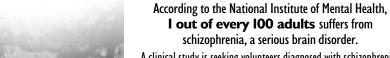
"We are traditionally an academic family. Teachers. My father was professor and dean at an engineering college in Gujarat. All of my six brothers are educated, and except one, everybody is an engineer. I am the only civil engineer. The others are all electrical engineers. So, out of seven boys, one is a doctor, an oncologist. Out of six, one is me, a civil engineer. I am the oldest son.

"Growing up I was always interested in American movies, Ava Gardner, Alfred Hitchcock films, *Dial M for Murder*. I listened to American music, Bill Haley and His Comets, Elvis Presley. I was into ballroom dancing, jiving. I was going to Rosary High School, run by the American mis-

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sionaries. The Catholic high school. And they had all these ballroom dancings and everything, and all of my medium of education was in English, and we were exposed to America through that mission.

"For my family, going to a Catholic school wasn't a problem. We were always taught that Hinduism was the most accepting, tolerant religion in the world. Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Jew, whatever it might be, all religions were equal.

"So, I was into the western music. I was into ballroom dancing, jiving. I was kind of a different kid. Kind of a revolutionary, you might have called me. What I mean is that back home in India at that time, if you were to say, 'I'm going to go out on a date with a girl, people would just look at you. They would say, 'What the hell are you doing?' That sort of thing just simply wasn't accepted.

"But in my town in Gujarat there was a girls' college of domestic science, a place where girls came from all over India and all over the world to learn about the proper way of running a household. There were French girls there, and Germans. As this was a girls' college, it had its regulations. All the girls had to be in bed or inside the dormitory by nine in the evening. And me and a couple of other boys, we said, 'Why don't we ask those girls out on a date?' We got to be like the Americans. We thought, 'They won't let anybody out without a chaperone. If we go out as a group, we can take a date out and bring her back.' This was an unusual thing back then. But the girls' college administrators knew that my dad was dean of the engineering school. They thought, 'This is

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Professor Roy's son, he's a good boy. We will let this happen.' So, they would call my parents and say, 'Your son is going to be in that group.' They let the group of girls go out with a group of boys. And that's how we broke the rules. I was kind of a revolutionary kid. I did things much faster and much different. That's one of the reasons I thought of America as a freer country where I could do all those sorts of things.

"I came to the States in 1966. Back in India I'd worked as a civil engineer in the public works department for nine years. I came to Pomona, California. I went to California Polytechnic University, Cal Poly, and I studied civil engineering. I had a degree from back in India, and I wanted to get a master's degree and get into a Ph.D. and do research on the side. That was my intent. I got admitted to USC, but the fees were so high. And USC was asking me to go through the undergraduate course anyway, because I

graduated way back in 1958 or 1959. They said, 'Things have changed and our goals are different. You've got to know something about the American way of civil engineering.' So I said, 'The hell with it. I'm going straight to Cal Poly and not pay the high fees at USC.' While I was there, I took my engineer training exam and took my professional engineering exam. So, I became a professional civil engineer. I ended up working as a project manager for the Port of San

Diego for 25 years."

I asked Roy what had been the most difficult part of his coming to the United States in 1966.

"Eating beef," he said. "I lived in the dormitory at Cal Poly, and every Thursday in the cafeteria for dinner they would have steak. And I would sit down to eat the steak. When I cut the steak the blood would come out, and it would make me sick. So I used to take that steak and throw it in the trash. And a lot of people saw that, and they started sit-

ting with me. I'd take a first bite, and they'd take the whole steak away from me. I would get hungry, and they would take me to McDonald's to have a fish burger or something. They would buy me fish. But I was getting more friends. And then I started thinking, 'Hey, I am getting more friends. Why not get more dates?' So I started getting women lined up for Thursday dinners, a woman would go out with me, and they would get my steak. So then I'm feeling that I'm maybe missing out

on something, and they got me introduced to McDonald's hamburgers. It started from there. So I started eating beef from McDonald's hamburgers.

"At that time, we didn't get much Indian food. It was difficult to find ingredients. I used to buy canned chickpeas and beans and spice them up a little with whatever spices I was able to find."

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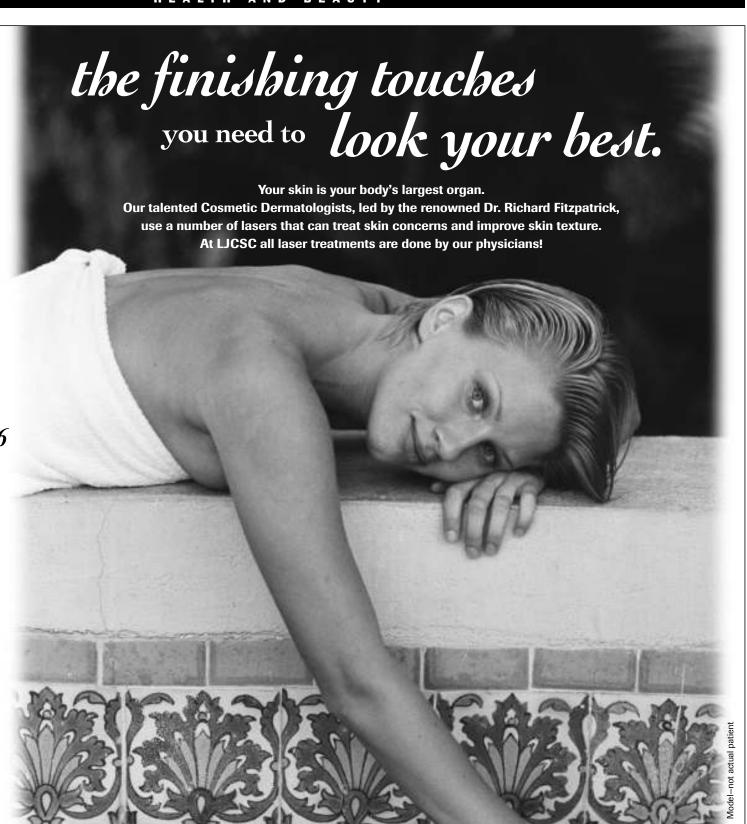
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It was Roy's wife.

"This is Susan," Roy said, introducing me.

"This is the Mormon girl that I married."

Barefoot, wearing a voluminous skirt and drapey blouse, her red hair cut in a short, practical style, Susan swept over and scooped up Raj from Roy's lap. Raj cooed and grabbed at her ears.

"You must understand something about Susan," Roy said. "She has completely mastered Bengali cooking in such a way that many Bengali women are jealous of her. She makes many Bengali dishes even better than they can. They cannot understand how an American woman who is not an Indian can have such a fantastic understanding of Indian spices and Bengali cuisine. She is even so advanced that she adds her own personal touch to these dishes."

"Well, that's natural," said Susan, kissing the top of Raj's head.
"When you make things often enough, and if you've had enough experience as a cook, you want to kind of explore different things, finding ways to make them your own. We eat Indian food here at home three to four times each week."

Shabda and Susan told me that they met while working at a county fair. Susan was tending a booth and, across the way from her, Shabda was working at "Kiddie Land."

"I would stand there and watch him, and I noticed that he had a very gentle way with the children at Kiddie Land," said Susan. "I thought to myself, 'That sort of man would make a good husband.' And I'd already had an interest in the international student organizations at my college. The Indian student organization, for example. I'm a Califor-

nia girl. My folks are from Oklahoma and Missouri. But I was open to learning about different cultures."

The courtship, however, did not go smoothly. "My parents came to visit the States while Susan and I were dating," said Roy. "But I couldn't bring myself to tell them that we were dating. Susan would come by the apartment.

She was studying to be a medical assistant, and my father had problems with high blood pressure and diabetes. Susan would drop by every day to check his blood pressure and blood sugar,

and little by little, my father started to like her. He said, 'She's a very nice girl.'

"But, you see, in India there were still arranged marriages. And my mother had come to the States with a photo and information about the girl she'd already chosen for me to marry. In my parents' minds, the decision had already been made. I couldn't

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"Until I happened to find a certain piece of correspondence," said

Susan. "With a picture of this girl in it. I held the picture up to him and said, 'WHO is THIS? Haven't you told your parents that we're seriously dating?"

"It was quite a difficult situation," said Roy.

"A very difficult situation," said Susan. "For

three or four wives?' "It turned out that They didn't understand all our parents were that a Hindu can have

opposed to our getting only one wife. "So, we eloped. We married," said Roy. "We thought her parents eloped in my little red might be easier, but they 1969 Volkswagen. My said, 'You're going to mother was heartbromarry an Indian? How ken. My father didn't do you know that he speak to me for two doesn't already have years. Until after our

first child was born. Then he softened."

"We went on to have four children," Susan said. She spelled out their names. "Carmel, Moneesha, Samir, and Meena."

"You will see Sharmila and Samir when you come have

dinner with us," Roy said. "You must come and taste some of Susan's wonderful Indian cooking."

"Oh, my," said Susan, bouncing Raj on her knee. "If I have the energy. If I don't have the energy, I don't know how wonderful it will

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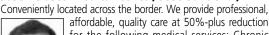


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On the evening I showed up for dinner at the Roy household, from where I stood on the sidewalk, I could smell spices cooking. Inside the house, the Roys' 23year-old son Samir, wearing a Jimi Hendrix T-shirt, sat in the den, typing away at a computer. Raj's mother, 33year-old Sharmila, was helping Susan in the kitchen. Shabda sat in the living room with Raj on his lap. Raj kneaded Shabda's cheeks.

Susan had evidently had enough energy to spend the whole day cooking. On the dining room table, Sharmila arranged silver Indianstyle serving bowls filled with a Muslim-style



Shabda Roy (left)

Bengali chicken curry made with black pepper, cinnamon, black and green cardamom; Ben-

gali "home cooking"style potatoes mixed with white poppy seeds, onion, turmeric, fenugreek, cilantro, and cayenne pepper; cabbage cooked slow with green peas, onions, hot green pepper, and ginger; a thick dal made from yellow split peas and mustard seed.

When it was time to eat, Sharmila and Samir sat closest to me. With no prompting from their parents, they began filling my plate with food. Throughout the meal, they kept an eye on my plate, making sure I had plenty of the curry and the Bengali potatoes, which I particularly liked.

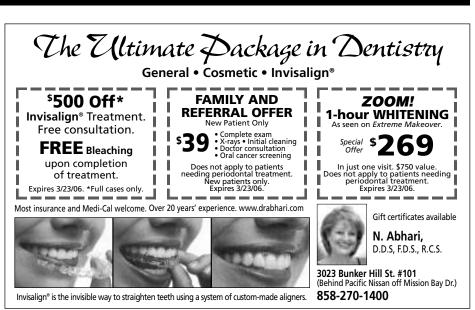
I told Susan that hers was the best Indian food I'd ever eaten in the United States. I said that I knew of only one restaurant in New York that came close to her.

"I was very fortunate," Susan said. "I had the sweetest mother-in-

law in the world. I learned a lot from watching her. During one five-week and one six-week trip to India, I spent a lot of time with her in the kitchen. She was extremely generous with her recipes and with teaching me how they were made. I've collected a lot of cooking books over the years, and some of them have been helpful. There's one cookbook author, Tarla Dalal, who I think is very good. But I don't think good cookbooks are the secret. First of all, my mother taught me to cook. I already knew the basics of cooking. I like to cook. Secondly, I don't think you can really get a good feel for Indian cooking unless

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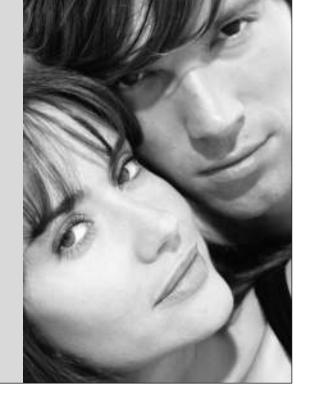
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you go to India and spend time there and see with your own eyes how things are done. Also, it doesn't hurt to have an Indian around the house to make suggestions."

Shabda laughed. "I don't even have to make suggestions anymore. She's become a complete master of Bengali cuisine. She even knows little things, little secrets. In the chicken curry, for example, there's both green and black cardamom. Susan's very careful. She doesn't grind them together. She grinds each separately and then adds them to the curry, little by little, according to her taste. I'm not even quite sure myself how she does it. The Bengali-style potatoes are another example. They're a perfect example of Bengali home-style cooking. You'll never find them in a restaurant. They are exactly like they should be, but Susan does something a little different to them that makes them uniquely hers. And, again, I'm not quite sure what she does

"She's also quite capable of making wonderful, very authentic Western cuisine. If you want, say, a nice Italian lasagna, she will make it for you, and it will be perfect, as authentic as can be."

I asked Susan if cooking had been a way for her to instill in her children an Indian

identity.

"They all love Indian food," she said. "And that's not common anymore in many Indian immigrant families. Many of my friends complained to me, 'My kids won't eat Indian food.' I said, 'You've got to start them off slow. This is how you do it. When they're babies, give them a little bit of watery dal. A little bit of rice. Mash them up together. They'll eat it. You'll see. That's how they'll start to like Indian food.'

"And I also made sure that my children, from a young age, watched Indian videos, Indian movies."

Sharmila and Samir cleared the dishes from

the table. They brought out small metallic bowls filled with yogurt that had been mixed with sweetened condensed milk and evaporated milk and baked in a low oven for, Susan said, at least two hours.

"It's a typical Bengali treat," said Shabda. "And Susan's tastes exactly like the kind you get in Calcutta."

I asked Susan in what ways, cooking aside, did she feel she'd become Indian.

"I think I was most influenced by Indian modesty. They have a great sense of modesty about their person and about their clothing. Or I should say they used to. Now everything's started to change in India. The young girls don't dress so modestly anymore. They wear tight jeans, things like that. I have saris and I

know how to wrap them. And I've still kept that Indian sense of modesty, although it might be an old-fashioned Indian sense of modesty."

I asked if the cultural differences between her and Shabda had caused difficulty in their marriage.

"It's like with cooking," she said. "If you don't love to cook, it's not going to turn out well. You have to have an interest in cooking, a love for cooking, in order for things to turn out. If you don't, it will be a disaster. I love to cook, and God knows, I've made my share of mistakes in the kitchen, which you don't need to know about.

"It's the same with marriage. If you marry someone from another country, an immigrant from another culture,

you have to at least have some interest in that other country and culture. You need to have that interest in order to work through the differences. Before I married Shabda, I knew I already had an interest in India. If I hadn't been interested in India, I'm sure our marriage would have been difficult. I mean, I needed that interest, because there were some things that I was never going to completely understand."

"It's like the way that I knew that I loved America before I came to America," said Roy. "It's like when you fall in love with someone, and then you live with them and learn more about them. And the more you learn about them, the more you see that there are more things about them to love." ■

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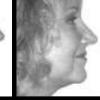


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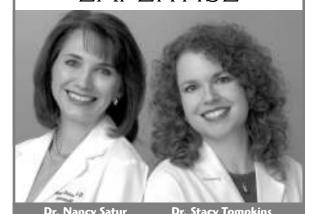
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was four or five. I was a lawn-service guy, and I met this lawyer, I said, 'Hey, I'll cut your grass if you draw up the adoption papers.' I was married then, but I've had several relationships. Married twice, actually. My son's mother was vindictive as hell. She slapped a lawsuit on me as soon as I had a new family."

The details of this situation are hazy, only his bitterness is clear.

She was in a Western state; he was in an Eastern state. "I had to go into court and say my son wasn't mine. Otherwise I would have been hit with \$4000 in arrears. There was nothing I could do about it. I didn't have the money. I had to write my son a letter sayin, 'Sorry, but this is why I did what I did.'

At this point, the man, whose hair falls over his brow as he leans forward on the bar, becomes less comprehensible. He says something about wanting to take a shot at his wife's father. He mentions something about a series of fistfights

with his second wife's boyfriend. "It was seein' him puttin' my kids in his car. I gave her a Mercedes-Benz, just gave it to her. And he traded it in on a Ford...."

He then says something about being accused of child molestation, a recurring theme in the stories of several interviewed divorced fathers. "My wife accused me of sleeping with my tenyear-old daughter. I said, why not, she's my daughter. I had to go out and rent a motel room so I could have some privacy with my daughter. That was two years ago." Some quick math indicates that this does not jibe with the given ages of his

"It was her stepfather that was molesting her." He pounds the bar with his fist. The bartender shoots him a warning look. "My wife says it was okay, she likes the guy that much. But one time he tried to come in the house, and my daughter picked up my shotgun and blew the top half of the door away. Now why would she do that if he wasn't molest-

ing her?" Attempts to draw out details of this sketched story were drowned out by more beer and the jukebox.

"First marriage, first divorce. No fun." Steve is an attorney in his late 30s who is in the middle of the process. He has the exhausted and stunned look characteristic of many of the men. He is casually well-dressed, balding, mustachioed, and in good physical shape but with deep circles under his eyes. He has a tendency to work his jaw as if trying to mouth words that will not come.

"I can't believe it's happening. I have two small children. My son will be four next month, and my daughter is eight months old. My wife and I get along okay.... There never was a fight or a war, anything like that. Not a fight in six years." This seems to mystify him. "She just didn't want to be married anymore. It's deeprooted, psychological problems in my opinion. She may or may not regain her

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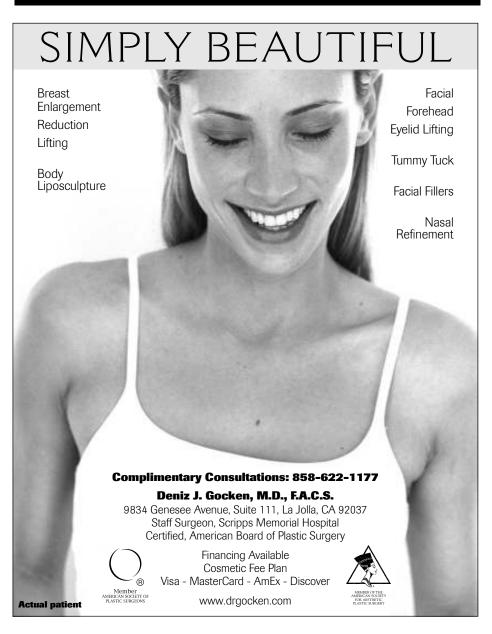
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mental health. There's always hope, but meanwhile, I'm not goin' in the deepfreeze waiting. That's why I have support groups like this."

He gestures around the room to some two dozen people gathered at the weekly meeting of Parents Without Partners at the Elks Lodge on Third Avenue and Nutmeg. Literature is being studied by men and women of various ages seated at a long table. A few men sit by themselves at other tables, some lean against the bar drinking sodas. The women congregate together at two other tables, while on the Elks Lodge stage a band called Dream plays "Hey, Won't You Play Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song." No one is dancing.

"As far as the kids go," Steve is saying, "they're just babies. You see, I have this compulsion; I'm not like most divorced fathers, where, you know, I visit every other week or one night a week. I have unlimited visitation. She likes it that way. In fact, she hasn't lost a husband,

she's gained a babysitter. We're both career people. I'll go over there about five o'clock and relieve the day sitter, and I have them during that crazy time. You have to feed 'em and bathe 'em. There's a lot of food throwing because they didn't take naps that day. You know, the babysitter holds them all day, you can't do that. I'm tired from work, but I do this at least three days a week because if I don't, I feel I run the risk of losing them. Especially the daughter."

Steve takes a deep breath and sips his drink. "The marriage was over before she was born. We had to go through a lot of pretense, and of course we had to go through having a baby this January. When I joined this group, I lied about my daughter's age. I thought for some reason I wouldn't be able to join, so I added a few months, but she's eight months." His words rush out of him, propelled by something volatile.

"With my son it's easier. I take him to the zoo,

the playground, McDonald's. I bring my survival kit: two newspapers and a crossword puzzle. I've started a room for him at my little apartment. It's certainly not like his room at home, which is like Fisher-Price.

"My wife encourages me to participate in the parenting, so we're almost like co-custodians. We don't have joint physical custody, because, well, I'm a lawyer, and I think it's more trouble than it's worth. We're going on trust at this point.

"If Ann finds another man, then I see some custodial hassles. I'm dreading that day because she's very attractive. In fact, she's never looked better." Steve's face falls the way it might if he had just announced his wife had developed a brain tumor.

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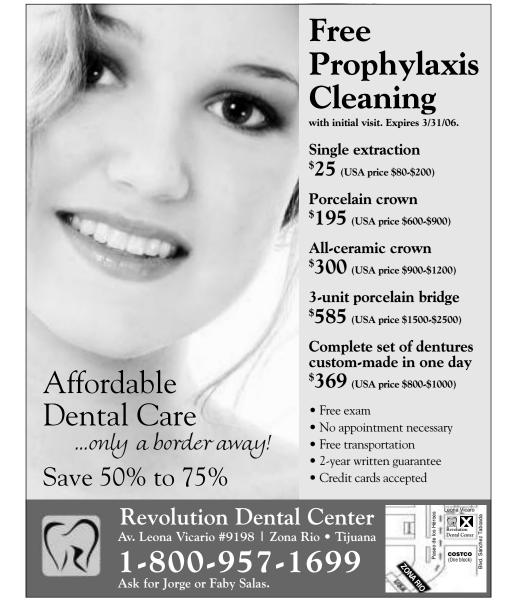
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exist yet? I can't afford to do that...."He pauses. "Yes, I worry about it constantly.

"Ann may well go the way of her mother, who was a single mom from her late 30s on, and bitter, lonely, a man-hater...." He stops. "Maybe you better not use my name, just Steve would be good."

POPCO is an organization that provides advice and support for divorced fathers. Held on the second Thursday of each month, October's meeting was in the Sports Arena Travelodge. A group of more than 30 men and a half-dozen women were milling around the door at seven o'clock or seated in chairs facing a television monitor on which attorney Thomas Huguenor and Dr. Noll Evans discussed the topic of Parental Alienation Syndrome.

In the hallway, conversations included comments like: "She claims I was so insensitive to her needs, I couldn't possibly be sensitive to the children's."

Or: "The father's involvement is a natural complement to feminism, I would think. I don't see the problem." Or: "If this was a women's group, we'd need the Sports Arena."

"That's right, men don't challenge things until their belts are hanging from the highest yardarm." This last statement was made by Rex Edler, a white-haired, cherubic-faced man in a blue suit and striped tie. As the president of POPCO, he called the meeting to order. On either side of him was Huguenor, the attorney, and Evans, the psychologist. A younger man was introduced only as "one of two lawyers with us tonight."

Edler talked about his own experiences, losing his children and his yearlong search for them. Now they are grown, and their relationship is a good one. He then asks everyone in the room to introduce themselves and briefly recount their situation. The atmosphere becomes progressively like that of an AA meeting.

One man is "a refugee

from the East Coast." He is from New Jersey, where he is still required by law to pay child support for his 22-year-old son. He is here to seek legal advice. The man next to him stands. "Hi, my name is John. When I went through my divorce three years ago, my wife took our daughter, and I took our son, because that's the way the kids wanted it. Any time something went wrong, my son said he wanted to go to his mom. I didn't resist the idea, he was 14, so I agreed temporarily, and then I immediately got slapped with a change of custody order...."

"Hi, my name is Wayne. I've gone through three attorneys and \$6000 I didn't have, and I still can't see my

"Hi, my name is Scott, and I'm a recovering pain in the ass." Much laughter.

"My name is Tom. I'm a pain in the ass, not recovering, and proud of it." More laughter.

A handful of men are with their girlfriends or new

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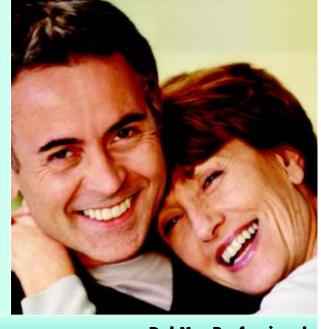
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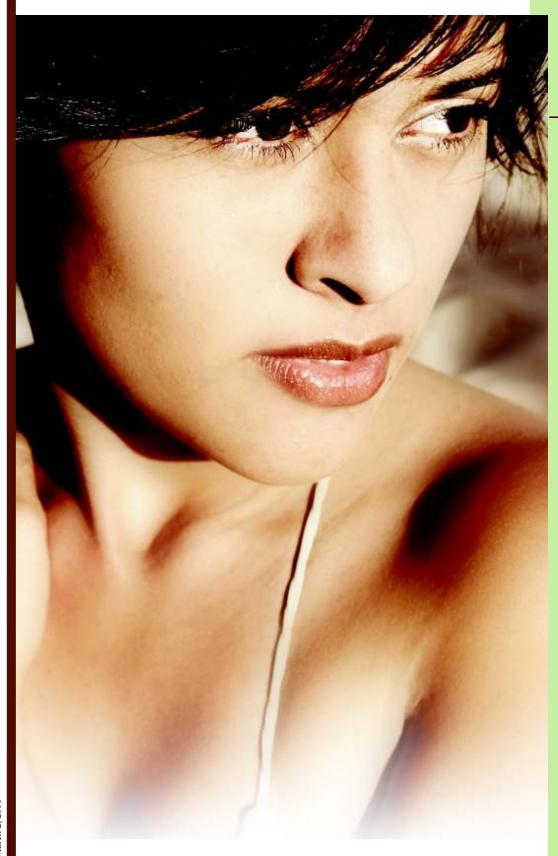
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ANOTHER MAN PLAYS DADDY TO HIS BABIES

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wives. They confirm or elaborate on their companions' story. A man who appears to be the portrait of clinical depression becomes redfaced when he announces he's been accused of molesting his daughter. He stammers, "Two counselors have already ruled this out after interviews with me, my wife, and my kids. Now the court has ordered another evaluation of all three of us. I'm paying for all of this. It's ruining my children. It's ruining me." He burst into borderline hysteria when the two "pains in the asses" introduced themselves. His laughter went on for several moments longer than anyone else in the room.

Introductions around the room take most of an hour, and then Dr. Noll Evans, the authority on Parental Alienation Syndrome, is introduced. He tells a joke about Adam and Eve, then begins to describe P.A.S.

Speaking with Evans over lunch near his home and practice in University Heights, he talks about the phenomenon that overtakes many men who experience a debilitating depression after dropping their children off on Sunday afternoon.

"It has a lot to do with the misunderstanding of men, that we are not supposed to feel our connections, our loss." Evans is 40ish with a shock of greywhite hair and beard. His eyes are sympathetic, intelligent, and observant. He appears both authoritative and benevolent.

"We get passionately involved with fast cars, the buck, conquests. We are perceived as task-oriented, rather cold. Women traditionally are the caretakers of the relationships. The idea that men can experience emotional pain comparable to what a woman can feel is still something most people don't appreciate. We are raised to keep that quiet. Martin Greenberg, a friend of mine and

an author on the subject of fatherhood, coined the phrase 'engrossment' about a father's response to his child in the first year. That was an okay term. Mothers have a euphoric sense of 'attachment,' you see. I don't care what the hell you call it, it's similar. Very similar.

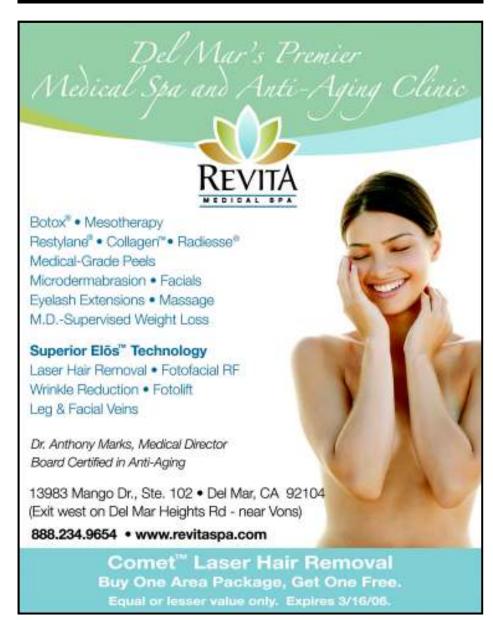
"The legal aspects of divorce are generally not in the best interests of the children. An expression of that is the enraged woman who attempts to allege child abuse in one form or another, to effectively exclude the child's life from the father totally. Victim's Rage Syndrome.

"I've been on the staff of POPCO—which doesn't stand for anything really, the letters, I mean. It's been around for ten years and takes a moderate position on working with divorced fathers. We're very much for joint physical custody. My particular interest has been in reaction to the frequency with which women allege sexual molestation during custody cases, wondering why that is, and who is going to advocate for the father if





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he is indeed innocent. Up in Los Angeles, the Joint Custody Association tracked the number of proven cases of sexual molestation in 1988. Less than three percent of the allegations were found to be true.

"Most people working within the system are well aware of the fact that these allegations are often unfounded. But the child abuse laws are simply respecting the element of unsurety. The question that arises is, what is the mother doing during this time to influence the child against the father? She is covertly or overtly conditioning the child to believe the father has done harm to that child."

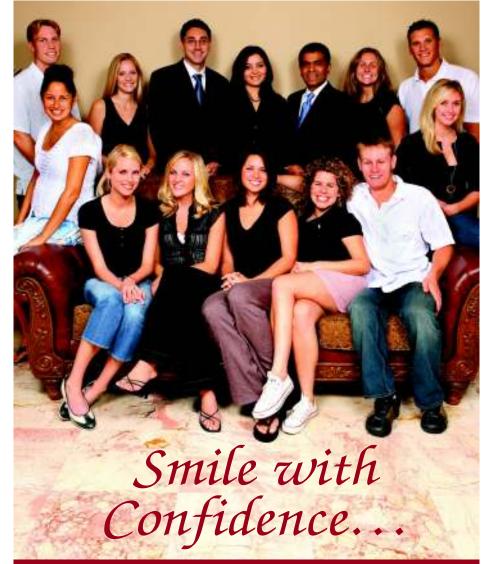
Here, Evans draws a diagram, a triangle with "child" written at the top, "mother" and "father" forming the remaining corners. With divorce, the bottom line has been removed, leaving the child upheld by two legs with no relation to each other. With Parental Alienation Syndrome, one parent tries to undermine the opposite leg. The result

being, at best, instability.

"A father calls the house. the mother replies cynically, 'Oh, it's your father, he wants to take his little princess to the ball game. That is a subtle example. The child senses it is wrong for her to be in daddy's company. Or forcing the father to pick up the child at the curb. What kind of message does that send to the child? It can be mother insisting that the child is over the ten-minute limit on phone calls to daddy, something as simple as that. It implies that contact with dad is undesirable, possibly dangerous.

"Another example, a case I had where a child would visit her father for the weekend, and every time, the mother became so depressed she took to bed for upwards of three days. She did everything she could to persuade her daughter that there were more enjoyable things to do in the house on weekends than spend time with dad. This little girl paid, psychologically, for visiting dad up until the age of nine or ten, when she decided she would not visit him anymore — made up some reasons. She did not want to hurt Dad, so she never told him the truth. Dad, of course, feels rejected and abandoned and did not want to push her. His relationship with her came down to letters and gifts at Christmas. What was that little girl doing? Meeting mother's needs. Losing a father in the process. There are many examples. Parental Alienation Syndrome is a book by Dr. Richard Gardner, and that's what I've become involved with primarily.

"With very few exceptions, there is no men's movement. Betty Friedan, of all people, said in this book — which feminists don't like to read — called The Second Stage that what is necessary is an integration of male and female consciousness, but that men's consciousness has to focus on themselves, to figure out what they were all about as women had done. Women could look at male institutions, at male-dominated



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culture and begin to change. We probably have to look more within ourselves, at our own violence, at our own tendencies toward destruction — in the family and on a national scale — to figure out what we're all about. There is an organization called NOW, but there's nothing like a NOM."

Considering there is almost no one who can know what he is getting into as a father when divorce seems imminent, what would his advice be to those walking that path?

"To a single father I would say, don't let your lifelong thinking, that a mother is a superior parent, dictate your behavior. What I would say to mothers is, if a bond is established, even with a man you don't really approve of, don't obstruct that relationship. If he's not obviously dangerous to his child in some really flagrant way, encourage the relationship."

Robert finishes his gyros at Seaport Village and washes it down with a Diet Pepsi. "I feel like such a failure as a father sometimes. Should I have fought to hold the marriage together? Was it cowardice? My parents stayed together for the sake of us kids, but I remember wishing they would divorce. They never did. Was that right?"

His son comes running to the table. The seven-year-old's mouth is smeared with red dye from his last soft drink. His hair is sandy-blond, his T-shirt (bearing the words "Born to Annoy") is sticky with chocolate ice cream. "Crusty Asians!" he seems to be shouting, "Crusty Asians!"

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His father pokes him in the belly button. "Very good. Very good. Crusty Asians. Crustaceans. Right." Walking back to the table, he says, "On the other hand, I think," he points to his son, who is frowning, studying the rocks at the shoreline, "is that failure?"

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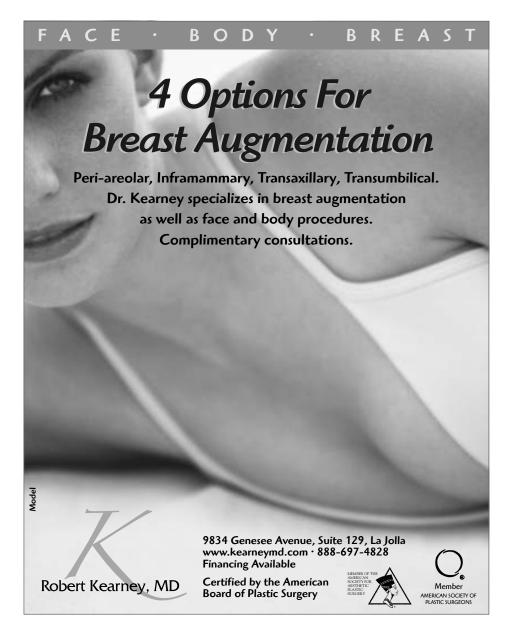
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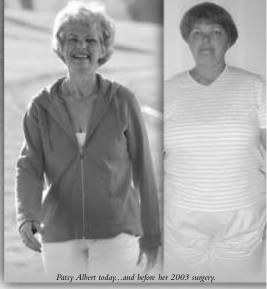


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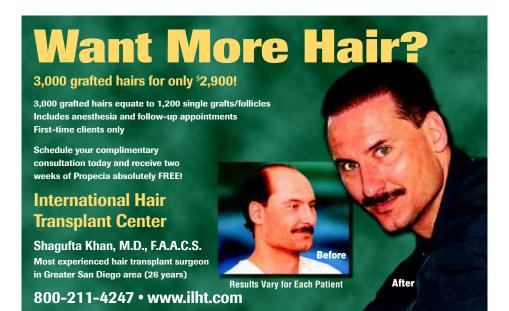
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The Cupeños are one of the smallest distinct Indian groups in California. The population in 1795 was between 500 and 750 persons. At the time of their eviction, there were only about 150 Cupeños living at Warner Springs and about 51 in other settlements on the ranch.

The Cupeños spoke a separate language of Uto-Aztecan stock belonging to the Takic branch. While having more words in common with Cahuilla than with Luiseño-Juaneño, the language is not a dialect of either of

Mythology and religion were similar to the Cahuilla. Brother creator gods Tumayowitt ("earth") and Mukat led Cahuillas and Cupeños down from the north. The Cupeños settled at the hot springs (Agua Caliente), where a green water plant they had with them made the water boil. After making the imperfect first people, Tumayowitt descended into the earth. The people Mukat made were better formed, but they distrusted their creator because he had brought death into the world. To get rid of him, Mukat's remains were cremated, but Coyote stole his heart. Blood dripping from the heart as Coyote ran northward formed the gold in San Diego's hills.

Enemy clans annihilated the Cupeños except for Hoboyak, who had a Diegueño mother. Hoboyak possessed a magical bearskin, which became a real bear whenever he desired. Hoboyak returned to Cupa where, with the aid of his bearskin, he killed the destroyers of his people. He married two Luiseño girls and became the father of all succeeding Cupeños.

Cupeños were under the jurisdiction of Mission San Diego and Mission San Luis Rey and under the control of the asistencias (satellite branches) of Mission Santa Ysabel, ten miles south, and of Mission San Antonio de Pala, 30 miles west. Under Spanish and Mexican law, Mission Indians were citizens who had possessory right to the land they inhabited. Mission Fathers taught the Indians to herd cattle, sheep, and goats and to grow crops. After secularization of the missions in 1834, Cupeño

three Indian agents for California and authorized President Millard Fillmore to make treaties with the California tribes.

Congress appointed

servitude to the Fathers was replaced by servitude to Mexican and American "overlords."

In 1836, acting Governor Nicolás Gutierrez granted Silvestre de la Portilla title to the Valley of San José. Portilla intended to use the land for grazing cattle, horses, and mules. On June 8, 1840, Governor Juan Bautista Alvarado gave José Antonio Pico ownership of the northern half of the valley, which became known as the Rancho San José del Valle. This land was considered to be part of Mission San Luis Rey. The grant stated Pico was not to molest ("prejudicor") the Indians established there. Four years later, after securing a release from Mission San Diego, Governor Manuel Micheltorena gave six square leagues

(about 18 square miles) of the Valley of San José to Juan José Warner, a Connecticut Yankee born Jonathan Trumbull Warner. At that time, the land was unoccupied except by Indians.

On May 21, 1845, the California assembly approved the grant. This grant did not include the prejudicor contained in the 1840 grant to Pico. In 1846, Governor Pio Pico gave Warner four square leagues of lands bordering Rancho San José del Valle on the west and consisting of hills and canyons.

While all this land was being granted, the Cupeños remained in possession of the springs.

On September 20, 1850, Congress appointed three Indian agents for California and authorized President Millard Fillmore to make treaties with the California tribes. In a related move in 1851, Congress passed an act to settle land claims of former Mexican citizens in California. The act was meant to comply with provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (signed February 2, 1848). Property of former Mexican citizens in the ceded territory would be protected. Unclaimed or improperly claimed property would become the property of the U.S. government.

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In 1852, Warner filed a claim with the governmentappointed land commission for the entire Valley of San José.

In 1850, the chief of the Cupeños, Juan Antonio Garra, who had been educated at Mission San Luis Rey, attempted to organize a revolt of Southern California Indians. Garra was incensed by the attempt of the sheriff of San Diego County, Agoston Haraszthy, to collect taxes on Indian cattle. Though state and local officials had refused to recognize Indians as citizens, they still expected them to pay taxes.

Beginning on November 21, 1851, the Indians burned Warner's buildings; stole his cattle, horses, and sheep; and killed nine Americans. The revolt was soon put down. Cupa was burned, and the leaders of the insurrection were executed. After this hostile incident, Warner left his ranch to the supervision of his servants.

Even though Warner had informed Lieutenant-Colonel Philip St. George Cooke, commander of the "Mormon Battalion," that he wanted to remove the Indians from the valley, Warner made no attempt to do so. He needed the Indians to run his ranch. Captain A.R. Johnson, U.S. Army, who was killed at the Battle of San Pasqual, wrote that Warner hired the Indians individually, rather than as a group, and paid them with "three dollars per month and repeated floggings."

On January 6, 1852, U.S. Commissioner O.M. Wozencraft, U.S. Army Lieutenant Hamilton, and ranch owner Juan José Warner, while meeting at Santa Ysabel, made a treaty with the Digueños, which gave them a territory bounded on the north by the Cahuilla and Luiseño grant, on the east by the desert, on the south by the border with Mexico, and on the west by a line running north from the border to San Felipe and then northwest to the Valley of San José. The Cupeños were excluded from the treaty negotiation. That Warner was not looking out for the welfare of the Cupeños is evident by an addendum to the treaty, which set aside for Warner one square league of Cupa for the purpose of improving the hot springs.

In late 1854, the U.S. District Court of Claims confirmed Governor Alvarado's 1840 grant and Governor Micheltorena's 1844 grant of the Valley of San José to Warner, or both the northern and southern

portions. If the Cupeños had presented a claim to the land commission of 1851, they might have been able to prove ownership of their ancestral lands. They did not do so, did not even know such a commission existed, and as a result lost claim to land their people had occupied long before their first contact with white men in

In early 1857, the U.S. District Court for Southern California confirmed Portilla's 1834 grant as it applied to the southern half of the valley, and in 1863 the U.S. Supreme Court approved their decision. Portilla's portion, which became known as Rancho Valle de San José, consisted of 17,634 acres, and Warner's northern portion, known as Rancho San José del Valle, consisted of 26,689 acres.

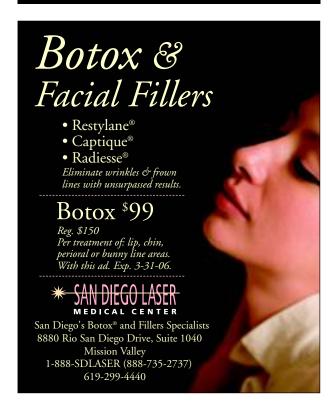
Warner's section passed to Henry Hancock in 1856 and Portilla's portion to Cinventa Sepulveda de Carillo in 1858. In mid-September of that year, John Butterfield opened the Great Overland Mail Route from Tipton, Missouri, to San Francisco, California, with stagecoach stations at Carrizo Springs, Vallecito, San Felipe Valley, and Warner's Ranch in San Diego County.

In 1878, the north and south portions passed into the hands of Louis Phillips and John G. Downey, former governor of California. Two years later, Downey acquired all the property,

and by August of 1880, he had decided to give up sheep and stock raising, remove the Indians, and sell the ranch.

In 1888, the Indians still occupied the springs. They used the water to irrigate about 200 acres, do their laundry, prepare food, and soften fibers. The

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practically self-supporting.

President Ulysses S. Grant, on December 27, 1875, set aside about 1120 acres of the Indian settlement at Agua Caliente as a reservation. Four years later, after the Warner and Portilla grants were patented, President Rutherford B. Hayes rescinded Grant's order. The Indians were now at the mercy of their "overlords."

On August 11, 1892, ex-Governor John G. Downey filed a complaint in the Superior Court of San Diego County (Downey vs. Barker) seeking to oust the Indians from land near the hot springs. Downey hired U.S. Senator White to appear as his counsel, and the U.S. Government engaged Shirley C. Ward of Los Angeles to look after the interests of the Indians. Judge George Puterbaugh took evidence from plaintiffs and defendants in July 1893, but he either delayed or was delayed from announcing a decision.

After ex-Governor Downey's death in 1894, his heir and part-owner of the ranch, J. Downey Harvey, revived the complaint against Barker and later filed a second complaint (Harvey vs. Quevas), seeking to oust the Indians from the southern half of the ranch. On November 5, 1895, Judge Puterbaugh authorized transfer of the two suits to Judge W.L. Pierce. A year later, depositions were taken from the Indians at Warner's Ranch.

On December 29, 1896, Judge Pierce decided the Harvey vs. Barker and Harvey vs. Quevas suits in favor of Harvey and the Merchant's Exchange Bank of San Francisco, which held an interest in the property. Judge Pierce ruled that the ancestors of the defendant Indians were not Mission or Pueblo Indians and that a U.S. patent of ownership was conclusive against the Indian claim of possessory

The counsel for the Indians filed an appeal for a new trial in January 1897, which was denied by Judge E.S. Torrance in May of that year. In June, J. Downey Harvey, Henry T. Gage, Don Cunningham, C.W. Gates, D. Desmond, and Walter L. Vail, holders of interests in Warner's Ranch, filed an affidavit with the Superior Court stating the hot springs were worth \$100,000 and would be worth still more if the Indians were not located there.

With the aid of funds from the Indian Rights Association of Washington D.C. and the Women's National Indian Association with headquarters in Philadelphia, the Indians appealed Judge Torrance's denial to the California Supreme Court.

On October 4, 1899, the California Supreme Court affirmed Judge Torrance's order denying a

new trial and ruled that the land was vacant at the time it was granted to Warner and Portilla. The Indians, as wards of the U.S. Government, did not have possessory rights, and accordingly, their treatment or lack of treatment was a government responsibility.

In October, the Attorney General of the United States directed the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the Supreme Court of California in the Warner Ranch case. Attorney D.W. Withington of San Diego, who argued for the owners before the U.S. Supreme Court in March of 1901, maintained that the Indians at Warner's Springs were not Mission Indians but Cahuillas from the desert who had driven away the prior Indian occupants. If this statement had been true, the invading Indians would not have the continuous right of occupancy recognized by Spanish and Mexican law. The statement was, however, a bald-faced

On May 13, 1901, the U.S. Supreme Court added to the California court's opinions: The Indians were subject to the political authority of Congress, which, by its inaction, had in effect denied their legal claim to the land. The Mission of San Diego had the only adverse claim by reason of its prior ownership. The Supreme Court confirmed the finding of the lower courts that a U.S. government patent conferred absolute ownership.



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J. Downey Harvey could now legally remove the Indians from the valley. There were five settlements: Agua Caliente, Puerta de la Cruz, San José, Puerta Ignoria, and Mataguay, with a total of about 215 Indians living in them, the largest number (128) at the hot springs. They occupied 900 acres, while the ranch consisted of 42,000 acres. Indian improvements to their rancherias, consisting of homes, chapel, schoolhouse,

and irrigated and cultivated fields and orchards, were worth at least \$10,000. But the springs had the potential of becoming a flourishing health spa, which could make their owners rich, and this was what Har-

vey and his backers were after.

Harvey agreed to withhold enforcing his decree against the Indians until the U.S. Congress, then in session, enacted steps for their relief. For this forbearance, "Friends of the Indians" had to pay him \$2700. Inspired by Harvey's success, the corporation owning the San Felipe Ranch, 15 miles east of Warner's Ranch, filed for the removal of between 30 and 40 Indians living there.

In June 1901, Charles Lummis formed the Sequoya League to look after the interests of the Warner Ranch Indians and to promote the cause of Indians in the Southwest. The society was named for the Cherokee Indian who invented the Cherokee alphabet. The motto of the league was "to make better Indians and better-treated ones." The league requested the U.S. Government appoint a commission to recommend changes in the status of Indian tenures in Southern California.

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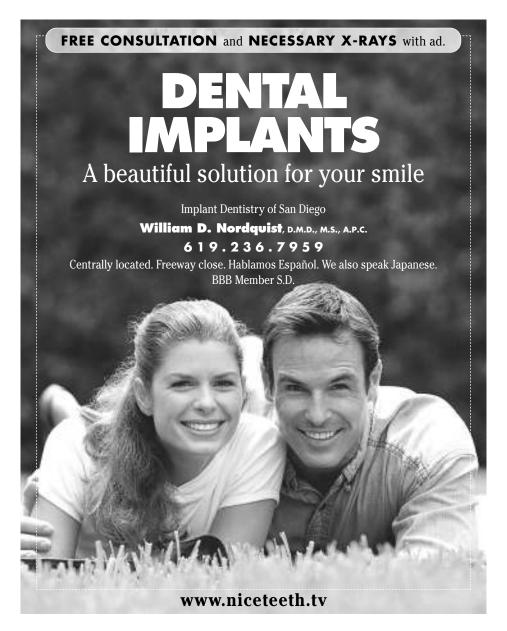
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Harvey offered to sell 30,000 acres of Warner's Ranch to the government as a home for the Cupeños for \$245,000, but Indian Inspector James McLaughlin recommended the government purchase 2370 acres of Monserrate Ranch for \$70,000. Congress appropriated this sum plus another \$30,000 for the shelter and sustenance of the Indians.

The Sequoya League protested the selection of Monserrate Ranch because of its small supply of water. This compelled Congress to authorize the secretary of the Interior to appoint a commission to aid in the selection of a tract of land for the displaced Warner's Ranch Indians.

On May 28, 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Charles Lummis, Charles Partridge, and R.C. Alien to select a location where the Cupeños could be sent. The commission took along Warner's Ranch Indians Salvador Nolasquez and Ambrosio Ortega on its tour of inspection.

During a meeting with

the Warner's Springs Indians in March 1902, Chief Cecilio Blacktooth was asked where he would like to go. His reply, given in Cupeño, was translated by Mrs. Celsa Apapas:

You ask us to think what place we like next best to this place where we always live. You see that graveyard out there? There are our fathers and our grandfathers. You see the Eaglenest mountain and that Rabbit-hole mountain? When God made them he gave us this place. We have always been here. We do not care for any other place. It may be good but is not ours. There is no other place for us. We do not want you to buy us any other place. If you do not buy this place, we will go into the mountains like quail and die there, the old people and the women and the children. Let the government be glad and proud. It can kill us. We do not fight. We do what it says. If we cannot live here, we want to

go into those mountains and die. We do not want any other home.

After an investigation of 106 ranches — involving 7049 miles of travel by wagon, 6823 by rail, and no small amount of walking — the commission recommended the government purchase 3438 acres adjacent to Pala, about 30 miles southwest of Warner Springs and within the San Luis Rey watershed, for \$46,230. Some 2000 of the acres were arable and 700 irrigable, as compared to the 200 acres that were arable and 150 irrigable at Warner Springs. The commission also recommended the government add about 5000 acres of contiguous rocky and hilly public land to the Pala Reservation.

Charles Lummis was not applauded for his efforts. The Cupeños, including the two representatives on the commission, did not want to move to Pala. They looked askance at the flamboyant clothes Lummis wore and resented his haughty man-

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ner. At one point Lummis told the Indians their homes would be torn down and they would be shot if they resisted the move. Lummis later denied he had said this.

Former Chief Cecilio Blacktooth advised his people to take refuge with tribes in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties or to flee to the mountains. He said the Indians would resist the move with knives and would return to the springs after they had been moved. Blacktooth was not a docile Indian; he was mad and he meant business.

The Indians refused to move if Charles Lummis or Lucius A. Wright, the Mission Indian agent, were about. To avoid trouble, the department of the interior sent Inspector James E. Jenkins to superintend the

removal. Wisely, Lummis went home and Wright went to Pala to get things ready.

Early in May 1903, Cupeño chief Juan Maria C.D. Mooat, Ambrosio Ortega, and Salvador Nolasquez went to San Bernardino to beg President Theodore Roosevelt, then on a cross-country tour of the West, to rescind the order to move them. The crowd around the presidential carriage jostled the Cupeño delegation away from the president.

The night before 100 armed and deputized teamsters arrived to remove them, the Indians held a religious ceremony and pronounced a curse on the owners of Warner's Ranch.

At 7 o'clock on the morning of May 12, the first of 42 wagons carrying 98 Indians and their belongings left Agua Caliente on the 50-mile march to Pala. The last wagon left at about 10 o'clock. Before they departed, many of the Indians visited their little adobe chapel and burying ground. Grant Wallace, reporter for the San Francisco Bulletin, observed an Indian woman throwing school books into a bonfire. In reply to his question she said the Indians now hated the white people, their religion, and their books.

The Indians had finally consented to the move after John Brown of San Bernardino, the attorney they had hired to speak for them, told them resistance would be useless.

About 25 families went ahead of the wagon train in their own wagons. (Inspector Jenkins later said that the move was more in the nature of an excursion than an eviction.) Some of the younger Indians drove along a small herd of ponies and cattle, and the older Indians carried concealed rifles. Through tact and firmness,

Jenkins managed to control both the Indians and the teamsters, who were prejudiced enough to provoke the Indians to use their rifles. A baby boy born on the march was baptized James Edwards Apapas in honor of the inspector. Bearfoot, a very old Indian woman, escaped from the wagon train at one of the stops and took to the mountains. Her friends reported she had been taken to the asistencia at Pala when she was a little girl and had been mistreated there.

The wagons camped the first night at Oak Grove, 15 miles from the springs, and the second at Pauba, a ranch 40 miles from the springs and 12 miles from Pala. Here, Inspector Jenkins authorized the purchase of a beef. The ranch cowboys roped a steer, which the Indians dressed and broiled. The children were cautioned not to accept candy from white people as it might be poisoned, but being children they took the candy anyway. On the morning of May 14, the caravan arrived at Pala, where they were met by almost as many newspapermen as Indians.

About 100 Indians who did not make the move came on their own a few days later. Some were from the other San José villages and from Puerta de la Cruz. In the beginning of September, the government transported 35 Indians to Pala from the San Felipe reservation.

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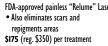
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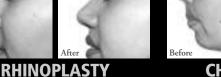




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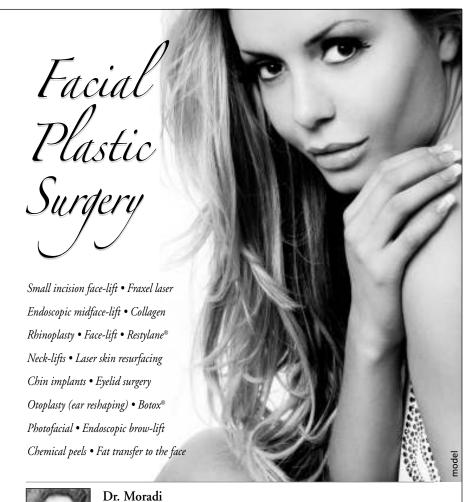
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front of the old mission. Agent Wright put them to work building houses, cutting hay, and digging irrigation ditches, for which they were paid \$1.50 a day. When the government announced there would be a cut in the quantity of supplies furnished single men, between 50 and 60 Indians went on strike until the order was canceled.

In an article in Out West, June 1903, Lummis wrote:

> The Warner's Ranch episode is closed. It was a tragedy; but that could not be helped after the Supreme Court acted. The one comfort about it is that for the first time in our history, the Indians got more land and better land than that from which they were ousted.

The U.S. Government paid the Mission Indians of Southern California \$150 each in 1950 and \$668.51 each in 1973 for lands they were granted but did not receive in the treaties of 1851-52 and for other lands that were taken away from them without benefit of treaties. It may seem to some that the Cupeños, by accepting payment for their ancestral land, had relinquished their claims to lands now occupied by others. But this is by no means certain, as the Bureau of Indian Affairs was the defendant in the Indian claim case and also determined the amount of the final settlement. In so doing, the bureau may have corrupted the judicial process.

The 1901 U.S. Supreme Court ruling denying the Indian claim of ownership of Warner Springs violated provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of 1848, which recognized Mission Indians as Mexican citizens with legal rights to land. Since both the Spanish and Mexican governments held the Indians' rights to communal lands to be "inviolable," the U.S. Supreme Court was legally bound to respect Indian property rights in lands ceded to the United States by Mexico.

The removal of Cupeños

from Warner Springs has had a lasting impact. Indians could now cite a precedent for getting lands in exchange for lands they occupied that would be equal to or better than the lands they were giving up; they could register their opinion on the lands they were to be given; and they had acquired the assurance of the U.S. Government that the lands would be processed through escrow and protected by the federal government from seizure or forfeiture.

The Cupeños, along with other California Indians, became U.S. citizens in 1924. As such, they are now allowed to hire their own attorneys to represent them in cases against the government and private interests. The Cupeños may be waiting for another Hoboyak to lead them back to the hot springs they created with their green water plant. Until he appears, they can resort to the courts to obtain redress of their ancient wrongs. ■

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try to go online as much as possible. I'll log on [to internetchessclub.com] for a few minutes just to check in — lots of times it has live games from tournaments being played in other countries," says local chess champion Elliott Liu. "It's important for me to see what the hot new lines are that the

LOCAL EVENTS strongest people are playing." At 16, Liu will be the youngest competitor at the U.S. Chess

Championship, a 12-day festival beginning March 1 at the NTC Promenade.

"To make chess understandable to my friends, I like to say, 'It's basically like a game of life,'" says Liu. "It's like playing football — you watch a game on film, study it, and prepare a strategy. It's play-calling, basically, and you're just moving your players. I love sports, and in the future I would definitely consider taking my chess skills into the sports realm." Liu is on the basketball and football teams at Bishop's, the college preparatory school he attends in La Jolla.

"Everyone else had to qualify in other national tournaments [for the U.S. Chess Championship]. I'm just lucky and so thankful to even be in this thing. It's extremely hard to get into — my teacher didn't even get into it." Liu won his position at the championship by participating in an online qualification tournament created for junior players. "The best juniors in the country were invited to play. The first weekend we all played each other twice in very fast, three-minute games. Whoever finished in first and second place after those games would move on to the next weekend."

Liu insists that winning the first weekend had as much to do with chance as it had to do with skill. "It's just whoever makes the least mistakes. You really don't have to play a beautiful game. It's whoever survives in the end — moves fast enough and with enough accuracy — because all kids have an eye for various shots that will completely kill you." The following weekend Liu won his position at the U.S. Championship and a guaranteed award of \$2200.

Liu began playing chess at age 5, competed in his first national championship the same year, and began to play in adult tournaments when he turned 9. Liu believes his "perfect memory" is the primary reason for his skill. Born in Boston, Liu has lived in Encinitas for the past 11 years. His father, Ken, came to the United States at age 15 after living in various Asian countries, including Taiwan and Laos. When he was 5, Liu's mother, a third-generation Hungarian, bought him a book about chess.

"Something freaky happened." Liu says. "She came home one day and I had memorized a lot of the games in the book and played [each game] back for [my parents]. Here's this five-year-old who doesn't know 'two plus two' yet, playing these games." It was at this point that Liu's parents enlisted the help of a professional chess teacher.

Liu has frequently been compared to chess legend Bobby Fischer. "He also had a very good memory and started at a young age," Liu says of Fischer. "Obviously, he's a special case. That's all he did, was play chess. Back then juniors were a lot weaker — chess was an adult sport. Now it's becoming so much more popular; kids are getting younger and stronger. I go to a very challenging school. I love sports and have lots of commitments. People say if I dedicated myself just as much as he did, then sure. But I don't want to."

Liu is not the only young chess cham-



pion who prefers to lead a balanced life. Tatev Abrahamyan, 18, is also slated to compete in this championship. Abrahamyan is originally from Armenia and currently resides in Los Angeles. "I do everything every regular teenager likes to do," she says. "I go to school and I work and I have chess. With my friends, I'll go out to eat, go to the movies, or [we go] to each other's houses."

Dmitry Schneider, 21, attends the University of Texas on a full chess scholarship and qualified for the U.S. Chess Championship by winning a spot offered through a tournament in Las Vegas. "I used to play tennis for my high school team, and now I play basketball for fun," says Schneider, who began playing chess at age 7. "I did my pro stint already. The Stanford Fellowship is only given once a year. I received \$32,000 for two years to do tournaments and train. I went to Europe and South America and played chess. I loved traveling and considered [chess as a profession], but the money is nonexistent. A lot more money can

be made from teaching." Schneider already has his own company, BGS Chess, which he formed with friends to teach chess to young children.

Liu says, "Everyone asks me, 'Do you want to do this for the rest of your life?' I always tell them: Chess to me, even though I'm good at it and have been winning money, is just a serious hobby...Chess is the hardest work for the least reward. I want to play it all my life as a casual passion."

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BAJA

"Line Watch," photography exhibit by Laetitia Tur opens with reception, Friday, March 3, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. Through March. (TIJUANA)

"Barney and Friends" take stage at 4 and 6 p.m. on Friday, March 3, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Carmina Burana" performed by Baja California Dance Company on Saturday, March 4, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636.

Lupillo Rivera and Julio Preciado

in concert, Saturday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Estadio Calimax. Tickets: \$22 U.S. 011-52-664-621-3779, (TUUANA)

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series continues with concert by Borromeo String Quartet, Thursday, March 9, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets:

OUTDOORS

619-239-0100, (TUUANA)

March Is the Proverbial Windy Month here in San Diego, as in most places. From midday to late afternoon, sun-warmed air expands and rises over the county's interior, drawing in an influx of cool air from the coast to replace it. These afternoon sea breezes will continue at peak strength until well into the summer, providing dependable conditions for such sports as sailing, kite flying, and hang-gliding.

Mexican Coral Trees, or "naked corals," are showing their stuff this season by bearing and baring scarlet, flamelike flowers on the tips of their twisting, leafless branches. Commonly planted as park and freeway landscaping, this and other species of coral are blooming

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along Route 94, Interstate 5, along Harbor Drive near the airport, at the San Diego Zoo, on the lawns in front of San Diego City College downtown, and on the San Diego State University campus. The bloom may continue into late spring, when the naked corals will cover themselves with eight-inchlong leaves, just in time to provide shade for the warm months.

Ornamental Peach Trees, with radiant white and pink blossoms, are lighting up the manicured landscape around Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. These and other "stone fruit" trees, with and without edible fruits, belong to the genus Prunus. Several

native Prunus species contribute to San Diego County's natural vegetation as well - among them, hollyleaf cherry, choke cherry, desert almond, and desert apricot. The desert apricot, now blooming on the rocky hillsides of the Anza-Borrego Desert, attracts swarms of bees with its sweet-smelling nectar.

The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park flowers best this month, beginning with low-elevation, warm areas like Borrego Valley, the Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S-2 in the south end of the park. Among the many annually appearing wildflowers you'll find in the low-lying areas are desert sunflower, dune primrose, lupine, desert chicory, sand verbena, and desert lily. On slightly higher ground and up along the hillsides, you'll spot blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. Starting in midmonth, several varieties of cactus should begin their blooming cycle. This winter's subpar rainfall (so far) may lead to a wildflower season best described as fair to poor. For weekly updates about the desert bloom, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's special hotline, 760-767-4684, for a recorded message

Bird in Guajome Regional Park when Audubon Society birders visit the 500-acre space Saturday, March 4, 8 a.m.-noon, Park boasts a 25-acre lake, marshland, and some interesting trails, along with water in creek.

Meet in first parking area after

entering park on Guajome Lake Road, about seven miles east of I-5 via Highway 76. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring lunch if you wish. Parking fee: \$2. 619-280-7710. (OCEANSIDE)

Clean Up! Learn differences between native plants and weeds, help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, March 4, 8-10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473, (OCEANSIDE)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m., at Indianhead Canvon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Supplies provided. 760-944-9202. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, March 4, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

A Cemetery, Craftsman Homes, Kate Sessions' Nursery — find out what these spots have in common during Urban Safari led by Patty Fares through Mission Hills, Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (MISSION HILLS)

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Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including March 5, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. 619-447-8123. UULANN

Putting the Neighbor Back in the 'Hood, bring a broom, dustpan, gloves to help Hillcrest Clean TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) keep community clean. Clean-up events planned on first and third Sunday of each month, including March 5. Gather at 10 a.m. at Hillcrest sign (at Fifth Avenue and University Avenue). Free. Requested reservations: 619-261-5617. (HILLCREST)

Old Mission Dam Guided Nature Stroll designed for those with limited mobility and others, Tuesday, March 7, 10 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park, Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Focus on history of dam, park ecology, interaction of local plants, animals, the elements. Wheelchair friendly. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

DANCE

Bellydance Showcase featuring Shimmy Sisters and music by Damaru, Thursday, March 2, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845.

"Journeys," Butterworth Dance Company performs March 3–5 at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Original works created and choreographed by Traves Butterworth, as well as pieces by Tracy Yates. Performances at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$20 general. 619-544-1000 or 619-501-5037. (DOWNTOWN)

"Balanchine and More," City Ballet of San Diego performs March 3 and 4 at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Program includes *Apollo, Rubies* (from the ballet *Jewels*), and *Enigma*.

Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$31, \$42. 858-272-8663.

Champion Fiddler and Banjo Player Dan Levenson and the Hippie-Billies make music, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Friday, March 3, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Bellydance Shows offered every Friday and Saturday, 7:15 and 8:30 p.m., at Chandni Palace (3809 Plaza Drive). Reservations, fees: 760-732-3297. (OCEANSIDE)

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Hey, Jitterbugs! CafeSavoy Dance Productions hosts jitterbug, Lindy swing dance party, Friday, March 3, at Kava Gallery (2804 Kettner Boulevard). Jitterbug/Lindy lessons at 9 p.m. Live music by Beston Barnett and Speakeasy Quartet, 9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. All ages. \$12 general. 858-395-6060. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by California Ballet Company, March 4 and 5, at San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue). Dance follows fortunes and misfortunes of group of "mortals and immortals." Curtain rises at p.m. on Saturday; 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$38–\$78 for adults, \$22–\$78 for children. 858-560-6741. (DOWNTOWN)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, March 4, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30–10 p.m. Lesson: 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including March 4, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7.760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

Tea Dance and lesson, Sunday, March 5, at Cheek 2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Rhumba lesson at 2 p.m., general dancing 2:30–4 p.m. DJ is Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Meditation in Motion, Sufi dancing led by Toni Michael, Monday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). Live music. \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

FILM

Films By, For, and About Women showcased when Lunafest screens Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom. Documentaries, animated shorts, dance narratives on range of "women's topics." \$10 general. 714-501-2660. (LA JOLLA)

Lunafest shifts to CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road) for screenings on Thursday, March 9, 2:30–5:30 p.m., in Arts 240; and to Clarke Field House on Friday, March 10, 6 p.m. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Stealing Heaven," a romance based on true story of Abelard and Heloise set in medieval Paris screens Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. Discussion follows. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

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

"Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela," Thomas Allen Harris's "gripping journey of reconciliation" screens for Sunday Matinee on March 5, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film is based on story of first wave of South African exiles who left Bloemfontein in 1960 to keep anti-apartheid movement alive outside of South Africa. Harris will be on hand to answer questions. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Doble Juego/Con Game," Alberto Durant's film set during President Fujimori's government collapse in Peru screens for Film Forum — in Spanish with English subtitles — Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Return of Martin Guerre," starring Gerard Depardieu, screens for First Tuesday Films series exploring "controversial social issues," March 7, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion follows. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

The 13th Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival runs March 9–19, celebrating "the best in Latino cinema from around the world," at UltraStar's Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Expect more than 100 film screenings, concerts, art exhibitions, workshops. Films include Favela Rising, Batalla en el Cielo, El Viento, Duck Season, Take the Lead, many others.

Tickets: \$8.50 general, \$6.50 for students and seniors. Show-times, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Time We Killed," in video by Jennifer Reeves an "agoraphobic writer's affliction is exacerbated by her inner demons, memories of September 11," and war in Iraq. Video screens for Visiting Mediamaker's Series, Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m., in Kellogg Library 1111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Greece: Secrets of the Past; Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of In-









spiration (through March). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233.

LECTURES

"Picture Perfect: Costume in Art and Cinema" is subject when SDSU assistant professor of costume design Holly Poe Durbin speaks Friday, March 3, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. Durbin will compare costumes in film with museum's paintings. \$10.619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Out of Iraq!" Panel discussion with David Swanson, Ann Wright, Cindy Sheehan, others, Friday, March 3, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Theater. Requested donation: \$10. 619-316-6694. (LA JOLLA)

"Healthy Body — Healthy Mind," talk by Buddhist nun Gen Kelsang Tubpa, Friday, March 3, 7 p.m., at Yoga Fuzion (5632 La Jolla Boulevard). Free. 619-692-3676. (LA JOLLA)

"Do Today's Kids Suffer from 'Nature Deficit Disorder'?" Author Richard Louv makes his argument based on his most recent book, for Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. \$5. Reservations: 760-767-0446.

Organic Pest and Weed Control tackled on Saturday, March 4, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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

ROAM- -RAMA

Until about 30 years ago, the canyon of Agua Caliente Creek, in the Cleveland National Forest above Warner Springs, seldom saw the intrusion of humans. After the 2600-mile-long Pacific Crest Trail was routed through, it became recognized as a pleasant camping spot for backpackers heading north toward Canada or south toward Mexico. This is one of only four places in San Diego County where the PCT dips to cross a fairly dependable stream, and the only place in the county where that trail closely follows running water for a fair distance. You can walk a total of eight miles round trip (out and back) to enjoy the most interesting stretch of the canyon.

Begin at the Agua Caliente Creek bridge at mile 36.6 on Highway 79, 1.3 miles west of Warner Springs. There's a turnout for parking just west



erba santa along Pacific Crest Trail

(mile 36.7) and a dirt road slanting over to where the PCT crosses under the highway. Proceed upstream along the cottonwood-shaded creek, first on the left (north) bank, then on the right. In this first mile, the trail goes through Warner Ranch resort property on an easement. Near the Cleveland National Forest boundary, the canyon narrows, and water trickles or gushes (depending on recent rainfall) out of a narrow declivity.

The trail detours a rough section of canyon ahead by swinging to the east and climbing moderately onto gentle slopes smothered with soft-looking ribbonwood chaparral, and sparsely dotted with cholla and prickly pear cactus. Horseback riders have worn in trails that intersect the PCT here and there.

so staying on the correct route may prove a little challenging. After about 1.5 miles of somewhat tedious twisting and turning in the chaparral, you end up down along the bank of the creek again.

Ahead, for a mile or more, lies an appealing stretch of twisting canyon bottom, lined with live oaks, sycamores, and willows, all festooned this month with fresh green leaves. The PCT crosses the creek several times (these may be foot-wetting fords during the next month or two) and strikes upslope to avoid the rockier, rougher stretches of the canyon bottom. Eventually, the trail veers sharply left and begins a switchbacking ascent

northwest up dry slopes toward Lost Valley Road. You've come four miles and reached a good spot to turn around and return the same way.

pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills.

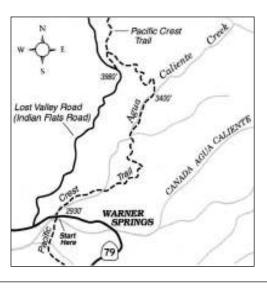
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"California-Friendly Plants for Your Landscape" divulged during workshop, Saturday, March 4. at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Carolyn Kinnon will discuss reducing pesticides. Free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"The Editors' Role in Publishing" examined by book editor Laurie Gibson, Saturday, March 4, 1 p.m., at Coronado Library (640 Orange Avenue). Free. 858-539-0508. (CORONADO)

"Inside SDPD," San Diego Police Foundation hosts interactive program explaining "why cops do the things they do," Saturday, March 4, 9:30 a.m., at Miramar College (10440 Black Mountain Road). \$15 general. Required reservations: 858-453-5060. (MIRAMAR)

"Quilting Made Simple," learn to make a quilt during workshop on Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m., at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead (12655 Sunset Drive). Materials provided. Free. 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

"Invigorating, Delicious Soups" explored during class, Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$33. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including March 4, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"The Mushrooms and Peoples of the Kamchatka Peninsula" explored when Gary Lincoff speaks for San Diego Mycological Society, Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-753-0273. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Bones Tell Tales: Infectious Diseases in the Skeleton" examined when physical anthropologist Tori Heflin speaks for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, March 6. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)



and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Classes offered for different skill levels on March 4–6, March 10–12, and March 17–19. \$165 per weekend. Details: 619-825-9921. (NORTH PARK)



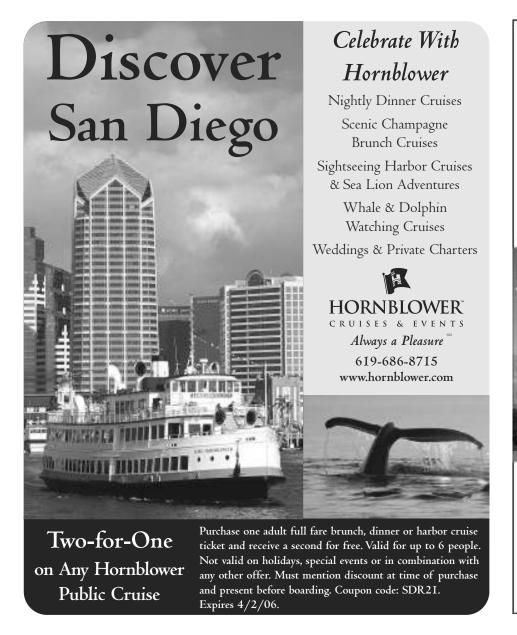














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"Rule of Law Challenges Along the U.S.-Mexico Border" examined during forum on Monday, March 6, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

"Bioprospecting, Bioethics, and Biodiscovery" presented Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Music of American Cinema" examined in lecture series by Bruno Leone at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), concluding Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. Lectures explore different eras, from silent film scores to present-day films. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"How to Live Happily Ever After With Your Cat" is topic on Tuesday, March 7, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SCPA (5500 Gaines Street). Cat behavior, socialization with people, communication, more. \$15. 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

Rock-Climbing Basics dispensed on Tuesday, March 7, at REI

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Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020), and on Wednesday, March 8, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Overview of climbing, equipment, safety, training. 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Pest Management Using Environmentally Friendly Products and Techniques" presented by John Bagnasco when Point Loma Garden Club gathers on Wednesday, March 8, 10 a.m., at Ocean Beach Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-029, (OCEAN BEACH)

"Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs" presented by entomologist Jim Davis for Solana Center, Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m., at Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Free. 760-436-7986 x211. (DEL MAR)

"Children's Literature and Use of Illustration" presented by June Cummins of SDSU's English department for "A Is for Art" lecture series, Thursday, March 9, 4 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5000. (SDSU)

IN PERSON

Celtic Music and More on tap when SilverWood performs for First Thursday Concert on March 2, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Sea Yarn Signin', David Masiel discusses, signs *The Western Limit of the World*, Thursday, March 2,

7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Semper Fi: The Definitive Illustrated History of the U.S. Marines" signed by author Avery Chenoweth, Thursday, March 2, 5:30 p.m., in Pendleton/Heritage Community Rooms (330 North Coast Highway). 760-385-0383. (OCEANSIDE)

The Asylum Street Spankers perform for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, March 3; followed by Grada on Sunday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Multi-Genre Phenomenon, 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)

Hypno-Chick De'Anna Nunez brings her hypnosis stage show to 4th & B (345 B Street) on Friday, March 3, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10, \$15. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

California Poet Laureate Al Young plans evening of poetry and storytelling, Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 of Mira-Costa College's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Young began publishing poems, stories, articles in his early teens; he worked as screenwriter with stars such as Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, Richard Pryor. Free. 760-795-6613. (CARDIFF)

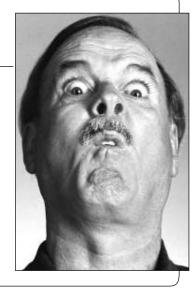
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March 7, UCSD.

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Ocelot, Tuesday,



The Beatles Tribute Band Twist and Shout plays "more than 30 of the Beatles' " hits, Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$20, \$35, \$45. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"The Vagina Monologues" — benefit performances presented by North County African-American Women's Association, Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-439-8874. (CARLSBAD)

"Choraleers on the Move" annual variety show presented by San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, Men of Note,

Serra-Naders, Saturday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Tickets: \$8 for show only, or \$17 for dinner and show, with discounts for children. 858-277-0849, 619-427-2448. (SAN CARLOS)

Sitar Virtuoso Nishat Khan plans concerts — remaining true to north Indian classical idiom, incorporating styles as diverse as Gregorian chant, Western classical music, abstract jazz, and flamenco — Saturday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$25. 619-696-1966. (LA JOLLA)

Harmony "More Powerful Than Moonshine"? Berkley Hart duo performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Stories of the Four Directions: Windows Into Native Cultures" offered by Dovie Thomason Sickles (with Lakota and Kiowa Apache relatives) for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Suitable for adults. \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363. (JINDA VISTA)

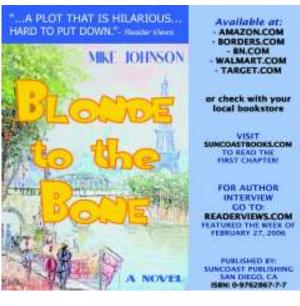
The Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of the 1st Battalion, the Black Watch, and Band of the Welsh Guards all take stage at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard) on Saturday, March 4, 8 p.m. \$40–\$55. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Growing Up in Hollywood Dorinda Clifton — "daughter of a famous silent-screen actor" — signs, discusses Woman in the Water: A Memoir of Growing Up in Hollywoodland, Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642.

"Animals — Plan on It" is theme for 13th annual multicultural arts festival, Saturday through Saturday, March 4–11, at locations around Carlsbad. Dance, music, storytelling, and theater from the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe.

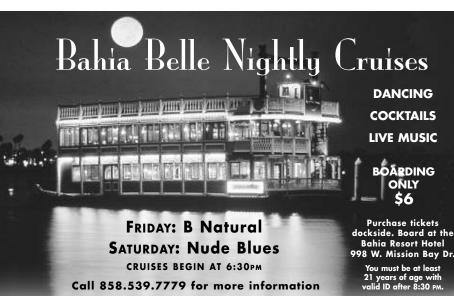
(PACIFIC BEACH)

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Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

Venezuelan Folk Harpist Carmen Barreiro in concert, Saturday, March 4, 1 p.m., at College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). She'll perform traditional folk music accompanied by brother Gabrielle on acoustic bass. Free. 619-533-3902. (COLLEGE AREA)

San Diego Women's Chorus plans concert to commemorate completion of its first CD, Saturday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Group "affirms the music of women and lesbian and gay composers and arrangers.' Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, 619-291-3366, (HILLCREST)

The Juilliard Jazz Orchestra performs Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Orchestra comprises 18 Juilliard up-and-comers, Tickets: \$15, \$20. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Up for "Strangely Brilliant Vocal Colors"? Le Mystère des Voix Bulgares, an ensemble of 28 women, performs Sunday, March 5, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium, Tickets: \$30, \$34. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Singing for a Cause, series continues with A.J. Peacox, Andrea Reschke, Ben Henry, and Heather Baker on Sunday, March 5, 4-7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Tickets: \$3, benefiting Ten Points Coalition. 760-747-1882. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz Artists Rob Thorsen and Mike Wofford perform mini-concert at noon on Monday, March 6, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The Most Intellectually Gifted Python? Talented — and humble — John Cleese presents "Seven Ways to Skin an Ocelot" on Tuesday, March 7, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. This new one-man show "pushes the envelope of acceptable behavior in new and disgusting ways." \$50. 858-534-8497. (LA JOLLA)

Talk to the Animals! Tommy Tune stars in and directs Dr. Dolittle, March 7-12, at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 7 p.m. on Wednesday; 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$19-\$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Two-Time Ironman Triathlon World Championship winner Scott Tinley talks about writing as healing, memoir form, and his "personal journey from professional athletics to literature and writing," Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m., at Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Free. For required reservations: 858-755-1666. (DEL MAR)

Sheri Lee and Blue Heart take stage for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Back Pocket College Planner and Organizer" discussed, signed by Ricki De Wolff, Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's

Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Author Iris Engstrand discusses her book San Diego: California's Crossroads, Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

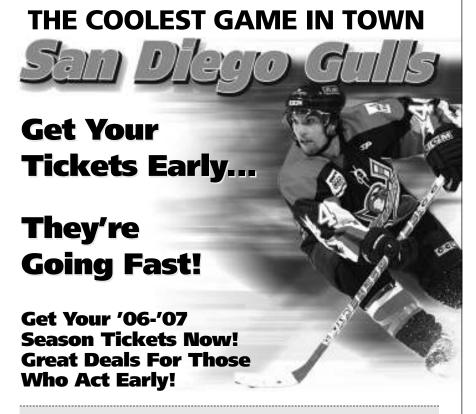
"Skinner's Drift: A Novel," author Lisa Fugard signs and discusses her first novel on Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Fugard is South African playwright Athol Fugard's daughter. Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Author Cupcake Brown discusses, signs A Piece of Cake: A Memoir, Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Masters of Persian Music" -Mohammed Reza Shajarian, Hossein Alizadeh, Kavhan Kalhor, Homayoun Shajarian - plan concert "drawing on the rich cultural heritage of Persian classical music, as well as ancient and contemporary Persian poetry." Thursday, March 9, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$32, \$36. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

The Distinguished Author Series continues when Susannah Heschel of Dartmouth College shares her perspective and research on her father, Jewish leader Abraham Joshua Heschel, Thursday, March 9. Her recent book is Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$12. 858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)





Friday, March 3, 7:35 pm vs. Las Vegas Wranglers

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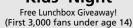


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Grease" Is the Word at Mount Carmel High School (9550 Carmel Mountain Road), with productions planned at p.m. March 9-11 (and March 16-18); 2 p.m. matinee on March 11. Tickets: \$10 students, \$12 general. 858-484-1511. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Author Rhys Bowen signs, discusses Oh Danny Boy: A Molly Murphy Mystery, Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"The Music Man" is current production for Young Actors Theater, with performances at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, March 9-25; 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays, March 11, 18, 25. Tickets: \$12 general, \$10 seniors and children. Jean Isaacs Pavilion, 2778-D Sweetwater Springs Boulevard. 619-670-1627. (SPRING VALLEY)

Solo Piano Improvisations with roots in jazz, 20th-Century western music, African-based percussion, and music of north India promised when Larry Karush performs Thursday, March 9, 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)

Local Clinical Psychologists George Pratt and Peter Lambrou explain Instant Emotional Healing, Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Signing follows. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Coffeehouse 101" Music Video Premiere Party, Thursday, March 9, 8 p.m., at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Party includes 20- to 30-minute sets by many of bands featured in video. \$5. 619-224-3577. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Yuval Ron Ensemble performs variety of Middle Eastern ethnic and religious musical styles, including Arabic, Armenian, and Turkish, Thursday, March 9, 4 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Sound Healing concert and lecture by Mary Eberspacher, Thursdav, March 9, 7 p.m., at Rainy's Mystics (801 Grand Avenue #3). Expect chanting, "ancient sound." \$25. Registration: 760-744-9818.

Award-Winning Suspense Author T. Jefferson Parker discusses and signs his newest Robbie Brownlaw novel, The Fallen: A Novel, Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard).

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Busy on Wednesday? Parker will also appear to sign, discuss his work, Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Faith and Begorra! The 27th annual St. Patrick's Day open reading of Irish poetry and prose is Friday, March 17, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Read your favorite passages from Joyce, Yeats, Swift, Shaw, Wilde, others. As always, "Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings." Free. 858-456-

"The Beatles Experience" performed by Rain, Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Music is performed live, with no prerecorded tapes or sequences, with "ultimate goal of delivering a perfect note-for-note performance." Tickets: \$41.50, \$48.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

The Las Vegas Wranglers play ice hockey games against San Diego Gulls on Friday, March 3, 7:35 p.m., and Saturday, March 4, 7:05 p.m. Gulls host Dayton Bombers on Wednesday, March 8, 7:05 p.m. Home games at ipayOne Center, Tickets: \$12-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS), (SPORTS ARENA)

Camp Pendleton Bulldog **30-Mile Bike** road race, part of Hard Corps race series, is Saturday, March 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. in 43 Area, down Las Pulgas Road towards ocean, in Camp Pendleton. Race-day registration: 7 a.m. 760-725-6289. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Climb Hills Above Sweetwater River Valley at easy pace with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday. March 4. The 30-mile ride starts at 9 a.m. near Pat and Oscar's on east side of Plaza Bonita Mall. Bring money for lunch. 619-426-2043. (BONITA)

March Madness Miles, 10k trail runs (7:45 a.m.) and 5k trail runs (8:15 a.m.), as well as two-mile walk-run (8:30 a.m.), munchkin mile (9 a.m.) planned, Sunday, March 5, starting at Rancho Bernardo Park. To reach park, take I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road, drive west two blocks, then north two miles on West Bernardo Drive. 760-602-1011. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Fallbrook Hills Ride led by Bicycle Touring Society, Sunday, March 5. The 75-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at western foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Free. 619-561-3846. (ENCINITAS, FALLBROOK) San Diego Siege professional women's basketball team plays San Jose Spiders on Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m., in Harry West Gymnasium at San Diego City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students. 619-398-8399. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Derby Dolls conduct roller derby demonstration during "Rollbounce" benefit, Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Skateworld (6907 Linda Vista Road), Spend time "skating with the Dolls" and seeing performances by local skaters. Admission: \$8, 858-560-9278. (LINDA VISTA)

Whale Watching by Kayak three-hour guided tours "in the gray whale migration channel" offered by Agua Adventures through March, departing La Jolla Shores daily at 9 a.m. \$65. Reservations: 523-9577. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

Champagne Classic, 23rd annual San Diego Surfers Women's Rugby Club Tournament is Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, 9 a.m., at Robb Field. Tournament usually draws over 15 teams from all over country. Free for spectators. 619-925-2920. (OCEAN BEACH)

McDonald's All-American **High School Basketball Games** Wednesday, March 29, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and related Powerade Jam Fest, Monday, March 27, 7 p.m., at San Diego State University. Jam fest includes slam dunk, three-point field goal accuracy, team ball competitions. Games take place in Cox Arena; jam fest is in Peterson Gym. \$15 for either event. 866-909-4263. (SDSU)

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Chesstival family fun day is Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Challenge chess grandmasters in Kids' Simul tournament, tips from pros, celebrity chess matches, art demonstrations. Free, 619-226-1491 x108. (POINT LOMA)

Creating an Oral History of America is goal for StoryCorps, hitting Balboa Park for recording through March 5. 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 American Folklife Center at Library of Congress. KPBS will air selection of local stories; select stories will air nationally on NPR's Morning Edition. Requested donation: \$10. Recording reservations: 800-850-4406. (BALBOA PARK)

ConDor XIII, science fiction convention runs Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Guests of honor include author Christopher Stasheff, artist Theresa Mather, visual effects supervisor Ronald B. Moore, others; gaming, masquerade, workshop, dealer's room. Admission: \$50 general, \$20 for those 13-17, free for those 12 and under with paying adult. 858-780-0908. (MISSION VALLEY)

Spring Home/Garden Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds, March 3-5. Talks on home and garden topics, over 500 vendor booths, "Garden Masters" showcase, experts to answer questions. Hours: noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$12 general, free for kids under 12; half-price after 3 p.m. 858-519-0855, (DEL MAR)

58th Annual Ocean Beach Kite Festival is Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with kite making, decorating, and flying contest for all ages. Vendors, food, entertainment, parade to beach for kite flying (2 p.m.). Kite making (free) or bring your own kite. Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue). 858-274-2016. (OCEAN BEACH)

Artists' Colony Open Studios, Friday, March 3, 7 p.m., at 1150 Seventh Avenue (between B and C Streets). Studios of eight local artists open for viewing. Admission: free. 619-890-6120. (DOWNTOWN)

Hundreds of Koi may be seen during 19th annual koi show hosted by Koi Club of San Diego, March 4 and 5, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Vendor booths, experts on hand to answer questions. Show opens at 9 a.m. both mornings, closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Free admission. 619-713-2633. (DEL MAR)

"The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money" by J.M. Keynes discussed by Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 858-755-8978, Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF, (JULIAN)

Time to Strum, Deering Banjo Factory open house with pre-beginner banjo lessons (10 a.m.), intermediate clawhammer (2 p.m.), factory tours, Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Find Deering at 3733 Kenora Drive; 619-464-8252. Tours: free; \$40 per workshop. (SPRING VALLEY)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference on Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-

Dance, Music, and Cultural Costumes offered when House of Pacific Relations hosts "sampler program" Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m. Free. Food for sale, 619-234-0739.

"Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming" provide theme for scholar-led, theme-based discussions exploring contemporary and classic Jewish literature. Series commences with Eva Hoffman's Lost in Translation: A Life in a New Language. Ben Siegel leads group on Sunday, March 5, 1–3 p.m., in 201 West Commons at San Diego State University. Free. Registration: 858-694-2484. (SDSU)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, March 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Poetry |

ONE WEST COAST

for Gordon Lapides

Green is the color of everything that isn't brown, the tones ranging like mountains, the colors changing.

You look up toward the hills & fog the familiarity of it after so many years a resident tourist.

A young man walks toward you in vague streetcrossing denims & pronounced boots. From the pallor of his gait, the orange splotch twin gobs of sunset in his shades, from the way he vibrates his surrounding air, you can tell, you can tell he's friendly, circulating,

> he's a Californian: comes to visit. stays for years, marries, moves a wife in, kids, wears out TV sets, gets stranded on loneliness, afternoon pharmaceutica, so that the sky's got moon in it by 3 o'clock, is blooo, is blown -

> > The girls: they're all winners reared by grandmothers & CBS. Luckier ones get in a few dances with mom, a few hours, before dad goes back in the slam, before "G'bye I'm off to be a singer!" & another runaway Miss American future drifts over the mountain & into the clouds.

Still

there's a beautifulness about California. It's based on the way each eyeblink toward the palms & into the orange grove leads backstage into the onionfields

Unreachable, winter happens inside you.

Your unshaded eyes dilate at the spectacle.

You take trips to contain the mystery.

- Al Young

Al Young said, about this poem, "The poem came out originally in The Song Turning Back into Itself, my second collection, and then it got preserved in Heaven: Collected Poems, 1956-1990." Copyright © 1971 & 1992 by Al Young. Reprinted with permission of the author.

Craft Club, group gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop, Monday, March 6, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"Savasana and Meditation as Medicine." Iaruska Solvova leads eight-week course beginning Tuesday, March 7, 9:20 a.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). \$10 per session. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

"The Conservative Takeover of the Judiciary — How Far Right Is Too Far Right?" Weigh in with your opinion on Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free, 619-295-7911, (HILLCREST)

"Reconceptualizing Blackness: The Black Arts Movement and Beyond" is subject for book discussion series concluding with Toni Morrison's Bluest Eve. UCSD professor Camille Forbes leads discussion, Wednesday, March 8,

6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate International Women's

Day with breakfast event themed "Global Dispatches: Women Moving Forward — and to the Top," Wednesday, March 8, 7:15-8:45 a.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Reports on progress achieved and challenges faced by women worldwide, \$15. Reservations required by March 3: 619-260-7803. (LINDA VISTA)

Explore "A World Free from Fear" during discussion focusing on ideas and solutions for stopping terrorism without violence, Thursdav, March 9, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"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 Grav Whale Migration 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

"Rumplestiltskin," based on Brothers Grimm fairy tale, presented by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre March 2-5. Find NCRT at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$12 general, \$9 for children. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Berenstain Bears On Stage," original musical by Stan and Jan Berenstain written for and presented by Omaha Theatre Company for Young People based on five Bear books, Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$10. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Sleeping Beauty" presented by Weaver's Tales at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday,

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CALIFORNIA'S POET LAUREATE

Al Young, California's newest poet laureate, and I were talking. I asked if he recalled the first poem he ever

"That's interesting. I have to go all the way back to the second grade. To Laurel, Mississippi, and Miss Chatman. Yeah, whom I've written about extensively. She made us memorize poems. In those days we would begin our morning with 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' and then we would sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' She actually had us reading African-American poets before there was such a desig-

nation. Langston Hughes, and this would have been 1947, and James Weldon Johnson and people like that. And Paul Lawrence Dunbar."

Mr. Young, born in 1938, near Biloxi, Mississippi, was the first of seven children. He explained. "My father, the man whose name I carry, Albert James Young, Sr., actually married my mother when she was pregnant with me. But not by him.

"She had two kids by him and then she had the fourth, my brother Richard – the actor who committed suicide – she had him while that father was in the Navy in the Pacific, and so Richard had a separate father. And then she married again and she had three kids, whose last name is Simmons. Interesting, beautiful woman.

"She died at 60. My father, or stepfather, although I think of him as my father, died at 56.

"I haven't really written about my life, memoir-style, sequentially, because it's been difficult to put the pieces together. But the reason I found your question interesting was that my third brother, William, actually went through a sex change and is now 'Michele,' living in Chicago. This is fascinating stuff.

'The family didn't take it well. She more or less appealed to me because she knew that I took a wide view of such things. She knew that my ex and I were living out here, that we were open to that kind of stuff, and so she shared it with us, and we encouraged her to go on and do it because she was so unhappy.

"She tells funny stories. She got mugged in a parking lot. This guy snatched her purse and she ran after him and caught him and beat the shit out of him, and she said. 'How dare you take advantage of a poor, helpless woman?'

She's always been strong. I would have liked to have seen the look on this guy's face.

I had heard that the state did quite a background search on Mr. Young, whose politics bend to the left and whose opposition to the United States' attack on Iraq is well known.

"Oh, my goodness, yes. I was vetted mercilessly. They sent me a credit report that was, I don't know how many pages, but it was thick because it went all the way back to the first thing I ever charged. Can you believe that? I was scared when I opened it up and there was no note, nothing. It just came from the state, and it was just a way of letting me know that they were on my case.

"I went to the University of Michigan, quit in my senior year, to the horror of my family. I couldn't stand it. I had come out in the summer of 1960 to the San Francisco Bay area, and it just blew my mind. I just couldn't believe it. I fell in love with it and fell in love.

"In January, I quit school

and flew out here and have lived here ever since. It was hard to go back to the Midwest and all that cold and snow. And the attitudes. But, when I was in Ann Arbor, teaching, 1992, I went to the same barber who cut my hair in the '60s, and he said, 'Ás I recall, Al, you were one of the first people that went running out there to California in the '60s.

"I said, 'Yep.

"Well how do you like it now?' They really never give up. They hate people who move to

"An English department receptionist, two of them, as I was leaving in '92, I had been teaching there, I had taught there two successive winters, '91 and '92, said, 'Al, can we ask you a question?'

"I said, 'Sure."

"You're such a nice guy, how can somebody like you live in California?' And they meant that. They think of it as really an awful place.

"I loved it, my years at Cal. I absolutely loved it, because it

was in the time of the Third World strike and People's Park and all of that, and by then I was well into my 20s, and I was a professional student, and I was interested in the things I was studying, and I knew how to do it, and I graduated with honors.

"I majored in Spanish because I didn't want to have anything to do with English departments. I'd made this decision way back after high school. I had been studying Spanish since the seventh

"I got into a graduate seminar on Cervantes when I was a sophomore at Michigan, which was one of the best educational experiences, and it's the way I still teach. I think teaching should be dialectic, dialectical and conversational.

'You're one of those rare poets," I said, "who has always belonged to himself, who's never belonged, for any length of time, to an institution."

"Thank you for recognizing that. It makes a difference, but it

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March 5. Next up: Pinocchio, performed by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, March 8-12.

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 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. Cinderella presented at Bob Burton Center (2400 South Stage Coach Lane), March 3-11. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids 3-19. Reservations: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929, (FALLBROOK)

Stroll Down Klickitat Street

with Ramona "the Pest" Quimby when San Diego Junior Theatre presents the tale of this rambunctious third-grader from Beverly Cleary's stories, March 3-19, in Casa del Prado Theater.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on March 18 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9-\$12 adults, \$7-\$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355, (BALBOA PARK)

"Androcles and the Lion," slapstick version of classic tale written in style of commedia dell'arte featuring six members of Old Globe Theatre's acting company is presented Saturdays, March 4 and 11, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. For kids seven and older. \$5 adults, \$3 for those under 18. 619-696-1966.

Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films plays music for classic silent films - Les Joyeux Microbes, The Great Train Robbery, Une Dame Vraiment Bien, Lonedale Operator, Tit for Tat, Dream of the Rarebit Fiend, many others - during family day, Sunday, March 5, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Audience may help with sound effects and music. Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Missing Music Mystery" delved by Max and Emmy in Dragon Land when Dragon Tales Live flies into ipayOne Center for performances March 9-11. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday; 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday; and 10:30 a.m., 2, and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$15, \$21, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "This, Our Beloved Valley" exhibit focuses on Sweetwater. The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the Chula Vista Star News, Find the

museum at 4355 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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

The Cult March 4

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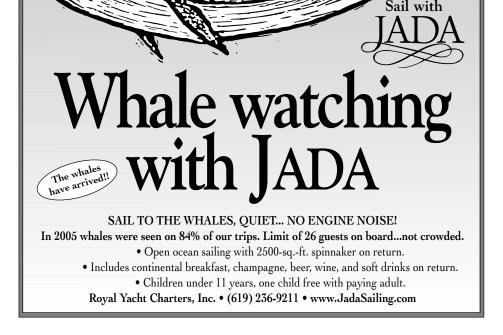
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doesn't do you well professionally. Because people can't place you, and we live increasingly in an institutionalized structure, and if they can't put you in a box, they don't know what to do.

'I get bounced around. Nowadays I'm getting credit for having been one of the active participants in the Black Arts movement, as that movement was called back in the '60s, when Amira Baraka left Newark and went up to Harlem for a few months. I had nothing to do with any of that.

The first decade of my publishing I was always being put in this bag of accommodationists, a nice way of saying 'Uncle Tom.' They thought I was too sweet and nice. And then after about 15 years, I was reading that not only is Al Young a black poet, he's one of the blackest.

"I realized that what I'd learned from Chuck Berry years ago is true. Chuck Berry used to deliberately put out fictitious images of himself to all the fan magazines. In one magazine he would represent one thing, to another he would represent something else. And he thought it was fun.

"So I kicked around like that. Now, as you probably notice, my poetry has become rather formal. I work with structure and traditional forms. I try to give the appearance of not doing that, as I think the secret of writing a good sonnet is to make it not seem like a sonnet.

"Norton is going to bring out an edition of my new and collected poems, if I ever get it into them. I've got it sitting over here on a stool. I keep adding to it. And they want to bring out a new and selected musical memoirs. So nice things have happened as a result of a disappointment. And it's ironic, because right now all of my poetry is officially out of print.... Creative Arts had it and they bit the dust, as of last year – went belly up. So it's an interesting period.

"Why do you think that Cal-

ifornia chose black men as poet laureates?" (Quincy Troupe was named before Young.)

"I thought about that too. The four contenders when I was being considered were Wanda Coleman, Carol Muske-Dukes, and Jose Rodriguez. When the governor talked to me about politics, and he spoke extensively about that, I told him that I was political and would get even more political, because these are dark times that we're in right now. I was pretty sure he was going to select Carol Muske-Dukes, because she was the least political.

"I found out since that it was the California Arts Council's assembly committee that chose me, and the committee was headed by Robert Hass.

"So it's all been quite something. And here's why I question the black male consideration. The selection came about not only by the committee's recommendations, but it was open to the public, through Poets and Writers. People actually submitted votes. I keep running into people who say, 'I voted for you.' Largely, people on campuses cast votes. But it was one of those things where I was glad all those years had gone by in which I had been on the circuit and appeared in different places."

"In a way, don't you think it's good that you've never had a regular full-time teaching job?"

"Yes, absolutely. Absolutely. I can say things that many poets would not say and my idea is, 'What can they do to me?' For example, I was invited to take part in Laura Bush's National Book Festival, September 24, the same Sunday Cindy Sheehan marched on Washington. It was massive. I mean, half a million people showed up for that. It was reported in the press as 100,000. And it coincided with the National Book Festival because we shared the same space on the mall.

"Sharon Olds, as you'll recall, had sent a letter to Laura Bush, really telling her what she thought of her and declining the invitation. The letter was published in The Nation, which urged all invitees to cancel. Well, I love Sharon, but at the same time I think it's more important to be engaged than disengaged because you don't get to say anything. If you're not on the bus, you can't call the stops. And so I said exactly what I wanted to say at that venue. I went to a party afterwards at a private residence in Georgetown. Nobody would talk to me.

"After about 35 minutes, I called a taxi and went home. I felt good to have said what I said in "It was important to be at the center of that kind of power and arrogance."

the form of a poem and in the form of a commentary from the stage to a large audience."

"How did the audience

"I would say two-thirds were on my side. It was important to be at the center of that kind of power and arrogance. Just to see what it feels like, beyond headlines and sound bites. There is an arrogance. But there's this fear that shoots through it that I connect with, going all the way back to when I first went to college during the McCarthy era. Everyone is scared, but they won't be toppled from their silence."

"What do you do to comfort yourself?"

'Right now, I practice more and more giving - just what can I give? And that seems to do it. Whether it's in the form of writing or actually helping others, or whatever I can do to forget about myself in a society that's largely

on the take.' I think it's killing us, this business of 'thinking of the other.' Thinking there is such thing as 'the other,' and then, 'How much can I get out of this?' It's awful."

"Compassion seems out of style."

"Oh, my goodness, yes." Mr. Young added then that there is a mean-spirited atmosphere around that is equivalent to what is happening to the hurricane evacuees.

"I've lost my hometown. Ocean Springs, Mississippi, is no more. I have the Google alert out on it, and they send me news several times a day of what they're trying to do. I have not been back for years. But I keep in touch with what's going on there. The Delta area, in general, my first decade was around there.

"What was the first poem you memorized?'

(continued on page 94)

Coast Highway; 760-721-6876.

Campo Railroad Museum,

showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on

Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission, Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum

the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original Star newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, Children Around the World videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is lo-

cated in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900-1950" features

dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353, (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

"Enchanted Museum: Exploring the Science of Art" is said to "unlock the science hidden in a work of art.' Hands-on activities explore world of art from different perspectives and "unseen relationship between art, sci-

ence, math, and ancient history." Through April.

"Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the annus miribilis (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas. Through April.

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Reading



"Paul Lawrence Dunbar's 'In the Morning,' which appears in his *Songs of the Lowly Life.*" Mr. Young recited the poem:

'Lias! 'Lias! Bless de Lawd! Don' you know de day's erbroad?

Ef you don't git up, you scamp, Dey'll be trouble in dis camp. T'ink I g'wine to let you sleep W'ile I meks yo' boa'd an' keep? Dat's a putty howdy-do — Don' you hyeah me, 'Lies you?

Bet ef I come cross dis flo' You won' fin' no time to sno'. Daylight all a-shinin' in W'ile you sleep — w'y hit's a sin!

Ain't de can'le-light enough To bu'n out widout a snuff, But you go de mo'nin' thoo Bu'nin' up de daylight too? 'Lies, con' you hyeah me call? No use tu'nin' to'ds de wall: I kin hyeah dat mattus squeak; Don' you hyeah me w'en I speak?

Dis hyeah clock done struck off six —

Ca'tine, bring me dem ah sticks! Oh, you down, suh; huh, you down —

Look hyeah, don't you daih to frown.

Ma'ch yo'se'f an' wash yo' face, Don' you splattah all de place; I got somep'n else to do, 'Sides jes' cleanin'aftah you.

Tek dat comb an' fix yo' haid — Looks jes' lak a feddah bald. Look hyeah, boy, I let you see You sha'n't roll yo' eyes at me. Come hyeah; bring me dat ah strap!

Boy, I'll whup you 'swell you drap;

You done felt yo'se'f too strong, An' you sholy got me wrong. Set down at dat table thaih; Jes' you whimpah ef you daih! Evah mo'nin' on dis place, Seem lak I mus' lose my grace. Fol' yo' hen's an' bow yo' haid — Wait ontwell de blessin' 's said; "Lewd, have mussy on ouah souls —

(Don' you daih to tech dem rolls)
"Bless de food we gwine to

(You set still — I see yo' feet; You jes' try dat trick agin!) "Gin us peace an' joy. Amen!"

"I love the featherbed part."

eat '

"And they meant it. You remember how the feathers would stick to you? Dunbar died a broken man. He died at 33. He was the first American writer to make his living entirely off of writing. Because he wrote novels and journalism and all of that, and he hated it, but he was remembered for his dialect or humorous verse."

"I wonder why you're not more cynical?"

"I just know that there's a bigger picture than we usually enter or are allowed to enter. We're much bigger than we appear to be. I really mean it when I say there is no 'other,' that we're part and parcel of everything that we think we look out and see as objective reality. You would think that people would get this on the basis of the water we drink and the air we breathe and the food we eat. But we don't. Somehow, that's separate — and I think ancient

peoples knew more about this than we do."

The state pays Mr. Young \$5,000 a year. "I'm obliged to fulfill six official venues. Two of which I've done this year." Among the six was the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families. Eleven thousand women attended this thing. It was absolutely amazing. I had to write a poem for that occasion.

"Maria Shriver's office sent me a list of quote, 'words,' unquote, as they call them that the First Lady likes to use when she talks about women and families. I said 'What am I supposed to do?' And they said, 'We were wondering if you could work some of these into the poem?' And I said, 'Are you telling me what to say?' 'Oh no, Mr. Young. We would never do that.'

"I submitted a poem that was rejected. It was a bit too sweeping. I think they thought it was an environmental poem. It didn't specifically address what women have given us.

"Anyway, I called my friend Ishmael Reed. I said, 'What do you think I should do with this?' I was really upset. He said, 'Use all the words.' I said, 'What do you mean?' He said, 'Use all the words, Al Young style.' And that's what I did. and it was an enormous

"We're much bigger than we appear to be."

hit. I was able to say exactly what I wanted to say in a way that they weren't expecting or no one could have expected. It was quite a challenge and quite enjoyable.

"I feel this gives me an ideal position from which to give back a lot to a state that has given me so much. Despite the scarcity that California is experiencing now, it's been good to me. I do the same thing that I've always done. But people pay more attention now, and things are happening. With the new state librarian, we're going to put up a website that will feature not only the text of poems but webcasts and classroom discussion and readings. We're going to get going on that early in 2006.

"I think it's important for children that they memorize poems."

Mr. Young agreed. "You'd be amazed at how that can get you through life. You can just drop into a poem at any time and everything stops. "I was in Manhattan last year for the National Book Awards, Iwas one of the judges for poetry. I saw two kids with a boom box that was so huge, they had it on a roller, like a skateboard-type thing. One was pushing it and one was pulling it. I couldn't believe it. This was in Midtown. They were playing something obnoxious, it was the hip-hop thing.

"I said, 'Can I ask you guys a question?' They said, 'What kind of question?' I said, 'You ever think about playing some classical music on that?' They said, 'What you mean classical music?' I said, 'Some Beethoven or some Bach or some Mozart or something like that?' They actually turned it off. They said, 'What?' I said, 'You ever thought about playing some nice classical music on that?'

"'Naw, mister, we ain't never thought of no shit like that. But we might."'

-Judith Moore

"Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception" (closing Sunday, June 4), "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Automotive Museum,

"Bajito y Suavecito...Lowriders of Southern California," continuing through Monday, March 27, show-cases cars that "tell a story of personal and cultural history," artifacts from '50s to present, original car club jackets, as well as work by Chicano artists David Avalos, Eddie Galindo,

Richardo Islas, Gilbert "Magu" Lujan, Victor Ochoa, others.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum —dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical im-

ages from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will
 Chandler. Continues through May.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferrvboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. The H.M.S. Surprise, used in film Master and Commander, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, in celebration of its 90th anniversary, "Passage to Panama: Past to Present" and "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" continue through April. "Being Kuna" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life, narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes molas, colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. "Passage" documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects represent-

ing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Sunday, September 24.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also de-

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

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

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

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









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Mendelssohn's "Elijah" presented by San Diego Symphony, joined by San Diego Master Chorale, for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, March 3–5. Concerts begin 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)

Rodrigo's "Fantasia Para Un Gentilhombre" performed by 40 members of New City Sinfonia, Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Also on program are pieces by Glinka, Beethoven, Mozart, and Svendsen. Free. 619-527-4457. (HILLCREST)

Youth Symphony Concerto Competition Finals hosted by San Diego Youth Symphony, Friday, March 3, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free. 619-233-3232. (LA JOLLA)

"New Music from Italy" played by flutist Lauren Weiss, harpist Lucia Bova, Friday, March 3, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Faculty Recital by soprano Therese Bulat, mezzo-soprano Janelle DeStefano, and Ronald Shaheen in concert, Saturday, March 4, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Spring Recorder Workshop hosted by San Diego County Recorder Society, Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Evangelical Bible Church (8742 Lemon Avenue). All levels of players invited. Taught by Shirley Robbins of Pomona College. Program includes works by Mozart, others. \$40 fee includes lunch. Reservations: 619-334-1993. (LA MESA)

Eleven-Year-Old Piano Virtuoso Rossina "Sina" Grieco performs Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m., at La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Westwind Brass Benefit Concert, Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Variety of music from Handel to Bach, contemporary, "serious pop music," jazz. \$15 general. 619-248-9543. (SDSU)

Baroque Music Festival, Concert I, expect duos for viola de gamba and baroque cello by Lisa Terry and Angela Yeung, Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171.

Music by Gigout, Buxtehude, Guilmant, and Saint-Saëns on tap when organist Robert Plimpton and Grossmont Symphony Orchestra perform Sunday, March 5, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Spirituals Festival 2006" with performances by guest organist John West, Martin Luther King Community Choir, and soprano Debra McLaren, Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Indian Classical Music performed by students of Kartik Seshadri, Monday, March 6, 8 p.m., at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Piano for Two, Eunice Williams and Naomi Okumura play Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris," Addinsell's "Warsaw Concerto," selections by Debussy, Fauré, and Mozart, Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

"Musicians from Marlboro" perform pieces by Harbison, Ravel, Schubert, and Brahms for Revelle Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Wednesday, March 8, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25–\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque Music promised when 16-member Pacific Camerata a cappella vocal ensemble performs Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series continues with concerts by Borromeo String Quartet, March 9–11. All-Mozart programs include "String Quartet in G (Spring)," "String Quartet in E-Flat," "String Quartet in C (Dissonant)."

Enjoy concerts at 8 p.m. on Thursday, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), and on Friday and Saturday at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Ticket prices, reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA, LA JOLLA)

"Masters of Persian Music" — Mohammed Reza Shajarian, Hossein Alizadeh, Kayhan Kalhor, Homayoun Shajarian — plan concert "drawing on the rich cultural heritage of Persian classical music, as well as ancient and contemporary Persian poetry." Thursday, March 9, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$32, \$36. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Spoleto Festival USA Chamber Ensemble plans concert, Thursday, March 9, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$42. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)



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"The Sift Series," exhibit of new sculptures by SDSU professor Richard Keely — who uses scavenged materials to build complex artworks that are manufactured sculptures, rather than assemblage — opens with reception on Friday, March 3, 6 p.m., in Simayspace at Art Academy of San

Diego (840 G Street). Keely plans walk-through discussion of his work, Friday, March 17, 6 p.m. 619-231-3900. Through Saturday, April 29. (DOWNTOWN)

"Totems: New Sculpture" by Christopher Lee goes on view with reception, Friday, March 3, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). Exhibit closes Saturday, April 1. 619-232-5004.

"Oceans Ten," paintings by New Hampshire artist Clifford Smith render "the movement and sound of the ocean." Opening reception for Smith exhibit is Friday, March 3, 6 p.m., at Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, 10ft 238). Closes Saturday, April 15. 619-501-5689. UTILE [TALY)

"Forge Ahead With Chess," juried award show of 90 watermedia paintings is on exhibit through March at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: James Millard. Meet artists during reception, Friday, March 3, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Colors of Life — Glass Sculpture of Hope and Redemption" by Charlotte Mitchell is on view through Tuesday, March 14, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Cedar fire of 2003 took away Mitchell's glass studio; she's created sculptures from fragments that remained. Opening reception: Saturday, March 4, 4 p.m. 760-765-2569.

"Almost Three...A Boy's Adventure with Colors" is on display through Wednesday,

March 15, at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). Reception for three-year-old artist Kai Van Patten is Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

"The Photography of Bill Bernstein" showcased through Sunday, April 2, at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street). Exhibit — opening with reception for Bernstein on Saturday, March 4, 6 p.m. — boasts photographs documenting 2002–2003 McCartney world tour. 858-551-0835. (IA JOLLA)

"Student Award Exhibition 2006," hosted by San Diego State University School of Art, Design, and Art History, is on display through Thursday, March 9, in Flor y Canto and Everett Gee Jackson at SDSU. Awards and reception for artists: Monday, March 6, 4:30 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

Eighth Annual Art Council Fundraising Exhibit opens with reception on Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Closes Thursday, March 23. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

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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 July.

July.

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

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

"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

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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)

Oceanside Museum of Art, artwork created during the Works Progress Administration era mirrored a period in American history when the country was recovering from the Depression. "Art of the WPA from Collections of the San Diego Region" includes 60 paintings created in San Diego during that time by artists such as Belle Baranceanu, Phil Dike, Dan Dickey, Charles Reiffel, Everett Gee Jackson. Through Sunday, March 19. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, ${\rm ``In'}$ Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite" — continuing through Sunday, May 14 - is an "extremely rare exhibition of 2000-year-old Roman frescoes." Exhibit includes 70 objects, including sculpture, stucco reliefs, decorative and utilitarian objects, and 24 frescoes. Roman villas of ancient Stabiae (modern Castellammare di Stabia) are located approximately 4.5 kilometers south of Pompeii; site was well preserved by catastrophic eruption that buried Pompeii and Herculaneum.

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.

"Contemporary Links 4 — James Hyde: Luminous Platforms and Relaxed Seating" features site-specific "domestic interventions" in "Tracking and Tracing" installation. Hyde's piece features three reading areas with furniture made from materials linking dialogue on abstract painting with minimalist furniture. Through April.

"Horrors of War," drawn largely from museum's print collection, includes works by American and European artists from 17th to 20th Centuries, including pieces by Jacques Callot, Käthe Kollwitz, Pierre Daura, Arthur Segal, George Bellows. Closes Sunday, May 14.

"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.

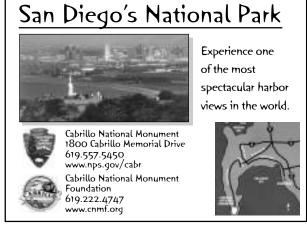
Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2.

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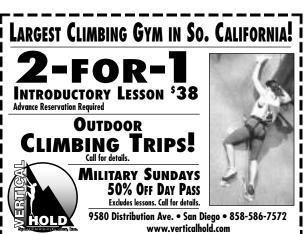






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An Absolute Turkey

The Old Globe/University of San Diego MFA program stages Georges Feydeau's farce in a new translation. Kirk Jackson directed. STUDIO THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, SATURDAY, MARCH 4, THROUGH MARCH 10; TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-260-2727.

A Body of Water

Identity theft: in Lee Blessing's psychological mystery, Moss and Avis wake up in a house on a hill, surrounded by water. Their bathrobes fit, but their lives don't. Where are they? Who are they? Each has only one memory: of someone else's inability to remember. Chronic amnesia isn't "normal" behavior, she suggests. According to Water, maybe it is. The play, a species of Existentialism Lite, sets its three characters (the third is either a lawyer, a clinician, or their daughter) "afloat on a sea of assumptions" most people don't question. The play overstates its point and feels like a shorter work stretched to two acts, but the Old Globe's sleek production always intrigues. Beneath her signature smile Sandy Duncan has the chops for comedy and drama. She, Ned Schmidtke, and young Samantha Soule create credibly fractile characters, almost a new being for each scene. The set's a dark-stained deck atop a pale swimming pool. York Kennedy's flexible lighting and Michael Roth's music transform moods, in an instant, from clarity and order to netherworld dissonance. The best part of the play comes after, when you try to piece things together. Definite assertions stop at the tip of your tongue, and you find yourself, like Moss and Avis, treading water.

Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 19; SUNDAY, TUES-DAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Brothers All

6th@Penn Theatre stages Howard Rubenstein's drama, based on Dostoyevsky's Brothers Karamazov Barry Bosworth directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MARCH 15; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MON-DAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Dr. Dolittle

Tommy Tune stars as the veterinarian who talks to animals in the musical (book, music, and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse) in Hugh Lofting's "Doctor Dolittle Stories." SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE THIRD AV-ENUE AND B STREET, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, THROUGH MARCH 12; TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

Evita

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical — Eva Peron Super star? - has less substance than a tabloid exposé. It shuffles through the rise of Eva Duarte so fast because it wants to make the Argentine sinner/saint a mystery, when it turns out the composing team just didn't know much about her (or Ché Guevara, or the evils of peronismo, for that matter). Evita has a splashy style and rousing music, and these stand out in the Welk Resort Theatre's production. Slickhaired Doug Bilitch is coolly understated as Juan Peron (whose draconian tactics raised murder and "disappearances" to a new level and who had Evita mummified). Aided by Ambra Wakefield's iconic costumes and Jennifer Edwards-Northover's red-lavender lighting, Laura Dickenson looks and sings Evita capably, though she could stoke the furnace a bit more. Jenn Grinels makes the most of a cameo when, as Peron's rejected mistress, she sings one of the show's best tunes, "Another Suitcase in Another Hall." Danny Bolero's Guevara fascinates. He has the requisite angry puzzlement but also throws in a mocking, clownish attitude that fills in some of the book's wide gaps. To Bolero's credit, and also director/choreographer Sha Newman, this is the first Evita I've seen (out of maybe five or six) that gets the point of view right: it's a reverie in Guevara's mind. Newman also deserves credit for brisk stage movement, a textual trim job, and rich Latino spirit.

Worth a try.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO. DAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M 760-749-3448

Hitchcock Blonde

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Terry Johnson's "part-cinema, part-theater" inquiry: "What was the dark secret that caused Alfred Hitchcock to obsess over beautiful blondes in jeopardy?" SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH MARCH 12; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

Into the Woods

'Happy endings can spring a leak/Ever after can mean one week," jaded lovers sing in Stephen Sondheim's Do I Hear a Waltz? As if to prove the point, Sondheim borrowed Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, and Little Red Riding Hood, from the brothers Grimm and sent them back into the woods as adults. The result: A Midsummer Night's Dream redux, comically harrowing afterlives. Woods premiered at the Old Globe 20 years ago (it's amazing to compare this trimmed version to the original's ungainly thickets and Sondheim's hipper-than-thou pseudo-nihilism). It's currently enjoying a spritely mounting at Lamb's Players. Best of show, in fact, is the cast's obvious pleasure in doing it. Even the performers' squeaks, and they are legion, are perfect pitch. Director Robert Smyth has orchestrated a track meet over and through Mike Buckley's cardboard cutout set (gnarled Rorschach faces embedded in the trees; leaf fossils on the ground). Nate Parde's sunlight bright and gloomy red lighting enhances tragic and comic moods, and Jeanne Reith's costumes, from Little Red's big red cape to woodsy peasant garb, are excellent. It's unfair to single out individuals from the ensemble, since all contribute to an always-entertaining, if undemanding, evening of theater. Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 19; TUESDAY THROUGH THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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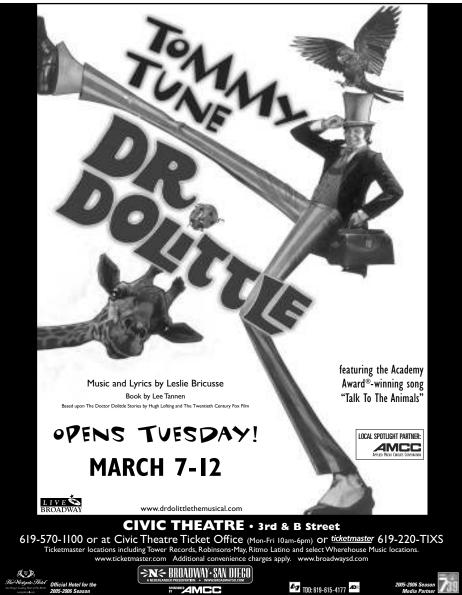
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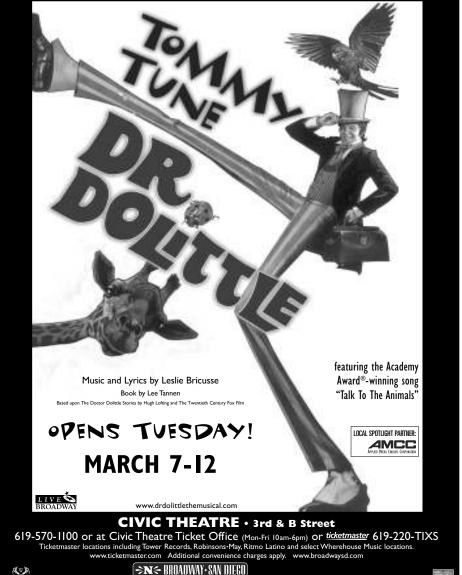


A BODY OF WATER

By Lee Blessing Directed by Ethan McSweeny **Cassius Carter Centre Stage** A man and woman wake up and find themselves in a strange house atop a mountain surrounded by water with no memory of who they are, or how they got there.

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The Lion in Winter

All in the family, 1183. Bring together Henry II (the most powerful European king since Charlemagne), his wife Eleanor (one of the medieval world's most powerful women), and Henry's three sons (including Richard the Lion Heart) for Christmas, and — in James Goldman's Freudian tapestry - dysfunction runs rampant. The play is, at once, a medieval Survivor, as alliances form and do battle, a massive history lesson (in which a king's aside can kill a thousand soldiers), and a bizarre comedy. Goldman stressed the third of these: "the fabric of the play was cut for laughter." For Scripps Ranch Theater, Jill Drexler cavorts as Eleanor of Aquitaine, and Charlie Riendeau gives Henry II some swagger. But everything's too reigned in, and often sluggish. This play is a lot funnier, more intelligent, and much more nimble than the production. The family plays an extended verbal game. The irony that hones the edges of Goldman's jokes: the outside world will pay heavily for the moves made at Chinon castle, Credit to James Caputo's scenic design, flying buttresses that transform into Romanesque arches, and Scott

Padrick's burnt orange lighting, for candle and fire light, though the design could refrain from melodramatic tweaks. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT UNI-VERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD. SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH MARCH 11: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

The Magic Fire

Palomar College presents Lillian Groag's comedy-drama about a European family, in Evita Peron's Argentina, confronting its past and future. Pat Larmer directed. HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, FRIDAY, MARCH 3. THROUGH MARCH 12; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY AT 4:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150 X2453.

Mars and Venus Look at Life

The North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe stages J. Prideaux's Lemondade and W. Hailey's Whisper in My Good Ear, one-acts about male and female views of aging. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE. 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD. NORTH PARK, THROUGH MARCH 11; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-647-4958.

My Fair Lady

Cygnet Theatre Company stages Lerner and Loewe's "absobloomin'-loverly musical romance." Sean Murray and David Brannen directed. CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA. SATURDAY, MARCH 4, THROUGH APRIL 23: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

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.

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Nunsense

Lamplighters Community Theatre continues its 68th anniversary season with Dan Groggin's musical-comedy about the five Little Sisters of Hoboken's fundraiser-talent show. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH MARCH 5: FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598

The People vs. Mona

SDSU's School of Theatre, Television, and Film presents Jim Wann and Patricia Miller's musical comedy about the trial of Mona Mae Kait, accused of murdering her husband on their wedding night. Paula Kalustian directed. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH MARCH 5: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884

Room Service

Moonlight Stage Productions presents John Murray and Allen Boretz's "screwball show business comedy," about a penniless young producer and actors rehearing in a hotel. THE AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, THROUGH MARCH 19; THURSDAY





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6th@Penn continues its new reading series with Fuente Ovejuna, by Lope de Vega. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, ONGOING RUN;

MONDAY, MARCH 20, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

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The Times They Are a-Changin

Bobby's gettin' Broadway-ized. Whatever colors Twyla Tharp had in her mind, when she conceived this musical based on the songs of Bob Dylan, they sure don't shine. The performers try to sell his songs. So they mug, indicate, quirk, and pause — and Tharp crams in cutsie distractions, like a human dog, or beach balls in "Like a Rolling

Stone" — even though the last thing the music needs is commercial Great White Way hype. The hokum story reads like a sketch for a bad Sam Shepard imitation: a bogged-down circus, site of a father/son clash, is headed for a change. Trouble is, the story's too flimsy to motivate some of the mightiest music of the last fifty years. The 90-minute piece, which plays longer, has no dialogue. So the performers smile, or make faces at each other, or exit mad, then explode into "Subterranean Homesick Blues" or "Desolation Row." And like the story, the characters are way too one-note to generate the songs. One of the best things Tharp says in her book, The Creative Habit: "In many ways, the creative act is editing." Whether *Times* is a spoof of Dylan's music, or a hard Broadway sell, or a hybrid/homage of some sort (the thing's so jumbled it's tough to figure out which), it needs much more than an edit job. The music's hall of fame. But the concept is lost in the rain in Juárez, and it ain't Eastertime too. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON

CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 12: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT- URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend -"Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show

(Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE GASLAMP QUARTER OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Wait Until Dark

Coronado Playhouse opens its new theater with Frederick Knott's creepy thriller about Susy, who is blind, and three con men. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1845 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

What the Butler Saw

6th@Penn Theatre stages Joe Orton's riotous farce about where insanity truly resides in an asylum. Peter Cirrino directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH APRIL 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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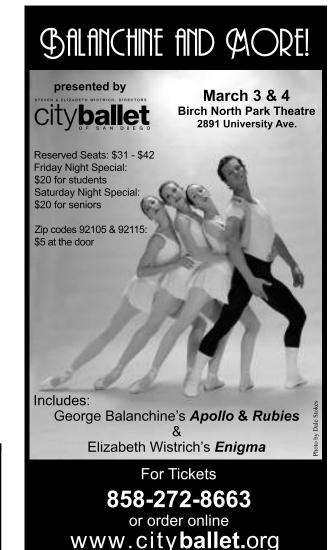
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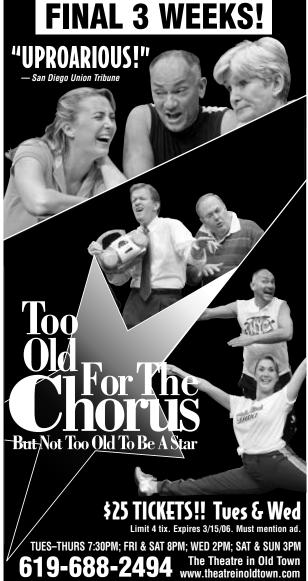
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Filling the Ché Jessalyn Aaland, who started booking shows for the Ché Café collective in 2001, left for San Francisco at the end of

the same three to five opening bands. When we get over 20 [people], that's a good night. Lately, making enough to actually take in money for the Ché is like a feat in itself. We do have overhead costs!"

Booking the Ché is an unpaid venture, "apart from the benefits of meeting cool friends in different places and

the inside track

February. Andrew Caddick, who shared the majority of booking duties with Aaland, moved to Portland late last year.

Aaland says, "I really feel like San Diego is just not interested in

new music, particularly more experimental music, so pretty much it's the same 10 to 15 people that come out to see



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occasionally getting free records or snacks," according to Aaland. Anyone who participates in the collective

can book shows.

Aaland says when people complain, "The Ché never does [X] kind of show, I tell them, 'Hey, then you should get involved and set them up,' which is exactly what I did.... There have been many times where I know that if I personally don't do an event, it won't be able to happen."

That urgency has increased, given the fact that the Voltaire space and Gelato Vero Caffe have been forced to scale back shows because of noise complaints. Scolari's Office, which is not all ages, has also cut back, offering shows only on weekends.

Meanwhile, four Ché collective members have stepped up to book the venue. Aaland says this should lead to an increase in shows.

'The four contacts I sent out to everybody are the four people whose interests I feel overlap with mine, but there are still others beyond them who do all kinds of different things.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Drunk 'n' Pukin'

Drunkin Punkin Idiots bassist Iames Herrault says his band and the Gizzards chartered a bus on February 17 to take fans to one of their Orange

County shows. For \$20, bus riders got admission into the club and an open-bar round-



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trip ride.

"It was all the beer you could drink, and there was definitely a lot of drug use on the drive up, so the bus driver, he's, like, 75 years old and just wearing earplugs and trying to pretend he's somewhere else,' says Herrault. "Every seat was taken. I think we went through about 250 Bud Lights, plus a bunch of bottles of Jack Daniel's and Jim Beam. People were passed out everywhere." The band paid \$850 for the charter and reports a "small profit."

Regarding their gig at Lake

Forest's Gypsy Lounge, Herrault says, "The O.C. crew was kind of lame; they really weren't into the San Diego bands. At one point, the singer from the Gizzards...told everyone from Orange County to fuck off and dedicated a song to them called 'Why Don't You Just Go Commit Suicide?' Then he started gagging himself with his finger down his throat and puking all over the stage, like, five good hurls." Drunkin Punkin Idiots and the Gizzards appear March 8 at Winstons.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Stealth Studio Miami

transplants Mario Ouintero and Mike Pereira say they wanted to contribute more to San Diego's music scene than just another place to record. In November, they opened Black Box Studios. Accessible via an

Golden Hill, the studio provides rehearsal space and hosts the occasional live performance.

"Since we're not a venue,

the live performances are special occasions," Quintero says. "We don't consider them shows; since we record them, we consider it a 'live recording." Recent live recordings include Goblin Cock, the Advantage, and Ilya.

"We've had concerns about having too many people here, but that's been about it,' says Quintero. "We don't have any noise issues because it's really soundproofed.' Bands can be blaring inside without attracting any attention from outside the building. Quintero and Pereira spent months gutting and then building the sound rooms and recording booths.



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dropping every cent they had into two-by-sixes, sheetrock, and microphones.

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in restaurants and thought it was time to just go for it," says Quintero. "I'm broke, but I'm really happy." Black Box charges \$20 an hour for rehearsal space and \$40 an hour for recording. For information call 619-238-8190.

— Larry Harmon



IBARRA STANDS UP FOR BARISTAS

Playing for Beans The all-age Bean Bar, located in a former McDonald's near the Sports Arena (across from Les Girls), has hosted live bands for seven months. Recently, a singer/guitarist said his band declined an offer to play because

the 250-capacity venue "charges everybody \$10 to get in. Then, for the first 15 people who come in, the band gets nothing. The band gets a buck for every person after that.... You can't expect bands to come back when you give them such a small percentage of the actual income.

Matthew Ibarra, the Bean Bar's entertainment director, says tickets cost \$8...unless a touring band is headlining; and the bands get their buck a head after ten paying customers. Using that formula, if a local band brings in 50 fans that pay \$8 each, the band gets \$40 (10 percent) while the house keeps \$360.

"We're trying to run a business right now, and that's what we have to do," says Ibarra, who points out that overhead (P.A. system,

Seattle," says Ibarra. "We've Militia Group, Equalvision, and Eyeball Records.'

Wolf in Mothers' Clothing? "We must stay we have recieved [sic] via e-mail and in person when press release from Mothers Against Noise, a group claiming to be based in San Diego and San Francisco. When I checked out mothersagainstnoise.us, a "Top Offenders Watch List" of around a dozen bands let your child be negatively effected [sic] by music that is design [sic] to cause them

My suspicion increased

Noise before a gig.
"It all started when a after reading, "Since our site began, many bands have tried

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mother was really upset when her kid came to our show and got all messed up on his way home," Olson claimed. Shortly after that interview, the anti-noise websites began appearing, with Wolf Eyes on all the "ban" lists. At register.com, the same Washington, D.C., address is listed as being behind all the "mothers" websites; each site claims the others are "imposters."

—Jay Allen Sanford

Monkey Job Two years after Clear Channel fired "Dangerous" Dick Spenneberg from Rock 105.3 and KGB/101.5, he says he's back in town to settle up.

"When I got laid off by Clear Channel, it broke my heart," says Spenneberg. "I dedicated 16 years to be a music DJ on the radio, 8 in San Diego. They just automated that job out of existence.... When they fired me, they walked me out of the building. I walked down a long hallway of, like, ten stations. Each station was just a dark room and a computer."

Spenneberg returned to the local airwaves yesterday (March 1) as cohost of The

Dangerous Dick and Skibba Show, the only live and local weekday talk show on Free FM (KSCF 103.7 FM). (Spenneberg and Mike Skibba recently worked at KLSX in

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THEIR OLD STUFF

"When I started at KGB ten years ago," says Spenneberg, "they were still playing [vinyl] records. It was still a real radio station when I got here, then it kept getting sold. It got worse with each new owner. Now I listen to both stations and they both sound dead, like a jukebox. I'd like to do at least one hour with all the unemployed Clear Channel DJs to come on and vent.'

Spenneberg recalls DJ John Leslie, who died on New Year's Day 2000 after 25 years on rock radio.

"When John died, it seemed like the whole spirit of KGB died with him.... It was like the Tom Petty song 'The Last DJ.' I watched him have to deal with automation. It's what killed him.... Management used to tell DJs that any monkey could do their job. Once they automated KGB and Rock 105, someone in management at Clear Channel told me, 'Now we don't even need a monkey,' But there's now somebody live and local in

San Diego and it's going to be me, and I'm going to give it to those Clear Channel motherf****s."

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On Spenneberg's new show, he says he will occasionally interview local

"I see it more like a Loveline type of thing where they hang out with us. We are also asking local bands to



DICK (RIGHT) WITH DANGEROUS COMPANY

help us with bumper music [used to segue into and out of commercial breaks].

The Dangerous Dick and Skibba Show airs from 7 to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday.

— Ken Leighton

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security crew, sound men, and

'The Casbah can sell

alcohol, so they can make

extra money," says Ibarra.

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getting comments [from other

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to Vegas is called "the Stripper Flight." Highpriced kewpie dolls with basketballs forced under their too-tight tank tops wing from their beach condos to Sin City and then return on the

Sunday redeye or first flight Monday morning. The rounded, bubbly, giggling, bleached, and teased darlings with shiny fingernails and peeking tattoos stand up

in the aisles and turn around in their seats. They talk to their girlfriends across the way and flirt with potential customers, "You should come out."

Strippers are masters at selling. Strippers understand that any interaction between opposite genders has an undercurrent of sex. Entering a stripper's sphere and making conversation eventually develops into an invitation to what the men see as sex and what the stripper sees as business. "You should come out," a brunette says to a trio of sailors three rows ahead of me. She stands in the aisle, resting her suffocating indigo jeans against the arm of her seat and leans back. She swishes her straight auburn hair over one shoulder, and the dopey kids she's talking to say, "Yeah. Yeah. We ought to. What club is it?"

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All around the plane, girls are flirting and ordering drinks from the attendants. They pull long strings of bubblegum from their mouths and feed it back into their upturned faces and blow bubbles and snap the pink candy in their teeth. They're in velour track suits unzipped to their navels, and the pink lenses of their sunglasses are embedded with tiny fake diamonds that glint in the sunlight like the shimmery gloss on their lips.

My sinuses fill with the musk and alcohol of 20 different perfumes. I turn to my right and look past the canyons of cleavage to the mountain range outside the window. The chunky rectangle of yellow light sits at the end of our row, and the brightness streams in and shines across the porcelain skin of the girls and highlights the seatbacks in front of us.

"Going to Vegas?" I ask the girls.

"Yeah," they say and smile and touch each

other's hands.

"What club do you work in?"

"I work in Club Paradise. She works in Spearmint Rhino," the bubblehead in the middle seat, closest to me, says.

"We're roommates," they

"Of course you are."

"How'd you know we were strippers?" the one next to the win-

dow asks

"Just lucky, I guess." I push my cheeks out with a broad smile and they return it. "My name's Ollie," I offer, and hold out my hand. We shake hands. Their names are Jessica and Rebecca.

"Are you girls still in school, or do you work for a living?"

"She used to go to SDSU," Jessica says, pointing a thumb at the blonde in the window.

"But why should I, you know?" Rebecca jumps in. "I'm making more money now than if I graduated and got my dream job, y'know?"

"I do know. Do you work in San Diego or only in Vegas?"

"Vegas," they say in harmony. "The clubs out here pay more," Jessica adds.

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"Do you have apartments in both cities?"

"No," Rebecca, the closest one, answers. "We stay with one of the girls who lives out here. She lets us crash in her place. She has a phat condo; it'd be worth, like, half a million dollars in San Diego."

"So, you commute. You stay out here Friday to Sunday?"

"Yeah."

"Why not move out here?"

"We're thinking about it," Rebecca turns to Jessica. "Her boyfriend lives in O.B."

"He doesn't want to move to Vegas?"

"No. It's complicated." They share a glance. "But, we'll figure it out."

The dusty length of road that is "the Strip" and the needle of the Stratosphere tower streak past the window to our left. In that adjacent row is a young woman and a thin man with wavy gray hair. She looks like his daughter, but their body language says they're a couple. His linen shirt,



cufflinks, and hints of gold jewelry answer the question, "How did that old guy get that hot young stripper?"

"Can you get a picture of us?" the dapper gentleman asks of a homely, middle-aged woman on the other side of his girlfriend. The pretty girl leans close and puts her cheek against his, and the woman in the aisle seat holds up a brushed metal cube and puts their image in the center of a tiny screen.

I turn back to my row and look past Jessica and Rebecca. On the ground I see planes lined up diagonally next to the terminal. Their noses are pointed in, like tiny metal animals feeding. Our plane overshoots the airport, putting behind us the little jets on the ground. In a few seconds, we're over the tan and olive drab hills outside the eastern side of the city.

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"There goes Vegas," I say and point out the window. Rebecca and Jessica share a concerned glance and then search the surrounding area of seatbacks and stewardess buttons and magazines for a clue that they're on the right flight. I put them at ease with a quick, "We'll come back around. We have to line up on the runway."

"Oh. Oh, yeah," they nod. "How come you're

going to Vegas?" Jessica asks (or was it Rebecca? Damn, I got them mixed up already).

"I'm meeting my friend Steve out here," I answer. "We come out twice a year to play craps and bet on sports — the stuff you can't do at the Indian casinos back home." Steve is the man who coined the term "stripper flight." He's an avid gambler, and before he moved out to Austin, Texas, he'd make the Friday afternoon trip to Vegas about once a month. He came out so often, he got to know some of the girls with whom he'd shared so many trips.

Back across the aisle, the May-December couple shows off their pictures on the digital camera. The middle-aged woman sitting with them leans in to see better and then lets out an "Oh! Oh!" and turns her face toward me. Her cheeks fill up bright and blush. She's embarrassed by what she saw, but she's also smiling.

The rich old guy feigns modesty and ignorance. He lowers his glasses to get a better look at the tiny monitor, and he says, "How did these get on there? I thought I erased all of those." His girl-friend-child with the wavy chestnut hair buries her face in his armpit and shoulder and, muffled by his shirt, screams, "Ron! I told you to delete those!"



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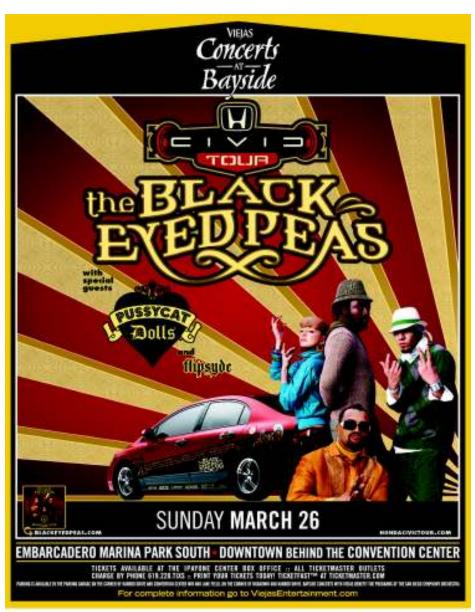


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As the plane drops and drops, the feeling of vertigo subsides. Out the window, I see streetlights flying past like fenceposts on a highway. The runway gets closer and closer to our window. Woosh! We pass a baggage truck. I can see paint on the asphalt. The nose of the plane rises briefly, then my seatbelt pulls me backward as the rear wheels — chuff! chuff! and the nose drops and the front wheel calls out its attendance — chuff! The cabin is filled with the roar of the engines as they're thrown in reverse and throttled up and it's LOUD! Our seats shake. The girls next to me and the rectangular window and the seatbacks in front of me go blurry and wobbly from all the shaking.

Then everything stops. Ding! The little light-up icons of seatbelts and cigarettes and stewardesses above our heads extinguish and the jets die down. The plane cruises slow enough so that I can see little stones and divots in the tarmac. We jostle in our seats as we bump over little humps and the plane eases to a stop. A door seal is breeched with a tearing sound, and more light streams in from the far side of a wall that's covered in the same blue fabric as the seats. Embroidered in the blue fabric on the wall is a copper set of wings and a white heart.

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"Good luck, girls," I tell Jessica and Rebecca.

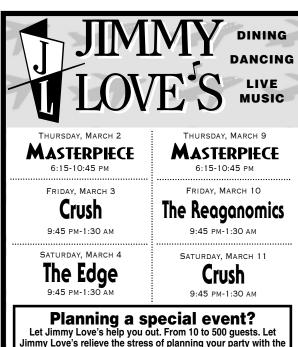
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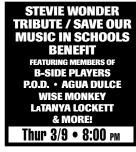


































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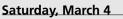
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THIS WEEK'S **CONCERTS**

THURSDAY

Eric Taylor: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, March 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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

Low [553]: The Casbah, Thursday, March 2, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

FRIDAY

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Spankers [569]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 3, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.

SATURDAY

The Cult: House of Blues, Saturday, March 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

The Gourds: The Casbah, Sunday. March 5, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

TUESDAY

Moenia: House of Blues, Tuesday, March 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Electric 6: The Casbah, Wednesday, March 8, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Russell Crowe & the Ordinary Fear of God: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Ali Jackson Trio: Dizzy's, Wednesday, March 8, 344 Seventh Avenue, San Diego. 858-270-7467.

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.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING **CONCERTS**

MARCH

Motörhead: House of Blues, Thursday, March 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140

Minus the Bear [198]: The Casbah. Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Elana James and Her Hot Hot

Trio: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Elefant, and Morning After Girls: House of Blues, Saturday, March 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-

Savoy Brown [950]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, March 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

Tito Puente, Jr.: Rincon Casino, Saturday, March 11, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Saves the Day [218]: Soma, Sunday, March 12, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Tristan Prettyman [882]: House of Blues, Sunday, March 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.



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The Crimson Jazz Trio: Dizzy's. Avenue, San Diego. 858-270-7467.

The Black Heart Procession [232]: The Casbah, Sunday, March 12, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Opeth and Devildriver: House of Blues, Monday, March 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or

Korn [265] and **Mudvayne:** San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-220-8497

The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: House of Blues, Thursday, March 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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

The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: House of Blues, Friday, March 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Toots & the Maytals [752]: House of Blues, Saturday, March 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Darol Anger's Republic of **Strings:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-

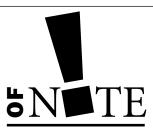
The Young Dubliners [571]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Rincon Casino, Saturday, March 18, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-

Cesaria Evora [885]: 4th & B, Sunday, March 19, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-

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.

The New Pornographers: $\operatorname{Belly} \operatorname{Up}$ Tavern, Monday, March 20, 143



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When Low was a new band, admirers often said that their sound was a reflection of their hometown, Duluth, Minnesota, It was said that Low's stark arrangements and bleak lyrics were the natural product of a decaying industrial city, built on a rocky hillside overlooking frigid Lake Superior.

You could really run with the theory if vou wanted to. Northern Minnesota is famous for its long winters, when temperatures of 20 degrees below Fahrenheit are common. It's easy to imagine this would make it hard to play fast. For theorists, there's plenty to work with in Low's lyrics. I am the proud owner of a set of Magnetic Poetry refrigerator magnets made up of words from Low songs. and it's great for coming up with pieces of doggerel like "dinosaur whore / daughter of July snow / in naked violence."

But as I drove through downtown Duluth last week, I understood that geography can't explain Low. It was snowing, the temperature was somewhere around 20 degrees, and I saw the marks of a vibrant college town: beautiful old houses, a nice-looking vintage clothing store, a good record store with the striking name Electric

Fetus, and a theater marquee bearing the message: "Never forget fascism / It

Husband and wife $\boldsymbol{\textbf{Alan Sparhawk}}$ and Mimi Parker have kept Low going for the past 12 years — through parenthood, mental health problems, changes in bass players and record labels, and variations in tempo



and volume. I have no doubt that Duluth contributed to their development as individuals, but it isn't Duluth that makes Low's music so beautiful and eerie. It is Sparhawk and Parker and their unique artistic vision.

LOW, The Casbah, Thursday, March 2, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$14.

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

Guster [282]: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or

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

Beth Orton [887]: House of Blues. Thursday, March 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pvle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 24, 4650

Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Michael Bublé: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, March 24, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

RBD: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, March 25, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or

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, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-

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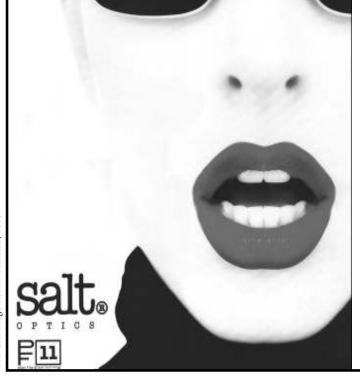
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The Pretenders [558]: House of Blues, Monday, March 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or

UB40 [737]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 28, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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

The Strokes [200]: RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, March 28, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-

Dilated Peoples: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Stereolab [116]: House of Blues Wednesday, March 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Donald Fagen: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, March 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Dionne Warwick [567]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, March 30, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-

Train: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, March 31, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

The Alkaline Trio [345]: House of Blues, Saturday, April 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine [996]: House of Blues, Friday, April 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583

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

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

Taking Back Sunday: House of Blues, Sunday, April 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel [617]: Cox Arena. Sunday, April 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497

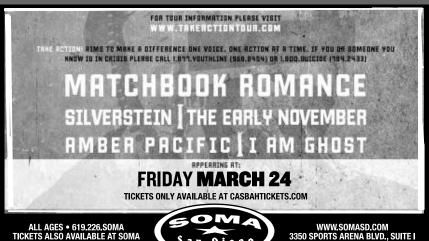
Umphrey's McGee: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Better Than Ezra [118] and Sister **Hazel** [475]: House of Blues, Sunday, April 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie [476]: Soma, Friday, April 21, 3350 Sports Arena oulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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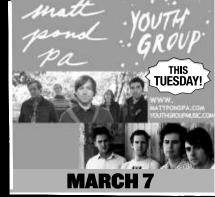


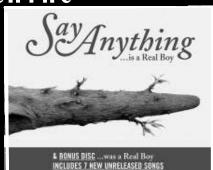




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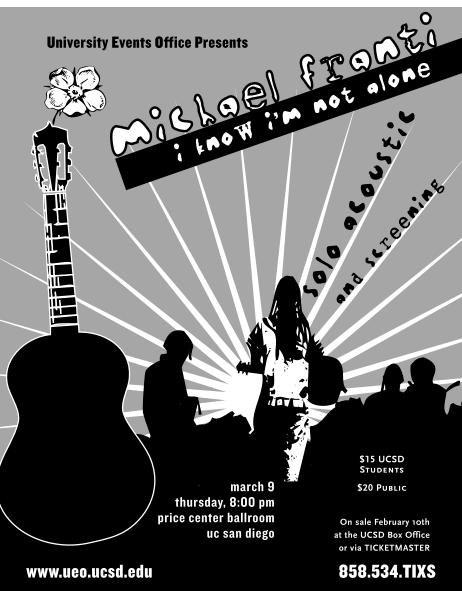
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Buckethead: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Devendra Banhart: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Taj Mahal [941]: House of Blues, Friday, April 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-

Avenged Sevenfold [561]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-220-8497.

MAY

Jaguares [301]: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 1, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The John Butler Trio: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or

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Ministry [572]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-

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Bo Diddley [938]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, July 27, 5miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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Ana Gabriel: Pala Events Center, Friday, October 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.





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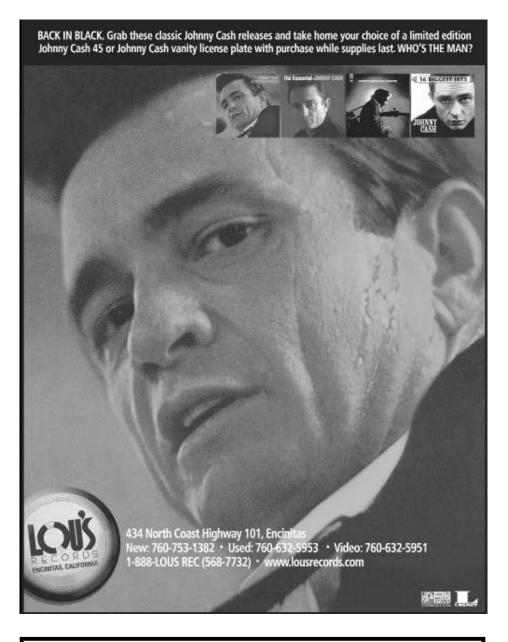
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Bang Sugar Bang: The Jumping

The Big Spiders: The Casbah The Bled: Soma

The Bleeding Irish: The Jumping

Blindheim: Dreamstreet

Call Down Fire: 'Canes

Cape May [164]: Winstons

Comeback Kid: Epicentre

Confusion: O'Connell's Pub and

Deadgirls Girls Corp.: The Jumping Turtle

Deformity: Dreamstreet

Deuce Eclipse: The Casbah

Difficult Henry: Fannie's Nightclub

Dropping Davlight: Soma

Dying Wish: O'Connell's Pub and

Earthless: The Kensington Club

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The Evergreens [297]: Lestat's

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Fono [148]: The Casbah

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The Gourds: The Casbah

Gully: The Casbah

Halfway House Emcees: Belly Up

Hellogoodbye: House of Blues

The Holy Boys: The Kensington

Ignite: Epicentre

Jeshno: Belly Up Tavern

Ketchikan: O'Connell's Pub and

The Kneehighs: Belly Up Tavern Kut-U-Up: The Casbah

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The Masses: Epicentre

The Mean Streaks U.S.A.: The Kensington Club

Motion City Soundtrack: Soma Muso: The Kensington Club

New Day Mile: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclul

Obligerant: The Kensington Club

OK Go: Soma

Oliver Reigns: 'Canes Panic: House of Blues

Plain White T's: Soma

Pleasure Circuit: Epicentre

Protest the Hero: Soma

Rock Kills Kid: The Casbah

Run: 'Canes

Since by Man: Soma Sirhan Sirhan: The Casbah

Skumlove: The Jumping Turtle

The Sleeping People: The Casbah Social Suicide: Dreamstreet

Spill Canvas: Soma

The Star Strangled Bastards: The Jumping Turtl

Straight No Chaser: University of

San Diego

Thieves and Liars: Epicentre This Holiday Life [145]: The Casbah

Thriving Ivory: 'Canes

Ugly Duckling: Belly Up Tavern

Unbeknown: Brick By Brick The Varukers: The Jumping Turtle

Vena Cava [160]: The Kensington

Way Cool Jr.: Dreamstreet

A Week's Worth: 'Canes

Worth Every Scar: Dreamstreet, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Zion 1: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Agave: Tiki House

Airport 81: The Casbah

The Asylum Street Spankers [569]: Acoustic Music San Diego

The Atoms [484]: The Jumping

Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House

Cheap Date: Dirk's Niteclub

The C.H.I. Club: Winstons

Cindy's Apartment: O'Connell's

Pub and Nightclub

Circa Now: O'Connell's Pub and

The Clay Colton Band: Tom

Craze: The Jumping Turtle

Russell Crowe & the Ordinary Fear of God: House of Blue

Daredevil Jane: 'Canes

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort The Electric Waste Band:

Endless Yesterday: The Jumping

Faded Chroniclez: Belly Up Tavern Fifty on Their Heels: The Casbah

G Tom Mac: Brick By Brick

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last

Goldblade: House of Blues

Hammersmith: Zip & Zack's Filling

Hat Trick: The Jumping Turtle Taylor Hawkins: Soma

The Heartaches: House of Blues

The Jefferson Jay Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub Joshua Tree: Brick By Brick

Damien Jurado: The Casbah Kavena: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Low [553]: The Casbah Modern Rifles: Scolari's Office

Mother Funk: Hennessey's Tavern Muff: The Jumping Turtle

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise Polysics: The Casbah Matt Pond: Epicentre

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

Punk Rock Nation: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Rev: The Jumping Turtle

Rockford: Brick By Brick,

The Rockoholics: Second Wind

Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort

The Ruined: O'Connell's Pub and

The Rye Coalition: Soma

Nightclub

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San

Silverside: The Jumping Turtle

Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat: Leucadian Bar, Mira Mesa Inn

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub, Riley's Sports Bar, Island Sports and Spirits Stvx /523/: House of Blues

Tainted Love: 'Canes

The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail 3 Against 1 [456]: Blind Melons

Triple X: Hennessey's Tayern (PB)

The Truckee Brothers [541]: The Kensington Club

Undercover: Fannie's Nightclub VIII Fraud: Second Wind (Santee)

Viva Santana: Humphrev's The Wagon: Winstons

West of 5 [505]: The Kraken The Youth Group: Epicentre

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Dick's Last Resort

Reaganomics: Coaster Saloon The Ultratones: Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy's

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's

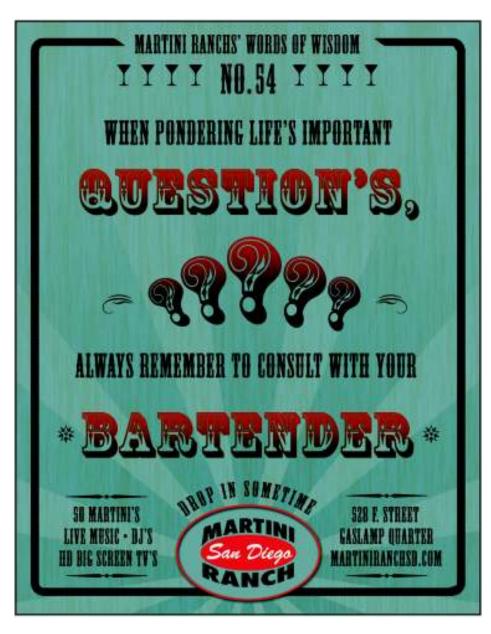
The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet

John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

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Calendar BANDS

Karin Carson: Portugalia Gilbert Castellanos [667]:

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American

Jesse Davis: Humphrey's

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima

Thai Restaurant Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Janet Hammer: The Inn at the Park, Catamaran, Tio Leo's Lounge

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio

Christopher Hollyday: Dizzy's

The Ali Jackson Trio: Dizzy's

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita and Dave Lindgren: Hotel

Victor Martin: Beaumont's Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's The Mellotones: Dizzy's Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Ba

Duncan Moore: Dizzy's Mystique: Jimmy Love's

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

John Opferkuch: Dizzv's

Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Band [641]: Humphrey's

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar and Grill

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Carlos Rull: Bistro 221

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

The Side A/B Ensemble: Dizzv's

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Coyote Bar and

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon

Sweet Life: Los Cabos Mexican

The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

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

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]:



BY DAVE GOOD

The **Gourds**' new collection of songs is like finding a box full of your favorite toys from childhood hidden away in your mom's basement. Otherwise, they are hard to describe. Think of the Band and how they made reverent music that was respectful of the heavy legends of rock that had gone before them. Like the Band, the Gourds make songs that ring true to their influences — songs that matter, music with an uncommon twist. And like the Band, the Gourds can also sound like four different groups in the same set with multi-instrumentalists and different vocalists. Heavy Ornamentals finds them fronting a collective of roots rock themes in which the ghosts of Doug Sahm and Johnny Thunders jam with members of the Clash.

The Gourds are an Austin band. As

such, they are a part of a music-industry mystique that Austin has fostered over the years. Bands like the Gourds perpetuate the town's mythology, in part because they make being quirky seem easy, yet commercially viable. But that's difficult to master.

Take "New Room-

mate," a song-story told in vignettes. There's the deadbeat roomie, the lesbian roomie, the suicidal roomie, and the bona fide pig roomie: "That son of a bitch owns the place," Jimmy Smith sings. "I take out the trash." This is perhaps the most

coherent set of lyrics on the record, by the way. "Try and sell me human grade for prime, I ain't buyin'. I'm Buzz on psilocybin Spruce Goose it ain't flyin'." The Gourds are Texas-eccentric by design. The lyric misdirection begins on the CD's cover with a cryptic inscription in Spanish ("Sí, el problema es no corregido") that makes little sense in English. "Yes," the translation



goes, "the problem is not corrected." But the Gourds perform this nonsense earnestly, and it works. After a beer or two, you no longer mind that the band rocks like thunder from the Heartland with lyrics received from one of Jupiter's seven moons.

THE GOURDS, The Casbah, Sunday, March 5, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

Matthew Von Doran & His Quintet: Dizzy's

Jason Weber: Mister A's

The World Beat Jazz Ensemble World Beat Center

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Dasheve: Brick By Brick

Diego Roots: 'Canes

Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations [748]: Belly Up Tavern

Tipper Tone: Brick By Brick The Toasters: Blind Melons The Trade Roots: Hard Rock Cafe

Unite: Brick By Brick

Vegitation [753]: Winstons

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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

April Elizabeth: O'Connell's Pub

Dennis Borleck: Lestat's

Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Bushwalla: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Eamon Carroll: The Field

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea

Stasia Conger: Twiggs Tea and

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Christopher Dallman: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Jim Earp: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley

Tom Freund: Lestat's Coffeehouse The Gooses: Cosmos Cafe, Lestat's

Coffeehouse Josh Hall: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Ben Ingraham: Cosmos Cafe

Jon & Noah: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Elise Levi: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Julie Mack: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Anya Marina: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Terry Matsuoka: Borders Books and (Carlsbad) Ashley Matte: The Field

Kevin Misajon: Hennessey's Tavern

Miz Mandy: Belly Up Tavern The New Dadaists: Twiggs Tea and Sara Petite: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Lee Tyler Post: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

The Derren Raser Band: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Andrea Reschke: The Metaphor Coffeehouse, Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Skelpin: The Field

The Sugar Daddies: Lestat's

Eric Taylor: Acoustic Music San

Pete Thurston: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Brad Wilson: Island Sports and

Winterhawk: Borders Books and

Music (Carmel Mountain) Rose Winters: Island Sports and

Wood'n Lips: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Victor Wooten: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Blue Heat: The Kraken

Blue Rockit [955]: IP's Pub. Tio Leo's Lounge, Humphrey's

The Blues Brokers: Carvers, The

The Blues Gypsys: Patrick's II

The Bluescasters: Fannie's

The Charles Burton Blues Band

Chet Cannon: Humphrey's

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

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]:

The Ironworkers: The Jumping

Chris James & Blue Four: Patrick's

Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds:

Red Lane: Patrick's II

Larry Logan: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

The Robert Parker Trio: The Book

Works/Pannikin Cafe

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Patrick's II

Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Cafe

S.D. Blues: Chuev's Numero Uno

Shelle Blue: Patrick's II Soul Diego: Patrick's II

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Billy Watson: The Gordon Biersch

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Blackalicious: Belly Up Tavern

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Chino Espinosa y Los Duenos Del Son: Sevilla

Fatlip: Belly Up Tavern

Flii Stylz: Belly Up Tavern

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

The Grossmont Symphony Orchestra: First United Methodist

Kiell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss



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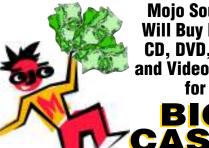
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DJ EVENTS

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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.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month. electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin glam, Britpop, and indie. Go-go girls, manicures, and body art. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, 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.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, funk, classic hip-hop, and '80s dance hosted by Mr. Riddles and guests. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult **Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.; high school sophomore and up. 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. downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hiphop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach.

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, gothic, industrial, and dark



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Album: a weeks worth, 2005

Artist: a weeks worth Label: self-released

Where to buy/price: CD-release party March 8 at Cane's

Songs: 1) Comatose 2) Asylum 3) Irrelevant

Band: Daniel Geiger, vocals, guitar, keyboard; Erik Vinyak, bass,

kevboard: Bill Zuck, drums

Website: http://myspace.com/aweeksworth

Extra info: This is a three-track sample of their upcoming

Aweeksworth is a talented band. The drum work is solid, and the guitar is electric and sharp. Postproduction effects and keyboard complement the songs and are well placed.

The vocals are obscured by the

poor recording, but from what I can tell, they are uninspired

and not worth remembering. Further Seems Forever or Dashboard Confessional are similar bands, and a weeks worth vocals have that same emo sound.

"Asylum," the second track, is a little heavier, but that's like saying Jimmy Eat World is a little heavier. The vocals dip a bit on this one. and the feel is blue and dark but with a driving rhythm. "Irrelevant," the third song, sounds like the soft sad music that might play on Friends when Ross and Rachel have had a fight and he's staring mournfully out a rain-streaked window.

This CD is not something I would keep around, but it would be nice if you caught



them at a live show and you were depressed and drinking beer.

(To hear a sample, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4219.)

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Ugly Duckling, the Kneehighs, Halfway House Emcees, Faded Chroniclez, and Ieshno, alternative/rock.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q,

190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398 Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Carlos Rull, jazz.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, hiphop/Top 40. Wednesday, country.

Saturday, live classic rock. The Book Works/Pannikin

'80s with DIs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

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.

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

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, noize, and EBM with DIs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21

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.

and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

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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, 9 p.m., *Planet Asia, Casual, Rasco, Flii Stylz*, and *DJ E-Rock*, hip-hop/rock. Friday, 9 p.m., Blackalicious, Lifesavas, Fatlip, and Omni, hip-hop. Saturday, 9 p.m., the B-Side Players and Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, Latin iazz/funk/reggae, Sunday, 9 p.m., Victor Wooten. Monday, 7 p.m., Miz Mandy, folk. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.,

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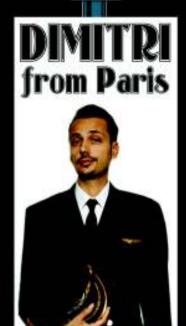








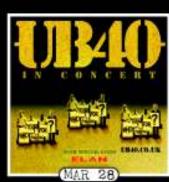
















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Borders Books and Music. 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., Winterhawk, acoustic.

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The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, Runnin' Blue, blues. Friday through Wednesday, live blues/jazz/rock. Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza

2400. Friday and Saturday, the Blues Brokers, blues. Covote Bar and Grill, 300

Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-

Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Live bands or DJs

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, Bradley Leighton, R&B/jazz/dance.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-6951. Thursday, the New Breed Band, pop/jazz. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, Mother Funk,

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The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, the Varukers and the Star Strangled Bastards. Friday, Craze, Hat Trick, Endless Yesterday, and Muff. Saturday, Silverside, Rev, Skumlove, Element A440, and Deadoirls Girls Corp. Monday, the Iron Workers Local 69, blues. Wednesday, Bang Sugar Band, the Atoms, Long Live Logos, and the Bleeding Irish.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Ieff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues, Friday, West of 5, rock. Saturday, Blue Heat, blues. Sunday, the Blues Brokers. Monday, the Charles Burton Blues

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat, classic rock/blues.

Longshot Saloon. 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Call club for information.

Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill, 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G7, Del Mar. 858-792-2226. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Sweet Life, modern jazz quartet.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland band. Sunday, 5 p.m., Andrea Reschke, acoustic folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad

760-729-4131. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*. Friday and Saturday, live rock/pop or DJ event. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues

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 and Saturday, live rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open-mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and **Restaurant,** 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday and Saturday, 9 p.m., the Clay Colton Band, pub rock.

Tomiko Bar and Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Ben Powell, blues/jazz.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos 760-591-9393. Friday, Hammersmith, rock. Saturday, live rock.

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

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Allison Scull and Victor Martin, jazz/folk.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Live bands nightly. Thursday, the Toasters. ska. Saturday, 3 Against 1, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., Thriving Ivory, Call Down Fire, and Backseat Love Affair. Friday, Diego Roots, Daredevil Jane, and Arm the Angels, Saturday, Tainted Love, Wednesday, A Week's Worth, Run, and Oliver Reigns.

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.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-4437. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Reagand '80s dance

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131, Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, Worth Every Scar, Blindheim, Audkik, Nimruv, and Deformity. Saturday, Rockford, Way Cool Jr., Social Suicide, and Little Big Porn. Sunday, live bands.

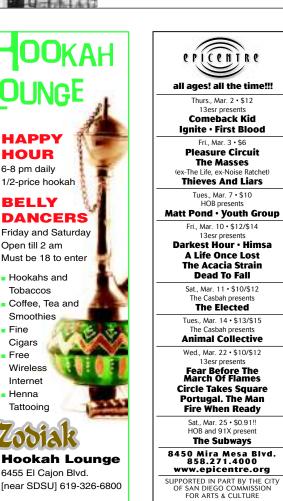
Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and











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Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456 7625. Friday, the Trade Roots, reggae/rock. Saturday, call club for information

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-8847. Friday, Kevin Misajon, acoustic. Saturday, Triple X, rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry* Levich, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, Rick Ross, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Nick Fiore, John Giulino, Dave Scott, and Cynthia Hammond, jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Karin Carson* and *Jim Guerin*, traditional jazz.

Qwiigs Bar and Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Thursday and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar. Friday and Saturday, live

Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Call club for information.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, Agave, rock. Sunday, open-mike.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla, 858-488-4200, Friday, call club for information. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

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SAN DIEGO

Acoustic Music San Diego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego.

619-303-8176. Thursday, Eric Taylor, acoustic. Friday, the Asylum Street Spankers, acoustic.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, B Natural, Top 40. Saturday, Nude Blues, classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Tony Cummins, Irish folk. Sunday, openmike, Tuesday, Irish jam session, Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., Jim Éarp, acoustic folk.





Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, Rockford, American Pharaoh, and Unbeknown, Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Joshua Tree and G Tom Mac. Tuesday, Tipper Tone, the Tribe of Kings, Dasheye, and Unite, reggae. Wednesday, the Legendary Shack Shakers and guests.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000 Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, Comeback Kid, Ignite, and First Blood. Friday, Pleasure Circuit, the Masses, and Thieves & Liars. Tuesday, Matt Pond and the Youth

First United Methodist Church. 2111 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley. 619-644-7254. Sunday, 7 p.m., the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra featuring Robert Plimpton, organist.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, Billy Watson,

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Tuesday, Sean Perry, electric soul/mash-up.

Harry's Bar and American Grill. 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, Flock of 80's. Friday, DJ's Tony Aguilera and Nick Shakes, dance Monday, acoustic music, Saturday, groove. Tuesday, the Stilettos,

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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Rick Lyon, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information

The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Janet* Hammer, jazz/light pop.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta 858-576-2509 Friday, Blue Rockit, blues/rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, Obligerant, Muso, and the Holy Boys. Friday, Earthless and the Mean Streaks U.S.A. Saturday, the Truckee Brothers and Vena Cava.

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Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Pete Thurston. Friday, the Evergreens and Goat Punisher, alternative Saturday, Anya Marina and Tom Freund. Sunday, Bushwalla, the Gooses, and Josh Hall. Monday, open mike, Wednesday, Sara Petite, the Sugar Daddies, Dennis Borleck, and Julie Mack.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.

Mira Mesa Inn, 11261 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-578-3969. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat, classic rock/blues.

Mister A's, 2550 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-1377. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., Jason Weber, jazz saxophone.

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the* Ruined, Kavena, and Circa Now, hard rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., the Jefferson Jay Band and Atlas of Id, rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Worth Every Scar, Free Confusion, and Dying Wish, rock. Wednesday, New Day Mile, April Elizabeth, Andrea Reschke, Cindy's Apartment, and Ketchikan alternative/acoustic/punk.

The Ould Sod. 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, Brax, folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, live blues. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., DJ D2, old skool/dance mix.

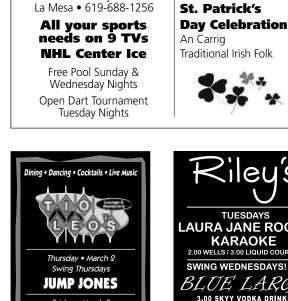
Rilev's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday, classic rock. Friday, reggae. Saturday, house/hip-hop. Wednesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. DJ events, call club for information.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 9 p.m., Modern Rifles, indie rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock,



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Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, the Bled, Since by Man, As Cities Burn, and Protest the Hero. Saturday, Motion City Soundtrack, OK Go, Plain White T's, and Spill Canvas. Wednesday, Taylor Hawkins, the Rye Coalition, and Dropping Daylight.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Jump Jones, blues. Friday, Crosswinds, rock. Saturday, Blue Rockit and Janet Hammer, blues/jazz. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Jazz Band.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Capriccio String Quartet, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle Quartet, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Stasia Conger. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Christopher Dallman and Jon & Noah. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Elise Levi, Andrea Reschke, and the New Dadaists. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Engenthle.

University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. 619-260-4600. Grille: Saturday, *Straight No Chaser*, indie/rock/alternative.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the B-3 Four with vocalist Halina. iazz

DOWNTOWN

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Main Room: Thursday and Friday, *Rags*. Saturday, *DJ Palash*, *Boris MD*, and *Austin Scott*. Red Room: Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJs Xcite, George O'Connor, and Kyle Pound. Saturday, Rags.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., the Derren Raser Band, folk/jazz/rock/blues. Saturday, 8 p.m., Lee Tyler Post, acoustic rock/soul.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Low and Damien Jurado. Friday, Zion 1, Deuce Eclipse, the Big Spiders, and Deep Rooted. Saturday, Kut U Up, Fono, and This Holiday Life. Sunday, the Gourds and Gully. Monday, Polysics, Airport 81, and Fifty on Their Heels. Tuesday, Goblin Cock, Sleeping People, and Sirhan Sirhan. Wednesday, Electric 6,

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1901 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *S.D. Blues*, blues.

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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Quartet. Friday, Yavez. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop American music.

Deco's, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-696-DECO. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, Private Domain. Saturday, the Siers Brothers, rock. Sunday, the Ghost of Sada. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, classic rock. Wednesday, the 86'd, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., the Side A/B Ensemble, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., Gunnar Biggs, John Opferkuch, Christopher Hollyday, and Duncan Moore, straight-ahead jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Steve & Dave Show, folk/jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., Matthew Von Doran & His Quintet, jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m., the Mellotones. Wednesday, 8 p.m., the Ali Jackson Trio, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live Irish/Celtic folk.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday and Tuesday, *Eamon Carroll*, Irish folk. Saturday, *Skelpin*, Irish folk. Sunday, 5:30 p.m., traditional Irish music. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Ashley Matte*, acoustic.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 4 a.m., *DJ's Key, Baby Anne, B-Side, Theron, G Roy*, and *Superfox*.

The Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street, downtown. 619-702-6010. Friday and Saturday, live music.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, Styx. Friday, GBH, Goldblade, and the Heartaches. Saturday, the Academy Is..., Panic, Acceptance, and Hellogoodbye. Tuesday, Moenia. Wednesday, Russell Crowe & the Ordinary Fear of God.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Reggie Smith, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, jazz/dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Shaker Room: Thursday, Jask, DJ Ala, and DJ Brian Cabalic. Wednesday, Punk Rock Nation On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events and live music.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-235-6699. Call club for information.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Larry Logan. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Shelle Blue, 9 p.m., Soul Diego. Saturday, the Blues Gypsys. Sunday, Chris James & Blue Four. Monday, Red Lane, rock. Tuesday, the Texas Twisters. Wednesday, Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo*, Latin Jazz. Friday, *DJ Hector*, Latin/Euro-house. Saturday, *DJ Joe*, Latin/Euro-house. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *rock en español*. Tuesday, *Chino Espinosa y Los Duenos del Son*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Fran Loskota, pop/jazz/Top 40. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Faith Page, jazz.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday through Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Also, Saturday, *DJ Daniel*.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 9 p.m., the World Beat Jazz Ensemble.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, *the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet*.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Burnett Anderson and Joe Garrison. jazz.

Coronado Island Marriott, 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Ouartet

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon* Kohl, Kjell Holmes, or Vicki Eriqat, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550
Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tony Lasley, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Barbara Jamerson and Joe Tarantino, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Stelitta & Dave Lindgren. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jim Gibson

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz.* Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey* West

West. Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., John Cain.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, Rose Winters, folk. Friday, Brad Wilson, acoustic. Saturday, the Stilettos, rockabilly.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Live acoustic/folk/rock nightly. Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, Los Ingratos, rock en español.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *Wood'n Lips*, folk/bluegrass.

Cosmos Cafe, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-698-4217. Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Gooses, acoustic pop/rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Ben Ingraham, acoustic

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Cheap Date*, classic

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, the Tall Dudes, rock/country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, Difficult Henry, rock. Saturday, Undercover, rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Bluescasters, blues.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie*

12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia
Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday
and Saturday, live country music.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, live country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *the Rockoholics*, classic rock. Tuesday, *VIII Fraud*, melodic metal/rock.

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The New Spaghetti Factory

Like so many artifacts of Old San Diego, our representative of the Old Spaghetti Factory chain (estab. 1969) has passed into history. In its stead is an upscale stand-alone restaurant to fit the remade and yuppified lower Gaslamp. Under the direction of executive chef Earl Schryver (formerly of Laguna's Surf and Sand Resort), the fare is southern European, with higher ambitions and much (much!) higher prices than Ol' Spaghet'. But the heart of the restaurant hasn't changed. Now dubbed Dussini Mediterranean Bistro (after founder Gus Dussin), it might as well be called the New Spaghetti Factory — or, more accurately, La Fattoria Nueva des Nouilles.

A bistro it is not. A bistro is a small, casual restaurant that expresses its owner's personality, whereas Dussini feels vast, impersonal, and corporate. Still, I like the new look. The interior of the 1898 building (designed by famed architect Irving Gill) has been restored to echo that era, with scrubbed brick walls, an imposing faux-Victorian chandelier dangling from the foyer ceiling, and a wine tower soaring rack upon rack to three stories. (No "wine angels" to fetch bottles, thanks be.) The space is divided into dining rooms on several levels, offering choices ranging from intimate and romantic (lower mezzanine) to bar-and-billiards (third floor). Downstairs, pendant spotlights illuminate the tables, so that you can see your food but not your companion's freckles. There is one hint of bistro insouciance: The polished wooden tables are covered with dark, heavy placemats rather than linens.

The menu, a metal-encased tome, covers the whole Euro-Mediterranean area, a collection of America's favorite dishes from Italy and Southern France, with touches of Spain, Greece, and Portugal. But night by night and dish by dish, the fare proves uneven.

For example, the hummus that comes with the bread assortment (from Bread & Cie) was thin and ordinary at our first visit, rich and delicious the next, while the accompanying Kalamata tapenade was foolproof.

My favorite starter, listed under "Beginnings," was "jumbo asparagus spears alla Milanese." Thick spears of sweet asparagus are lightly coated with Panko and Parmesan, dipped in the deep-fryer, and served with mellow roasted garlic aioli. (The spears reappear on numerous entrées, where - grilled and served stark naked — they're just as glorious.)



NAOMI WISE

At our first visit we invited Sicily-born Provvidenza along as our "Italian expert." The Portuguese linguiça kale soup was her favorite, an earthy, complex mixture of greens and red potatoes in a chicken broth pervaded by the smoky flavor of sliced Por-

tuguese sausage. This rendition isn't as weighty as the New Bedford supper entrée popularized by Emeril (Bam!) Lagasse, but it's just as engaging. At our next visit, with Mike

and Scott, we tried the oyster bisque, an odd combination of fine-minced oysters and spinach in a heavy cream broth, with a little pouf of puff pastry afloat. "It's good, but where are the oysters?" asked Mike. No one could taste, much less see them. The soup resembled good creamed spinach, but with more cream than greens.

Where most chefs put crumbs (and usually too many) in the filling, here the crumbs are all on the outside, forming a crisp crust. I enjoyed the classic seasoning, but they're far from the best in town. Grape-leaf dolmas with a rice and onion stuffing were passable. "These are just a little better than the ones from the can," said Provvi, and I had to agree. Italian prosciutto, cantaloupe, and

figs were a mixed blessing: The fruits were ripe and sweet, and two of the ham slices were thin, pink, and delicate. But the third slice was thick and dark from exposure to air, a tough, salty chew - an end-piece fit for the soup pot, not the plate.

Two of our starters were barely acceptable. Dussini's version of bagna cauda is worse than inauthentic. It's a dull dip, good for office Christmas parties — a cold,

thick sludge of tuna-mayo purée with a smidgen of anchovy, surrounded by raw veggies and toast oops, crostini. "Bagna cauda means 'hot bath,' " Provvi said. "This is so far off, it's not even warm. Real bagna cauda is more like a fondue made from hot olive oil and anchovies, but this...it's the sauce for vitello tonatto — veal with tuna sauce, hold the veal." We found the next visit's "mussels gratin" equally disappointing: The half-dozen green-lip mussels were dry, oven-crusted with Parmesan and a little herbed butter. The bivalves, plated atop a bed of rock salt and smelling like steam, had given all their liquid and flavor to the oven.

Pastas proved more reliable. Ragu alla Bolognese, the traditional hearty meat sauce, was close

Dussini Mediterranean Bistro

275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-233-4323 (www.dussini.com).

HOURS: Lunch 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. daily; dinner 5:30-10:00 p.m. daily, until 11:00 p.m. weekends. Loft bar from 11:30 a.m. until midnight weeknights, 1:00 a.m. Friday and

PRICES: Appetizers, \$7-\$12.50; soups and salads, \$3.50-\$9; pasta, \$13-\$19; entrées, \$18-\$32 (average \$22); desserts, \$7, sampler, \$12.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: A dabbling of

the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. Interesting international wine list with plenty of under-\$40 bottles, ample choices by the glass, reserve list of higher-end bottles. No corkage for first two bottles. Full bar with creative cocktails.

PICK HITS: Jumbo asparagus spears alla Milanese; linguiça and kale soup; lobster ravioli; bouillabaisse alla Marseillaise; Scharffen-Berger chocolate mousse; cheese plate. **NEED TO KNOW:** Parking lot at K and Sixth,

\$3 after 6 p.m. with validation. Valet parking planned for future. Reservations recommended, especially for weekend dinners. Elevator to top-floor bar, billiard lounge, and restrooms.

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enough to bona fide that even Provvi approved, although we all lamented the use of commercial dry pappardelle rather than soft, freshly made pasta ribbons. Lobster ravioli had black-and-white striped skins, rather thick-rolled but also plumply stuffed. They came in a sauce of cream, roasted Roma tomatoes, and snipped fresh tarragon, filled out by a school of tiny bay shrimp, more a texture than a taste. "What are these - krill?" mused Mike. But the dish is toothsome. Other pasta choices include spaghetti with seafood, penne with wild mushrooms and cream sauce, and a spaghetti Puttanesca



that includes pine nuts but not (per the menu description) anchovy.

Our entrées sent us back aboard the roller coaster, with a few peaks and many deep dips. The high was a "Bouillabaisse alla [sic] Marseillaise," a rich seafood stew sized for sharing. This dish, at last, was reasonably authentic: The essence and joy of a bouillabaisse is the warming saffron-fennel-tomato seafood broth, and the chef got it right and served it properly with good rouille (red pepper aioli) spread on toast slices, to float atop the soup as a flavor-plus crouton. We didn't spot any of the lobster the menu boasted among the species in the soup — but happily, we also found none of the advertised salmon, a coldwater fish that should play no part in this warm-sea dish.

A USDA Prime New York steak is a safe choice. Scott ordered it medium, and so it arrived, but it continued cooking on the plate to well-done. (It would be better ordered rare, given the pedigreed meat.) The topping of minced green olives and lemon-garlic butter was piquant, and alongside were those luscious asparagus spears, sweet chunky carrots, and pesto mashed potatoes prettily striated in waves but tasting dry and starchy. "Monkfish alla [sic again] Niçoise" is another decent bet if you like this fish. Monkfish is a stalwart of the bouillabaisse bowl and is often called "poor man's lobster" more for texture than taste. "The flavor is a little muddy," Provvi said, cautiously sampling it for the first time. Indeed, it's an ugly-faced bottom feeder that used to be considered a trash fish (which is why the fishwives of Marseilles threw it into their stew). Dussini serves it with a pleasant, salty sauce of capers, Kalamata olives, white wine, and fresh tomatoes, sparked by the anise flavor of Pernod. Alongside are a bit of ratatouille and a couple of hollowed-out boiled red potatoes filled with crème fraîche and snipped chives. The tepid spuds, undercooked, tasted as if they'd spent a night in the

A step further down the food chain are "scallops alla Parma," sautéed jumbo scallops of a clean but bland flavor and rubbery texture, wrapped with prosciutto and dressed in a light tomato sauce with capers, lemon, and fresh herbs, with another asparagus garnish. They're served on a buttered bed of rice-shaped, saffron-seasoned orzo pasta that was slightly overcooked.

"Paella Español" is one of the restaurant's signature dishes. Dussini's rendition includes shrimp, mussels, linguiça, and dry chicken breast chunks, plus green peas and diced carrots. In one major respect, it's neither paella nor español: The kitchen takes the easy way out by replacing rice with that easy-to-cook, mushy orzo, a poor idea because slick, round pasta grains don't absorb oil or seasonings. (Catalans do make a pasta paella, but they use fideo - thin, roughgrained noodles that do drink up juices.) At the bottom of the pan, instead of a pleasing rice crust, we encountered an oil slick. Worse, the oil tasted cheap. The portion is large enough for at least two. We four didn't even make a dent.

"Duck con crosta di nolce" — a half roast duck crusted with pulverized walnuts — has sugar in the crust, the cause of its undoing. When our fowl was reheated under the broiler, the sugar burned, overcaramelizing into sweet black tar. The meat was dry and shreddy. It came with another repeat of the orzo, and with a vibrant pear chutney, the sole appetizing substance on the plate.

This wasn't our worst entrée - two other dishes vied for that distinction. A saltimbocca offered overcooked, chewy slices of veal and tough prosciutto in a Marsala sauce with a medicinal overdose of fresh sage -'whoof!" sort of taste. Couched in an open pastry shell atop a bed of grated Mizithra cheese were a handful of small oval gnocchi with a weight and flavor closer to miniature potato knishes than to anything Italian.

The veal's rival in culinary iniquity was another house signature dish, "lobster macaroni and cheese." The menu trumpets, "Over 1/2 pound of lobster with a sharp white cheddar cheese sauce, flavored with truffle oil." "I was expecting a crust on top," murmured Provvi, disappointed at the sauce's gluey consistency. 'Where's the lobster?" asked Mike (who loves Terra's rendition of this dish), when we retasted it to see if it was really as bad as we thought. None of us could perceive a trace of crustacean. My partner compared the flavor to off-brand instant mac'n'cheese, and I found the truffle oil not only a wrong note

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but stale-tasting. And the sauce was salted beyond reason.

The wine list, however, is a joy to explore, dipping into France, Spain, and Italy, as well as California. Among the many affordable choices, we enjoyed a Moulin Au Vent Beaujolais that's beautifully suited to light Mediterranean cooking, and a sturdy, mellow Alsatian Pinot Blanc with the power to go one on one with the richest seafood. The liberal corkage policy — the first two bottles free — is of interest if your home cellar needs thinning, particularly in light of the excellent (if super-rich) cheese plate here. It included a sweet Gorgonzola, a Cambazola, a triple creme, and an English blue, all served at cool room temperature and mature enough to become a bit runny as they warmed. These came with wonderful caramelized fennel, crackers, and house-made toasted walnut sweet-bread.

The desserts include a sampler plate, with all the choices also available as solos. The best is a Scharffen Berger chocolate mousse, light and elegant with a deep, dark-chocolate flavor. Panna cotta is of medium lightness and quite sweet for this normally restrained dessert. The

crème brulée is standard, as is the raspberry sorbet. The tiramisù (which means "pick me up") was much like the bland rendition we tasted last week at the Palm, too short on coffee to pick anybody up and lacking any perceptible liqueur for the final

The service at Dussini goes beyond considerate toward anxious hovering: Seconds after delivering each course, a server returns to ask, "Is your [dish name] all right?" — as if you'd tell her the truth!

This isn't a bad restaurant, but it serves some bad dishes, along with a handful of highly satisfactory ones. The "star-rating" for everything we tasted averaged out to a two, but on second thought — with three entrées out of eight earning one star or less — it's too risky to call the restaurant "good." Not only does the cooking need fine-tuning, but some ingredients need upgrading (particularly the seafood and the oils) if Dussini is to overcome its feed-all-comers Old Spaghetti aura. The prices are nearly three times as high (the average entrée runs \$22, compared to \$8), so the food needs to be at least twice as

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That's a Masarap

"Walk into Asian Noodles and just say Ma Mon Luk."

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weet spaghetti? Carla, cara, say you're

kidding me."
"Now, darling," she purrs into the phone. "You know while I'm in recovery you have to cater to my every whim, n'est-ce pas?

Oh, Gawd. Now she's speaking in tongues.

'Carla, darling, where the hell am I gonna find...?

"Edward! You're not listening! This is for me. Please get your buns over to Bay Plaza Shopping Center. Walk into Asian Noodles, and just say Ma Mon Luk. Okay? Tell them

your wife last had Mr. Ma's mami in the Philippines."

I put the phone down. Man. Okay, so she globe-trotted with her Navy daddy. But sweet spaghetti? Ma Mon Luk? Mami?

Half an hour later, in East Plaza, just past the IHOP, this silvery sign says "Asian Noodles."

"Are you Mr. Ma Mon Luk?" I ask the middle-aged chef.

"Our cook doesn't speak English," a perky little lady informs me. "Please take a menu and find

Her nametag says "Liza." "But," I say, "Ma Mon Luk!" "Yes, that's our founder," Liza says, "back in 1920." She gives me a dazzling grin.

I flip through the menu. The back page is titled "The Ma Mon Luk tradition." Aha! This guy was real, and here's his bio. There's even a pic

taken with his family — and the president of the Philippines — probably around 1950.

It seems Mr. Ma was a lowly, underpaid teacher in Canton (Guangzhou) province of China. He fell in love with the prosperous merchant's daughter

Ng Shih but couldn't marry her till he'd saved enough money to be worthy of her station. In 1920, Ma Mon Luk traveled to the Philippines "to introduce a new food concept," as the menu says, a "hearty bowl" of egg noodles in a briny broth with chicken. Until then, only the stringier rice noo-

dles had been used in the P.I. As Mr. Ma's soup grew famous in Manila, it came to be called MaMi, or the noodles ("Mi") of Mr. Ma. Mr. Ma also made stuffed steam buns (siopao) to go with the soup.

Over the next four decades, looks as if Mr. Ma became the Ray Kroc of the P.I. Now three of his grandsons are running Asian Noodles restaurants here in Southern California.

So I sit at one of the dozen Formica-top tables, on a silver-and-aqua chair under a little conch-shell wall light. It's a bright room, with concealed fluorescent lighting, a long counter made of glass bricks. There are a bunch of Americans at one end and Filipinos at the other, all slurping into steaming-hot noodle soups.

Guess I've gotta have one. It'd tip ye olde hat to the founder, and also show me what the fuss has been about these 86 years. The menu has everything

from Chinese-style beef stew on rice (\$4.95) to Kung Pao chicken (\$5.95), but the essence of this place is in its noodles. And all at good prices. My eye goes straight to the "Classic Mami," just as Liza comes up.

"Is this the original dish that Mr. Ma created in 1920?" I ask.

'Oh, yes. Nothing has changed," Liza says. "Well, then, no question. I'll have that," I say.

Then I notice huge covered tin pans in the kitchen. Must be the dumpling steamers. Mr. Ma's siomai. He stuffed them with pork, chicken, or even salted duck eggs with Chinese sausage. Hmm. Worth trying.

Except that Liza shakes her head. "We have no salted duck eggs. It would probably be too much food for you anyway. There's a lot in the soup. Wait and see.'

"One other thing. Could I have an order of, uh, sweet Manila spaghetti? It's for my wife." The menu has it at \$6.50.

You don't like sweet things?" Liza says, as if there's something wrong with me.

"Oh, sure, sure. But...spaghetti?"

Now here's the funny thing. The Classic Mami dish comes, and boy, it's a generous bowl of soup, with enough noodles to stretch to the moon and back, plus chunks of chicken and beef. But, I dunno. Maybe I'm expecting too much taste. It's kind of bland. I add soy. I add hot sauce. It goes down fine, but for a 90-year phenom, I'd hoped for a little more.

I get Liza to pack the leftovers up along with

the spaghetti — also a Ma Mon Luk family creation, the menu says — and head out into the swirl of East Plaza. Just need the 602 bus to get me to the 24th Street trolley, and it'll still be steaming by the time I lay it down in front of Carla.

I blat through our front door. Carla has actually hobbled around and laid out a couple of bowls and spoons and forks. I airlift wads of spaghetti and sausage onto each plate, we lean in, and...ohmygosh! "This is beautiful," I say to Carla. "How could I have been so wrong?"

The sweetness of the pasta, the slightly gingery saltiness of the sausage. I mean, just when you

thought you'd tasted every taste in the world. "So, it was real," Carla says quietly. "All this time, I thought I must have been just a crazy Navy kid to love this. That I'd surely grow out of it...

We fall into a silent concentration on the job at hand, till the sweet spaghetti's almost all gone. We wipe our fangs.

"Mmm," I say, taking that last swirl of noodles, "Masarap, mahal, irog, masarap!"

"'Masarap'?"

" 'Delicious.' In Tagalog."

"And the rest of it?"

"It means, like, 'darling, sweetheart.' Sweetheart."

Carla stands up, wobbly but determined.

'All right. I want names, and dates. Who taught you these words?"

The Place: Asian Noodles, Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 1430 E. Plaza Blvd., Suite ER-12, National City, 619-477-5390 Type of Food: Filipino

Prices: The original Classic Mami (egg noodle soup with beef, chicken), \$5.00; beef and wonton mami, \$5.75; classic siomai (three steamed dumplings), \$2.75; Chinese-style beef stew on rice, \$4.95; yang chow fried rice, \$6.75; special lomi, \$9.95; sweet Manila spaghetti, \$6.50

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move wine around," says Mark Dubiel.
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for serious wine in San Diego — "for 12 years.

I've done importation, restaurant consulting. Now, I'm part owner of the Del Mar Wine Company, and I have another partner — we buy cellars together." And together with chef/wine broker (well, until recently) Sean Fisher, he is co-proprietor of Tastes: The Total Wine Experience, a new wine restaurant in Encinitas.



Dubiel met Fisher while working as the wine buyer for Harvest Ranch Markets. "Sean sold me some wine, and then he came back, and I bought five cases of Chardonnay, and then he came back again and he said, 'What is this I hear about you?'"

"'What do you mean?'

"'I hear you really know about wine.'

"'I've been doing it long enough. I should know something.'

"'If money wasn't an object, what would you drink?'

"'Simple,'" answered Dubiel — Grand Cru white Burgundy and Grand Cru red Burgundy. "He almost kissed me."

Wine and food have that kind of significance to Fisher — and to Dubiel. Over the years, as Dubiel continued his work and Fisher's brokerage

began to grow, the two ate and drank their way around Burgundy and the rest of France. "There have been moments in our lives," recalls Dubiel, "when Sean and I and some of our friends will go to a restaurant like Arterra with three differ-

ent Burgundies or something, and Carl will make something specifically for us — three different dishes, one for each Burgundy. You taste, and you get the food and the wine just going together, and you wish that you could have the whole world be with you at that moment, to understand the

feeling when it works, when it meshes."

But all too often, they had trouble getting their vision out there. Recalls Dubiel, "We would go to restaurants and show them really great stuff, and they would say, 'This is really great!' 'You want to buy it?' 'No, I can't sell French wine.' Or, 'I just changed my wine list nine months ago.' Once, we went to a guy who was buying \$3 Chianti. We had one for \$3.25 that was damn good — night and day. He was getting \$6.50 a glass, and he wouldn't give up the quarter on the bottle." And market concerns aside, says Fisher, "At so many places, they pick the wine list without thinking of the food and create the food without thinking about the wine. It's usually coming from two different ends the sommelier wants to get all the top-scoring wines, and the chef isn't very concerned." When Fisher was selling to restaurants, he says, "Very

few chefs used to come and sit and taste the wines."

So when they heard the building that used to house Bistro Soleil was going vacant, Fisher and Dubiel saw their chance to open the sort of restaurant where they could "have the whole world be with you at that moment" when the wine and food mesh. It had the casual feel they needed to make serious wine approachable — originally a steakhouse, the place was built in the shape of a Porterhouse — and to match the unfussy character of food prepared with the wine in mind. "The plates come out looking like you're in the wine country of France — Provence, maybe," says Fisher, who is putting his long experience as a high-end caterer to work in the kitchen. Also, it was small enough that one or both of them would be able to visit every table, explaining their notion of the Total Wine Experience.

"People ask, 'Do you have a tasting menu?" says Fisher. "The whole thing is a tasting menu! All the plates are half- to three-quarter-size main courses. The idea is to taste around. Most people who come in have three to four items between two people; they share. You can order as you go — I can put anything out of the kitchen in 12 minutes."

The two-page menu changes weekly — tastes of wine on the left, tastes of food on the right, with multiple pairing recommendations for each dish. "Mark and I will sit and discuss," says Fisher. "We taste everything together. We use top-quality ingredients, but not too many ingredients" — as he puts it, you won't have to choose between highlighting the mushroom (Pinot Noir?) or the citrus (Gewürztraminer?) in your dish. "We're trying to create things that are more simple, that blend and balance with the wine."

On the wine side, "We have about 40 wines by the glass. About 15 are boom, boom, boom." The rest, which may not turn over as quickly, are stored in what may be the largest cuvinee in town, which dominates (and nearly matches) the old oak bar. The cuvinee keeps all the wines under gas and dispenses pours through spigots. "Six, seven days, you still won't notice a difference. The air never touches the wine." Three-pour flights are available, as are exalted offerings such as a half-glass of '02 Chateau Lafite for \$29. The list has a distinctly European flavor, but Dubiel is quick to note that "We have everything; we don't alienate anybody. We have a good inexpensive California Cabernet in the White Oak, and if people want something more expensive, we have the Arrowood Reserve. If you want to experiment, you can; but if you don't, that's fine, too."

Still, the two take obvious delight in selling Europe in a Cal-heavy market. Says Fisher, "People will walk in the first time and say, 'Can I have a glass of Merlot?' We'll explain to them that the St. Emilion and Pomerol regions of Bordeaux are mainly Merlot. Now, they'll walk in and say, 'What do you have in a Pomerol?'"

Racks of wines run down the center of the restaurant, where the Porterhouse's bone would be; the racks serve as the restaurant's by-the-bottle list. "Our policy is that when you buy any bottle retail, you pay \$19 more to drink it in the restaurant," says Fisher. (The \$19 table-service includes getting your red wine [and sometimes your white] decanted, and good-sized stemware.) "It gets to be more of a value when you start spending more on the bottles." Like, say, the older and/or reserve wines kept in the glass-front cooler along one wall - Barolos, Burgundies, Bordeaux, and a healthy sampling of '90s California Cabs. (Dubiel still buys cellars.) Yes, you're spending \$100+ on the bottle, but the \$19 charge is well below standard markup for cellared wines. And on occasion, Dubiel will make a few such rarities available for tasting: "I'll take the '90, '94, and '95 Caymus Special Select, have a special flight of that."







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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a vear-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her kashta lea dessert an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with lessthan-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals Tuesday through Sunday. Live music

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and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/00)

L.W. (7/00)

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo

Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also
in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531.

Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and
fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter
this busy little taqueria, where the
food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan,
a small city near Guadalajara. Its local
specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's
does up (by the plate or by the pound)
as tender, non-greasy shreds, served
with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato
salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too,
and the beans taste as good as they
smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really
takes off, with shredded meat, onions,
mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped
flour tortilla. Quick and good, open
daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food. While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners shave added chicken and fish for Encini-tas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and all bedded down with tomatoes a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's bestknown dish - 14 variations of threeeggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sand-wiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late - N.W. (10/01) lunch. Inexpensive. -

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara. 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian haute cuisine which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of firstclass ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" no hats, shorts, or tennies - but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Fourcourse tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road). Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414.

You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though—this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, includ-ing a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Open Wednesday to Sunday, continuous lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's

a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights. Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W. (3/05)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W. (9/03)

Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged Ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Dinner only, Wednesday to Sunday. Moderate at Oystar Bar; upper moderate at 0/star Bar, appearant. — N.W. (3/05)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old











California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fairweather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of seri-ous entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor - this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. -N.W. (9/03)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of sunomono (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bitesize cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bak-ery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven Recipes are from France, Italy, Ger-

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many, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a creampainted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods. and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agri cultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates in clude the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557 This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff your-self with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes - or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the

Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels - oy!, so goy! Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (4/05)

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an oftenchanging menu include white fish served any style, mushroom cappucini soup, and tarte Tatin. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — E.W.

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquitegrilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: won derfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. N.W. (4/05)

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the out-standing asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once ou're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème frîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a water-cress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279, Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multigenerational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts - like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying not to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp spicy, tomatoey sauce and large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a mas-culine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings

of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. The synergy between Executive Chef Jason Knibb and Dessert Chef (and cheesemaker) Jack Fisher has taken this restaurant to a new level of craftsmanship, with a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food



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that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (10/05)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras torchon, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your firstclass dinner - the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Con-), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood char-coal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called pan chan), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the

money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. -

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy - beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. - E.B. (5/02)

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank

and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Penn-sylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.O." marinated short ribs (tong galbi) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef gui). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — *M.N.* (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue. café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, of fers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday. Lunch and dinner 3 p.m. to midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this

place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sortahealth-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your

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dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sand-wiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's toute suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, yeal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne beurre blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open daily for lunch; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely picante, and the luscious camarones borrachos are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, foodfriendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends Open daily. Moderate. - N.W. (6/02)

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pi-anos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. -

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over mar-

velous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311, Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and twostory patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushibar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including teppanyaki (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony ama ebi, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly eved with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street),

South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but

90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — $E.B.\ (11/01)$

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine—sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N. (8/99)

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-fromscratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées, such as apricot-glazed grilled chicken. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better-tasting than U.S.-made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner weeknights,

three meals on weekends, until 11 p.m. nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (7/05)

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Caiun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya wellnigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splen-did. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. N.W. (2/05)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or

not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarianfriendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with







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burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their tenounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday, Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/05)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spot-light-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary - a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flowershaped lamps sprouting out of over-head fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border - who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute* garni (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial har and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics - schnitzel side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp involtini alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "foe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel

'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no cork age for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (4/05)

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their sag paneer creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, tikhi. For a cheap, light

meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recom mended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the high-lights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, tlacogos cuitlacoche, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a foodfriendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. - N.W. (2/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, machaca, chile rellenos). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the carnitas verdes, the beef in the enchiladas. The carne asada sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the

stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hour Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable, with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Islander Grill Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant co-conut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Every thing available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (3/05)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethnoblend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate

(the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-bythe Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lund and dinner daily except Monday. Upper moderate. — *E.W.* (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bavview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Breakfast, lunch and early dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioneers' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — N.W. (9/05)









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ARGENTINIAN Steak house

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, un-til this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or panini. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Bud's Louisiana Food Shop 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chefowner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole special-ties, to eat-in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/05)

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillotte*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (5/04)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse paté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only

on Saturday. Moderate to expensive.
— M.N. (10/98)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux - over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-sea-soned. Try the Key Lime pie for custardy and full of limey bite Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M. (3/04)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood **Restaurant** 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. – *N.W.* (10/01)

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth,

it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioneers on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — N.W. (3/04)

Harbor House 831 West Harbor

Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioneers, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (8/05)

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second - and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood mixto, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake

flautas). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best chorizo con huevos (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the housemade menudo (tripe soup). Lunch delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. -E.B. (11/00)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (300)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W. (4/00)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and

good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffialetta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (3/01)

Soleil @K Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioneers, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be pre pared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab cakes, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/05)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J

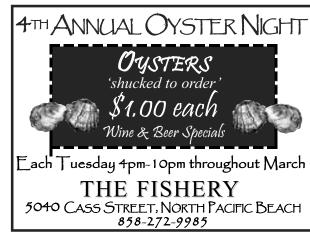
Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-vourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, streetpatio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resortstyle cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (soulful Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajas*, puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of jamaica (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines, Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning ar-













guing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and na-chos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado. 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pas-tas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish in-volves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's freshfish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality

seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon niçoise salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architec ture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play gaucho and enjoy the most authentic Argentine parrillada (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous —

includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous milanesa (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. N.W. (4/02)

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones, pizza by the slice, and he sells Mootime ice cream cheaper than Mootime. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has staved open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

BAJA

From the United States use the pre-fix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with tarros and pizza. Tarros are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — E.B. (2/04)

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Choco*late) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meatstuffed poblano chiles with walnutcream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a table-side production number, crêpes with cajeta (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive

bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. N.W. (10/02)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tiinana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-dec Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with salsa eneldo — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuc-cine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature salsa blanca. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (12/04)

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best tortas (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of tortas, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thurs day Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no

phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bayarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with in-door-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croa monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a pan bagnat (salade nicoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner, Inexpensive, Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. -N.W. (12/04)



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t least after Running Scared I have no need to rationalize my position on The Cooler. In a minority opinion, I thought writer and director Wayne Kramer's indie breakthrough was lousy. Phony-baloney,

showy, schmaltzy, and second-hand. His present excursion into the commercial mainstream (with an all-purpose and

oft-used title) is lousier. Phonierbaloney, showier, maybe not schmaltzier but still (in the end) schmaltzy, and third- or fourth-hand. Plus a fashionconscious makeover in matters of style (desaturated color, spasmic camerawork, frenetic cutting), so pumped-up, so preening, as to dissociate itself sociopathically from the characters and their plight. The brutality has been pumped up, too, to the point of blowout; and there is an equivalent exhibition of raunchy sex, albeit marital sex, involving Vera Farmiga. (Maria Bello, the sex object of The Cooler, brought her willing ways into the mainstream already, as well as into $matrimony, in {\it A History of Violence.})$ The ostensible premise has to do with a hot gun that passes through many hands in the course of a single night,

with the Jersey gang member to whom it had been entrusted (a stylishly stubbled Paul Walker) in hot pursuit. The larger premise, however, has to do with a view of the world as a bucket of worms: hoods, hookers, crooked cops,

child abusers (a junkie Russkie stepfather with a tattoo of John Wayne on his back, an unctuous husband-and-wife

pair of kiddie pornographers). The hero, in the Cocteau-esque eyes of his wife, is merely "shady, sleazy, mixed up with the wrong people, but definitely not evil." A prince among worms. Tarantino may still be the figurehead for this sort of thing, but the followers seem to come along like city buses, another every ten minutes, a dime a dozen. (Avary, Liman, Ritchie, Rodriguez, Iñárritu, now Kramer: a nickel's worth right there.) The mechanical twists and turns of the plot take us (without any additional push from the agitated style or the adundant gore) right up to the brink of nausea, and the twist and turn that ultimately take us over it are, first, the climactic hairpin character reversal that pulls the rug out from the entire itinerary and, second, the glob of sickening

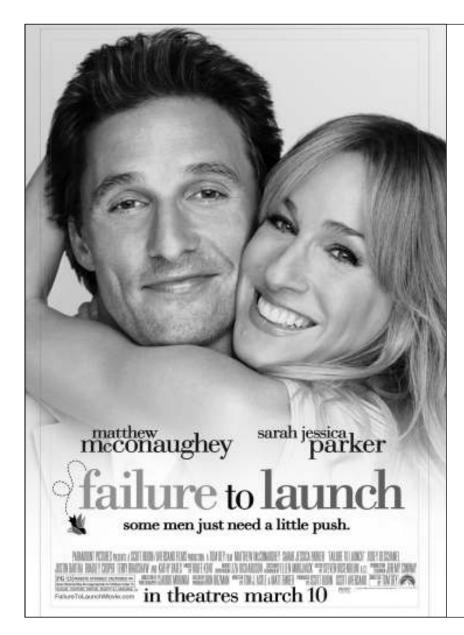


sweetness at the fadeout. Those with stronger stomachs might at best find the thing laughable.

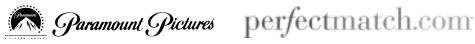
16 Blocks specifies in its title the distance over which an NYPD detective must transport a garrulous witness from jail to courthouse in Lower Manhattan, weaving through a whole platoon of murderously corrupt cops;

and it approximates in its hour-anda-half duration the time limit allotted to get him there. Overextended even at that tidy length, essentially lazy, mediocre, and incredible, the film is nevertheless a virtual haven of humanism compared to Running Scared. Bruce Willis is in his Serious Actor mode (a mustache, a receding toupee,

a bicycle tire around the middle) in the part of the burnt-out detective with a bum leg and a thirst for booze, bone-tired after pulling an all-nighter. And hip-hopper Mos Def, talking nonstop in a nasally drone as the petty-criminal witness, takes a bold backward step toward Stepin Fetchit. Veteran director Richard Donner, lit-



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tle more than a traffic cop himself, swallows his whistle and takes the time to notice, and to make something of it, whenever the bedraggled detective decides to get serious about his job. The first sign of that, when he makes a choice between his bottle of whisky and his gun, is your sign to get serious about the movie.

Night Watch is a Manichean fantasy made in Russia (by Timur Bekmambetov) but infused with a universal underground-comic sensibility, and it may well please the proponents of homogeneity. A long prologue in a generic Dark Age (with narration in English before the subtitles take over) lays out the background of "the eternal war, light against dark," in addition to the rules of the truce under which the opposing forces have coexisted to the present day, with the soliders of the light marshalled into a Nightwatch and conversely the soldiers of the dark into a Daywatch, to stand guard against

each other. The advent, or resurrection or reincarnation or whatever, of the Virgin of Byzantium will herald the Final Battle, the balance of which will be tipped by the choice of allegiance of the Great Other, whoever that may be. In spite of a not very lucid narrative, it's pretty hard to miss the Virgin of Byzantium, because she walks around under an enormous Vortex aswarm with crows or ravens or whatever. The hero, with whom we became acquainted in a second lengthy prologue set twelve years in the past, is not the Great Other but merely an Other, a precognitive soldier of the light ("Just what we need, another asshole with visions of the future") who, like that other comic-book hero, Blade, strives to keep vampires in line without, unlike Blade, killing them and thereby disturbing the balance. When he kills one inadvertently (the head cracking in two like a ceramic pot, one of countless competent special effects), the balance never recovers clear through to the climactic revelation of the Great Other. Our knowledge that this is but the first part of a projected trilogy is an added burden. An added imbalance.

Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story is not a straight adaptation of the Laurence Sterne classic, but a sort of parabolic pass at one. The fact that the novel is widely acknowledged to be "unfilmable" (openly acknowledged to be that within the film itself) does not stop Michael Winterbottom from filming the attempt of a fictitious film company to film it. This allows him to stage some plausible, along with implausible, scenes from such an attempt (with a built-in excuse for inadequacies), while at the same time to poke fun at the foolhardy souls who would make the attempt. It also allows him to claim fidelity in some small degree to the "self-reflexive" spirit of the book. (Awareness within awareness: bits of the background music are lifted from Fellini's self-referential 81/2.) The result, no surprise, is unacceptable as a literary adaptation, but acceptable enough as a behind-the-scenes satire, with deft portraits of the insecure leading man (Steve Coogan as "himself"), the film-buff personal assistant whose allusions run to Bresson and Fassbinder, the persnickety technical advisor on 18th-century warfare, among others. All in all, it works out to be roughly a fourth as funny as any half-hour episode of the Ricky Gervais TV series, Extras, on HBO. The fleeting presence here, in an unfunny part, of the delightful Ashley Jensen from that series inevitably invites the comparison. Winterbottom is himself plainly not immune to foolhardiness.

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Annapolis — By-the-numbers military training exercise: a sensitive riveter, not content just to build ships, joins the Naval Academy on a promise to his late mother. There's a withholding father, a hard-ass drill instructor, a roly-poly lagging roommate, a foxy female officer, and a boxing tournament for proving manhood. James Franco might hope to remind you of Montgomery Clift in From Here to Eternity (his character's name, Huard, even sounds a bit like Pruitt), but he can only hope. With Tyrese Gibson, Jordana Brewster, Donnie Wahlberg, and Vicellous Shannon; directed by Justin Lin. 2006.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Aquamarine — Mermaid romance with Emma Roberts, Joanna Levesque, Sara Paxton, and Jake McDornan, directed by Elizabeth Allen.

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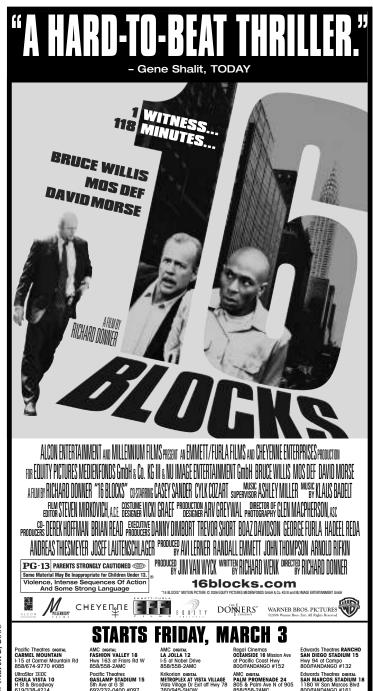
comedian Dave Chappelle, with Erykah Badu, Mos Def, Jill Scott, Kanye West, and others, directed by Michel Gondry. (CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6: FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MAR-COS 18; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/3)

Brokeback Mountain — Here's fulfill-

ment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite denials ("You know I ain't queer" and "Me neither"), a love that would survive each man's marriage and fatherhood, over a period approaching two decades, but a love that could never come down from the mountain where it sprang up: "This is a goddam bitch of an unsatisfactory situation." Though the story was quite presciently written before the murder of Matthew Shepard in that same territory, the movie arrives long after that, and with a clearer, cruder sense about it of payback, of axe-grinding, of remedial education. There is also a sense about it of material stretched too thin, a slow, uneventful, time-biding start, working up stealthily to the moment of maximal male bonding, and then a straightforward, chronological, but timeskipping follow-through. The greater detail and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrastingly, their first reunion, a clinch of sumowrestler ferocity, right under the nose of one of the wives, is miles from credible. Jake Gyllenhaal, with his choirboyish pretty face and lofty voice, is the more acceptably typecast of the two. But Heath Ledger, lowering his voice to a Scott Glenn register, inside a clamped jaw, and suppressing his native Aussie accent, conveys the more poignant image of inhibition and concealment. Both actors look good in their jeans, in their hats, on their horses, and with their Marlboro Man smokes. And the voluptuous landscape is lovingly photographed. Director Ang Lee already did a lot of that in Ride with the Devil, and did it, at the time, with more impact of surprise and revelation. (Ang Lee? Man of action?) What's new here feels frankly inevitable, not at all revelatory; and the director of The Wedding Banquet, Sense and Sensibility, and The Ice Storm seems an unsurprising man for the job. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway.

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Caché — Well-chilled French thriller comparable in degrees centigrade to Time Out, With a Friend Like Harry, Merci pour le Chocolat, Red Lights, et al. An anonymous videocassette in a plastic bag is left without explanation at the doorstep of the civilized host of a book-chat TV show: a two-hour static surveillance shot of the front of the house where he lives with his wife and their twelve-year-old son. A similar second tape, night-time, follows, accompanied by a childish drawing of a figure with blood streaming from the mouth. You can readily imagine, inasmuch as you are put snugly in the shoes of the protagonist, how this might give you the willies. An additional drawing, later, of a bloody chicken and additional surveillance tape of his boyhood home in the country, where now his mother alone resides, would seem to point the finger at an Algerian immigrant, a longago playmate of the protagonist, whom the latter's parents had once planned to adopt. There's a story there, a story hidden, a deep dark secret from the past, unknown even to the wife. The measured disclosure of it is as much a test of patience as a test of nerve.



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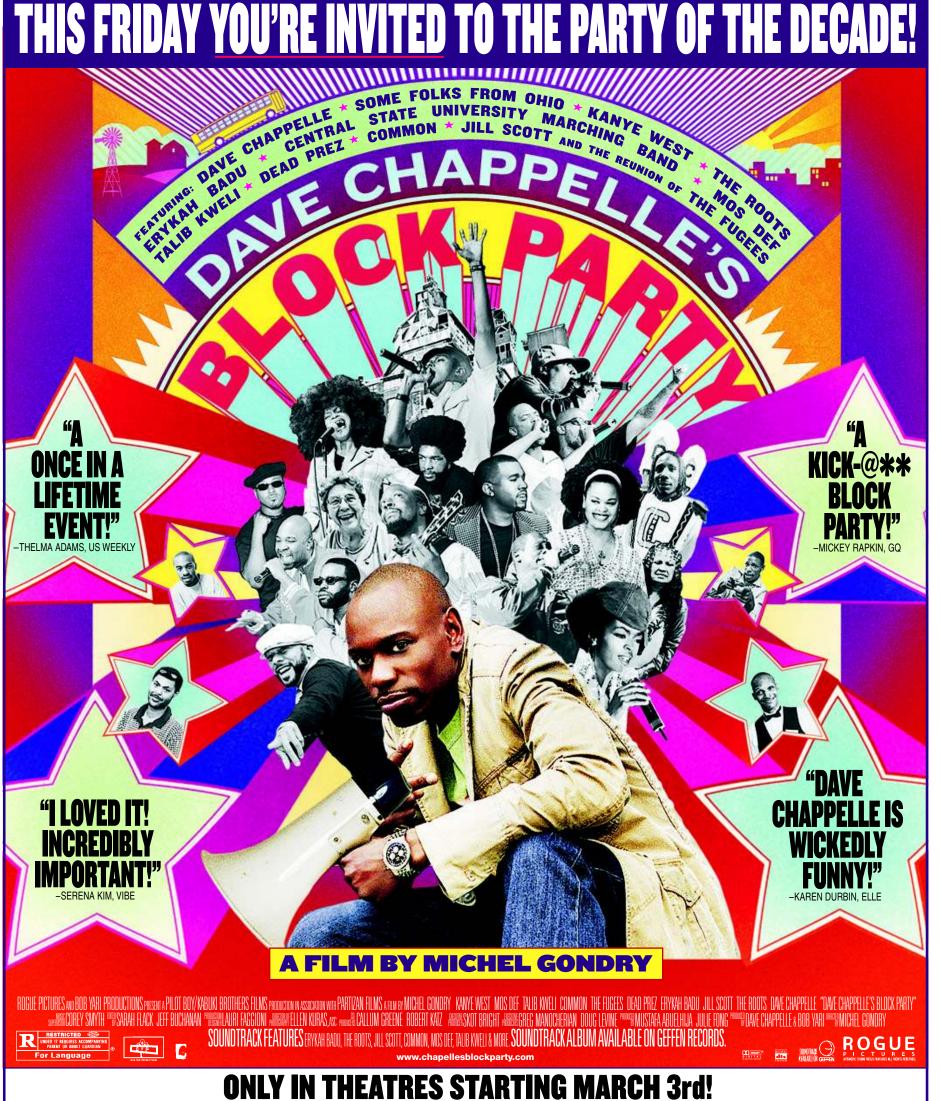
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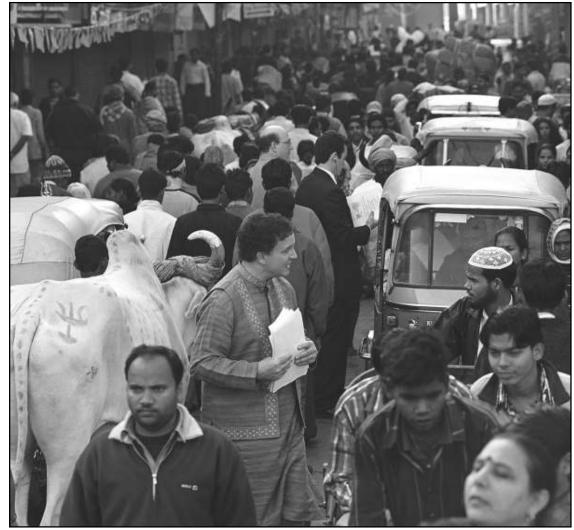
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The austere Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke lowers the temperature a few degrees nearer the deep freeze, even, than the French ideal. He gets unostentatious fine performances from Daniel Auteuil and a thicker-in-the-middle Juliette Binoche, and it's always good to see the venerable Annie Girardot (the mother in the country). He avails himself of no mood-setting background music, staying alert to ambient sound only, maintaining the stillness of a stalker, a voyeur. His spookily empty images, not just the ones borrowed from the surveillance camera, possess something of the expectancy, the pregnancy, of the early-20th-century photographs of Eugène Atget. And the unsettling final shot, outside the school of the twelve-year-old, is a stimulating discussion-starter for viewers whose curiosity rises above "Huh?" Answer this: whose point of view? 2005.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," In Cold Blood, Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from The New York Times of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the goahead from the editor at The New Yorker to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some



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viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its partic ulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put

quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller, 2005.

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Cheaper by the Dozen 2 — A family feud, over Labor Day at Lake Winnetka, between the twelve-kid Bakers and the eightkid Murtaughs, or anyway between their hotly competitive dads (Steve Martin, Eugene Levy). Humor and sentiment every bit as cheap as Cheaper One. The only notable change is in the suddenly sculpted Hilary Duff, who either has done some work or,

odds are, had some work done. (The change in directors, Shawn Levy to Adam Shankman, is undetectable.) Bonnie Hunt finds a few crannies in which to do something resembling acting. With Piper Perabo, Tom Welling, Carmen Electra. 2005. ● (VOGUE)

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion. the Witch, and the Wardrobe — The mythic children's book by C.S. Lewis makes for a good children's film, better, to pick a couple of nearby co-ordinates, than any of the Harry Potters, better than any third of The Lord of the Rings, albeit still rather longish at two hours and twenty minutes. In the first place, and in spite of the existence of six other books in the Narnia series, it has a beginning, a middle, and an end - and all in one film! (What a concept!) In that respect, it calls to mind the original Star Wars, not the original trilogy, much less the following trilogy, but the sin-

gle, solitary film. The stand-alone film. The ending of Narnia in particular, with all its triumphal pomp and circumstance, calls that film to mind. The beginning, on the other hand, calls to mind an even better children's film, The Secret Garden (the 1993 version at any rate), with four parentless children packed off during the London Blitz to a gloomy mansion of rigid rules ("No improper use of the dumbwaiter," etc.), where they soon discover, at the back of the wardrobe in the spare room, a portal to the alternative universe of Narnia, populated by talking animals and a messianic lion named Aslan. (The transitions between the two worlds are dreamily seamless.) A prophecy, they further discover, has foretold of their coming as well as their overthrow of the reigning Wicked White Witch, wonderfully visualized - an icicle crown, frozen-stiff hair, snowman's lump-of-coal eyes, clammy, oystery skin - and commandingly played by Tilda Swinton. The narrative incidents unfold smoothly and swiftly and at times quite excitingly. And the execution of Aslan, in an atmosphere that reeks of a witches' Sabbath, is about as brutal as it could be without becoming as sadistic as The Passion of the Christ, His immediate resurrection, although the logic of it had been withheld from us, and although the Christian allegory of it cannot be ignored, is nevertheless easier to swallow than, subsequently, the prowess of the children on the battlefield or the wholesale resurrection of casualties on that field. The lesson in courage at that point, or those points, gets a bit muddied. It almost smacks of cowardice. With Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, and the voice of Liam Neeson; directed by Andrew Adamson. 2005. ★★ (VOGUE)

Curious George — Juvenile monkeyshines, scrimpingly animated, monopolistically voiced by Will Ferrell as the primate's adopted human, and accompanied by a posy of insipid songs. Based on the books by Margret and H.A. Rey; directed by Matthew O'Callaghan. 2006.

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Date Movie — In the mode of Scarv Movie, a witless collection of references to, thefts from, and spoofs of, assorted romantic comedies, nonromantic comedies, noncomedies, anything at all, My Big Fat Greek Wedding to Lord of the Rings. The assumption seems to be that mere recognition will bring forth laughter. With Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard, Tony Cox, and Eddie Griffin; directed by Aaron Seltzer, 2006.

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Eight Below — Agreeably old-fashioned survival adventure, "inspired by a true story" as well as by a Japanese film inspired by the same story, about a team of Antarctic sled dogs who, after saving the life of a UCLA scientist in quest of "the first meteorite from the planet Mercury," are chained up for safekeeping while their masters fly out to get medical aid, and are then left on their own for six months — fortytwo months, that would be, in dog years when winter storms come ahead of schedule and seal off their retrieval. The early shots of the dog team in harness at full run ("They absolutely love their work") are stirring; and the rescue of the scientist from a hole in the ice, the leader of the pack worming her way towards him with a lifeline in her teeth, is breath-stopping. There is also, in their months of aloneness, one moment guaranteed to make you jump out





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of your skin, and that's just the start of the film's most nerve-racking sequence. All eight dogs, blessedly free of inner voices provided by the likes of Bruce Willis and Whoopi Goldberg, form as stoical an ensemble of actors as you could find outside a Jean-Pierre Melville gangster film. They thoroughly outclass Paul Walker, Jason Biggs, Bruce Greenwood, and Moon Bloodgood (as the hottie airplane pilot), despite the humans' sincerest efforts and the indiscriminately flattering photography, crisp, clean, bright, by Don Burgess. Not all of the dogs (pussies be warned) make it through alive, but it's precisely at the times of loss and injury that their demeanor is most inspirational. This is bad, their faces seem to say, but let's get on with it. A couple of them, over the course of events, emerge as individuals, but even then the overriding point, and very touching point, is their togetherness, their oneness. As their handler laconically puts it: "Good team." Directed by Frank Marshall, 2006.

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Final Destination 3 — Commonplace instance of a sequel that's really just an alternative version, a completely different cast of characters in a parallel series of contrived chain-reaction accidents with gory payoffs, all to test the dictum that you can't cheat death. Death, evidently, will go to great serpentine lengths to see that you don't. Gross lengths. Rube Goldberg lengths. You wouldn't think death had so much spare time. With Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ryan Merriman, Amanda Crew, and Kris Lemche; directed by James Wong. 2006.

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Firewall — Ridiculous heist-and-hostage thriller that requires the retirement-age Harrison Ford to shoulder altogether too much of the burden of heroics — all of it, to be exact — as much as Jean-Claude van Damme shouldered at half the age. And this in the role of a family-man Seattle banker! Not an ex-Navy-SEAL banker, not a former-FBI-agent banker, just a plain old banker, a computer geek. The clichés come in bunches. Because the story is set in Seattle, it must rain ninety percent of the time, the Space Needle must be visible out the banker's office window, and he must live with his wife, his TV-addicted teen daughter, and his peanut-allergic tween son in a sumptuous waterfront home that would be the envy of Bill Gates. In a slight modification of a cliché, the architect who designed the place is not the man of the family but the woman (Virginia Madsen in her first post-*Sideways* job opportunity, let's hope a lucrative one). The fiendish mastermind of the caper is a cultivated Brit (not Alan Rickman, not Jeremy Irons, not Sean Bean, but Paul Bettany), and the action is a techie's delight (computers, cellphones, security systems, fountain-pen video camera, GPS dog collar). It is not an aesthete's delight, shot as it is in such closeup that the viewer can't get a decent look at it. Robert Forster, Robert Patrick, Mary Lynn Rajskub; directed by Richard Loncraine. 2006. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN

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screenplay by Richard Price, directed by Joe Roth, a ripped-from-today's-headlines thriller that amounts to a virtual collage of newspaper clippings: child abduction, domestic violence, police brutality, racial profiling, ghetto rioting, and whatnot. Julianne Moore is once again a bereft mother, but in trying out, for a change of pace, a Joisey accent and low-rent grammar, she shows that she can broaden her range only at a cost of broadening her performance. Samuel L. Jackson, as the streetwise cop on the case, is able to incorporate an asthma inhaler without losing his equilibrium. And Edie Falco looks startlingly disguised as the plain-Jane brunette who heads up the volunteer search party. She has one very interesting dialogue with Moore, or anyhow her end of it is very interesting, when she seems to be telling Moore about the loss of her own child but beneath the surface is in fact probing Moore about Moore's. With Ron Eldard, Aunianue Ellis, William Forsythe. 2006.

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Fun with Dick and Jane - Fast and loose remake by Dean Parisot of the all but forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotcheff, the American Nightmare reimagined specially for the epoch of Adelphia, Enron, and other corporate miscreants. Fast pacing, that is, and loose plotting. Jim Carrey, as the out-of-work executive who stops his financial free fall with a spree of armed robbery (armed with a squirt gun), can still execute a pratfall and can still out-flex Gumby, but now a little more restrained, a little more aged, he is starting to look less like the new Jerry Lewis and more like the new Johnny Carson. Ace cinematographer Jerzy Zielinski (Agnieszka Holland's *The* Secret Garden, Washington Square, and The Third Miracle, for three) sees to it that the star, his co-stars (Téa Leoni, Alec Baldwin, Richard Jenkins), and their antiseptic surroundings at least look good. 2005. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Glory Road — Yet another Disney raid on the annals of sport for an Inspirational True Story: the 1966 NCAA basketball final in which the upstart Miners of Texas West-

the opening tip against the "basketball royalty" of the all-white Kentucky Wildcats. This story, within a larger story of sports in America as an agency of social change and collective consciousness-raising, is such an intrinsically good one (what took so long to get to it?) that it cannot really benefit from dramatization, or more particularly, Disneyfication. Nor can it benefit from its transformation into a visual accompaniment for a double-disc collection of golden oldies. It does depict some good practice sessions and good coaching lessons, with the dagger-eyed Josh Lucas as Don Haskins, the fifth-year coach at Texas Western, not first-year, as portrayed here, much less straight from coaching a high-school girls' team. (Ah, Hollywood.) And Jon Voight, in a putty nose to rival the one he wore as Howard Cosell in Ali, creates a sizable diversion in his comical but not disrespectful portrait of the old-school Kentucky coach, Adolph Rupp. ("You're going to win this game," he assures his disarrayed troops in the desperate waning minutes. "Now go out there and make me a prophet.") And there are a couple of gratifying shots of UK black students huddled around a TV set in a dorm room and stifling their cheers for the opposition. With Derek Luke, Austin Nichols, Mehcad Brooks; directed by James Gartner. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Good Night, and Good Luck — Un abashed hero worship of the "crusading" CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow's television producer, Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow's somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal "Salute to Edward R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-ofhonor's scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (Mc Carthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today

Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow's stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of Fail-Safe a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in blackand-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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 ver-

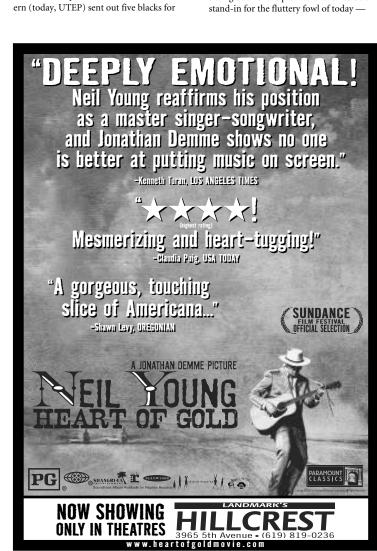
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sion, returns the action to the original pe riod, plays up and jokes up, with help from the turtle-faced Jack Black, the film-withinthe-film element (Fay Wray is unavailable because "she's shooting a picture with RKO"), and imbues the beauty-and-beast 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 onequarter. 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, fleetfooted 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.

• (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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 U.S. State Department, hoping to win the hearts and minds of the Muslim peoples by better understanding their sense of humor, recruits a "respected" comedian to travel to India and Pakistan for one month and to write up a 500-page report on his findings with no remuneration beyond the Medal of Freedom and its tricolor ribbon. And, too, "You'd be doing your country a great service." The idea is a good one not only as an entry, albeit tangential and superficial, to the subject of the War on Terror, but even more so as an entry, and a deep one, into the subject of Albert Brooks, a way for him to confront the bugaboos of his spotty career, the cruel truth that many people (Muslims, doubtless, but Gentiles, Jews, too, merrymaking Americans of all stripes) do not find him funny and many others do not even know who he is. To the extent that the idea affords Brooks a way to confront such bugaboos, it equally affords him a way to prove his bravery, notwithstanding his demurral at the illegal border-crossing into Pakistan: "I've never been known for bravery." 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

Night Watch

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, $\stackrel{\cdot}{\text{imperturbable State Department flunkies}}$ assigned as chaperones, and Sheetal Sheth as the endearingly enthusiastic but uncomprehending Hindu amanuensis. The further, the deeper mitigation of Brooks's selfconcern 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.

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.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

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 ten-

nis, 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 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-





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love lacks: "Did anyone ever tell you you have extremely sensual lips?" And Jonathan Rhys-Mevers 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 Holly wood. 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.

 $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

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 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: Revuedeville. 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 censorial 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;

Munich — Steven Spielberg's profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist massacre of eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics and the bloody aftermath of titfor-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-andthree-quarters hours, however, the action is tense and unpredictable, kept within the straits of credibility by various means: by a consciousness of, if not a strict fidelity to, the factuality of the case; by a care not to let the thrills overpower the aversion to violence; by an accent on the human factor. With Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Ciarán Hinds, Mathieu Kassovitz, Hanns Zischler, and Geoffrey Rush. 2005.

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 $\bigstar\, \bigstar\, \bigstar$ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

Neil Young: Heart of Gold — Director, or on this occasion documentarist. Ionathan Demme fumbles through ten minutes of perfunctory interviews with the headliner and his fellow musicians, wretchedly shot in the interiors of cars and elevators, before settling down for nearly an hour and a half of well-recorded concert footage at the Ryman in Nashville. Reflective of the recent loss of his father and his own brush with a brain aneurysm, it is a mostly mellow set, even a melancholy one, a conspectus of new Young and old Young, with the now jowly, scowly singer squeezing out that effortful, painful, soulful voice from beneath a classic Good Guy's white cowboy hat. (Which changes to a tan hat, still that of a Good Guy, midway through: the film was shot over two nights.) His accompaniment encompasses, in varying combinations, bass guitar, dobro, keyboard, percussion, horns, strings, and backup singers. One of these last, Emmylou Harris joins him on two duets, of which "This Old Guitar," a song about and performed on an instrument handed down from Hank Williams, is some sort of high point. "When God Made Me," a soft-sell, Socratic appeal for tolerance, with the singer at the keyboard for the only time and a silhouetted chorus behind him, tops it. Young, to be sure, is amply documented on film, notably in Jim Jarmusch's Year of the Horse from the late Nineties and his self-directed Rust Never Sleeps and Journey through the Past from the Seventies. The rabid will need no urging to see the latest addition. The more tepid might require assurance that if they were to limit themselves to just one, this should be it. Let them be assured. 2006. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 voiceovers from more than one narrator. (Most,

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THX-1138: The George Lucas Director's Cut is a must. I'm a Star Wars fan, but any Kubrick fan will enjoy this first feature from Lucas. It's a visual and very aural film about love and the need for individualism. This DVD offers new insight into one of the most influential filmmakers of all time and shows the student film that Lucas created years earlier.

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THX-1138: THE GEORGE LUCAS
DIRECTOR'S CUT (USA) 1971,
Warner Home Video
List price: \$26.99 (two discs)
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Warner Home Video
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In *Beat the Devil*, John Huston directs Bogart, Lorre, and Lollobrigida. Everyone looks like they're having a great time making this send-up of *The Maltese Falcon*. Still a hoot after all these years, and definitely a fluffy trip back to simpler times.

The Thin Blue Line is a rivering, disturbing documentary and a masterpiece about a murder in Dallas. Of course, almost everything Errol Morris does is insanely entertaining and usually disturbing.

The Staircase is eight half-hour episodes that kept me up until 3 a.m. A glimpse inside the Michael Peterson murder trial by Jean Xavier de Lestrade with sides of blood, bisexuality, and a huge wake-up call about "justice" — and perhaps about the choices Lestrade makes about what to leave out.

BEAT THE DEVIL (England/USA)
1953, Ventura Distribution
List price: \$14.98
THE THIN BLUE LINE (USA) 1988,
MGM Home Entertainment
List price: \$19.98
THE STAIRCASE (France) 2004,
New Video Group

List price: \$39.95 (two discs)

NEAL LETT

CSUSM alumni and director of photography/editor

Invisible Children is a fabulous, breathtaking, and emotional documentary about African children brought into the war. It was created by three young San Diegans. They are currently traveling the nation in an RV, premiering it everywhere.

Born into Brothels is another great documentary about young women being brought into prostitution, and their children. It was very real, tearful, and extremely compelling.

Gus Van Sant's *Elephant*was released a few years ago
but continues to be one of my
favorites. The story, art direction, and cinematography are
simply incredible. It tells one
single story, on a single day,
through the safe distance of
several characters. It's set during one ordinary day in a high
school that violently changes for
the worse.

INVISIBLE CHILDREN (USA)

2004,

www.invisiblechildren.com
List price: (will be available on
website)

BORN INTO BROTHELS: CALCUTTA'S RED LIGHT KIDS (USA/India) 2004, Thinkfilm List price: \$29.99

ELEPHANT (USA) 2003, HBO Home Video List price: \$27.95

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 pretentious, 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Night Watch — Reviewed this issue. With Konstantin Khabensky, Vladimir Menshov, Valery Zolotukhin, and Maria Poroshina; directed by Timur Bekmambetov.

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The Pink Panther — The resurrection of the pratfall-prone Inspector Clouseau can hardly be judged a degradation of the original Blake Edwards film of the same name, seeing as how Edwards himself degraded it in the process of doing seven sequels, including a posthumous patchwork with the peerless Peter Sellers, a substitution of the maladroit Frenchman by an unrelated American cop played by Ted Wass, and another substitution of him by his bastard son, the very Italian Roberto Benigni. Plus, Alan Arkin had a go at the character under

the direction of Bud Yorkin in the Inspector Clouseau of 1968, before Edwards saw the wisdom, or the profit, in resuming the series himself. So now - and so what? - we get a game Steve Martin under the direction of Shawn Levy (Cheaper by the Dozen, again starring Martin) for another round of broken English, broken furniture, broken bones, etc. Political correctness has dictated that the function of the Oriental manservant Cato will here be filled by a deadpan cop partner, Jean Reno; and a rather halfhearted Kevin Kline takes the place of the wholehearted Herbert Lom in the part of Clouseau's hair-tearing superior. Beyoncé Knowles pitches in some pulchritude, and Emily Mortimer reminds us that a French accent can also be cute. The whole business is a matter more of maintenance than invention, more hard work than humor, like some TV sitcom that has outstayed its wel-





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come. Amid the thickening glut of remakes and sequels, however, there is no cause to come down particularly hard on this one. The undemanding will not be disappointed.

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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 Iuliet. 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 Col-

umn A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of Domino and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It's a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Running Scared — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Walker, Cameron Bright, Vera Farmiga, and Chazz Palminteri; written and directed by Wayne Kramer.

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16 Blocks — Reviewed this issue. With Bruce Willis, Mos Def. David Morse, and Jenna Stern; directed by Richard Donner. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4: GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/3)

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 eve 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.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

Transamerica — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travellers, 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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/3; HILLCREST CINE-

MAS; MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 3/3; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 3/3)

Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull

Story — Reviewed this issue. With Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon, Naomie Harris, and Kelly Macdonald; directed by Michael Win-

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Ultraviolet — Kurt Wimmer's futuristic action film with Milla Jovovich, Cameron Bright, and Nick Chinlund. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/3)

Underworld Evolution — Kate Beckinsale, back again in the blue-hued sequel as the black-leather vampiress and werewolfslayer, demonstrates fidelity if not taste: the director, Len Wiseman, is her hubby. Fidelity in this case could indicate no taste as well. With Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Steven Mackintosh, and Bill Nighy. 2006.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year's Ray, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of

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Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:25, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15: Aquamarine (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:35, 7:10, 9:40; Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:35) 4:55, 8:10; Capote (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:05, 9:50; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:40, 6:50, George (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:53) 4:40, 6:50 9:25; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:05) 5:00, 7:45, 10:00; **Doogal** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 2:55) 5:25; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:00, 9:45; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:50, 10:05; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun (1:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Match Point** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05 Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; **Running Scared** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; The Pink Panther (PG) Fri.,-Sun (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:25, 10:10; Ultraviolet (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (12:35, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Call theater for program information

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 1:30, 3:30) 4:20, 6:35, 7:00, 9:35, 10:00 Sun. (12:50, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20) 6:35, 7:00, 9:35, 10:00; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05) 6:25; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 6:45, 9:40; **Freedomland** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:45) 6:45, 9:40; Freedomiand (R) Fri., Sat. (1:45) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15 Sun. (1:45, 4:25) 7:20, 10:15; Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri., Sun. (1:20, 3:50) 6:50, 9:15; Madea's Family Re-cî union (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (1:50) 4:30, 7:25, 5 10:20 Sun. (1:50, 4:30) 7:25, 10:20; Match Point (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15) 4:10, 7:05, 10:10 Sun. (1:15, 4:10) 7:05, 10:10; Mrs. Hender Sun. (1:15, 4:10) 7:05, 10:10; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:35) 4:05, 6:40, 9:45 Sun. (1:35, 4:05) 6:40, 9:45; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:40) 5:30, 9:30 Sun. (1:40, 5:30) 9:30; Nanny McPhee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10, 3:35); Running Scared (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:0), 3:55) 7:10, 9:55; **Something New** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 6:30, 9:05; **The Matador** (R)

Fri.,-Sun. (3:25) 9:00; The World's Fastest Fri.,-Sun. (5:25) 5:00, Indian (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25) 4:15, 7:15,

10:05 Sun. (1:25, 4:15) 7:15, 10:05; When a **Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (1:00, 3:15, 5:25) 7:45,

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) **16 Blocks** (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Block** Party (R); Curious George (G); Date Movie (PG-13); Doogal (G); Eight Below (PG); Firewall (PG-13); Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13); Match Point (R); Munich (R); The Matador (R); The Pink Panther (PG); Ultraviolet (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Iolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri. (4:10) 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 4:10, 9:30; Caché (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 7:00; Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:55) 7:10; Mrs. Henderson Presents (R) Fri. (2:05, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Tristram Shandy (R) Fri. (2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sat., -Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Why We Fight (PG-13) Fri. (4:35) 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 4:35, 9:45

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

16 Blocks (PG-13); Aquamarine (PG); Block $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Party} \ (R); \textbf{Curious George} \ (G); \textbf{Date Movie} \\ (PG-13); \textbf{Doogal} \ (G); \textbf{Eight Below} \ (PG); \textbf{Final Destination 3} \ (R); \textbf{Firewall} \ (PG-13); \end{array}$ Freedomland (R); Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13); Match Point (R); Mrs. Henderson Presents (R); Munich (R); Running Scared (R); The Pink Panther (PG); Ultraviolet (PG-13); Underworld Evolution (R); When a Stranger Calls (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. 10:00 (12:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) Fri. 10:30 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; The Pink Panther (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Tonka Tough** Truck Adventures: The Biggest Show on Wheels (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 1:15; Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15,

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) 16 Blocks (PG-13); Aquamarine (PG); Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13); Block Party (R); Curious George (G); Date Movie (PG-13); Doogal (G); Eight Below (PG); Final Destination 3 (R); Firewall (PG-13); Freedomland (R); King Kong (PG-13); Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13); Running Scared (R): The Pink Panther (PG): The World's Fastest Indian (PG-13); Transamer ica (R); Ultraviolet (PG-13); Underworld

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) 16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10; Block Party (R) Fri. (2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45; Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25 Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05; Running Scared (R) Fri.,-Sat. (3:00) 10:00 Sun. (3:00) 7:55; The Pink Panther (PG) Fri. 5:40, 7:55 Sat. (12:40) 5:40, 7:55 Sun. (12:40) 5:40; **Ultraviolet** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:15 Sat. (12:35, 2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:15 Sun. (12:35,

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Night Watch (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Call theater for program information

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30; **Capote** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:35) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; **Neil Young: Heart of Gold** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55: The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:50 Sat., -Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **Transamerica** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat., -Sun. (11:20) 2:10, 4:55,

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-123 Bugs! (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; Dolphins (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Greece: Secrets of the Past (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00 Sun.

Deep Sea (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Wolves (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:40, 8:15, 10:40; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:10; **Doogal** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:15) 4:15; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:00, 9:45; Final Destination 3 (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:05, 10:15; Firewall (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25: Running Scared (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:40, 10:20; The Pink Panther (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:45, 7:20, 9:35; Ultraviolet (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45,

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Iamacha Road

Call theater for program information

SANTEF

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) 16 Blocks (PG-13); Eight Below (PG); Firewall (PG-13); The Pink Panther (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45); **Block Party** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Curious** George (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45); Date Movie (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:00, 4:15) 7:00, 10:00; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Running Scared (R) Fri.,-Sun. 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **The Pink Pan**ther (PG) Fri. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Tonka Tough Truck Adventures: The Biggest Show on Wheels (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 12:15: Ultraviolet (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) 16 Blocks (PG-13); Annapolis (PG-13); $\label{eq:continuous} \begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Aquamarine } (PG); \mbox{Big Momma's House 2} \\ (PG-13); \mbox{Block Party } (R); \mbox{Brokeback Mountain } (R); \mbox{Capote } (R); \mbox{Curious George } (G); \end{array}$ Date Movie (PG-13); Doogal (G); Eight Below (PG); Final Destination 3 (R); Firewall (PG-13); Freedomland (R); Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13); Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13); Nanny McPhee (PG); Running Scared (R); The Pink Panther (PG); The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada (R); Transamerica (R); Ultraviolet (PG-13); Underworld Evolution (R); When a Stranger Calls (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16

Hantilo Del Rey 10 East H Street (619-216-4707) 16 Blocks (PG-13); Aquamarine (PG); Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13); Block Party (R); Curious George (G); Date Movie (PG-13); Doogal (G); Eight Below (PG); Final Destination 3 (R); Firewall (PG-13); Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13); Mrs. Henderson Presents (R); Nanny McPhee (PG); Running Scared (R); The Pink Panther (PG); The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada (R); Ultraviolet (PG-13)

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 4:30; Nanny McPhee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:45, 9:00; The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 6:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 11:20; **Big** Momma's House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:05; Date Movie (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:50; Firewall (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:30; The Pink Panther (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 9:10; Ultraviolet (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:50

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 8:00;

popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix's impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective "uncanny" to the noun "likeness." Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker's airgulp 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 airgulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese

Witherspoon's June Carter — a ten-yearold voice on the radio in Cash's cottonpicking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7)

When a Stranger Calls — Simon West's remake of a decent little well-structured somber thriller, vintage 1979, indecently 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. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Why We Fight — The title, together with a tiny fraction of the footage, comes from Frank Capra's series of seven WWII propaganda films. The reappropriation is, needless to say, ironic. Eugene Jarecki, maker of The Trials of Henry Kissinger, adduces no less definite reasons why, just less noble ones. In a nutshell: the military-industrial complex; money; profit; corporate greed. The film takes the form of a forum, with views expressed across a broad spectrum (Gore Vidal on the left to Richard Perle,

"the Prince of Darkness," on the right), but there is no mistaking toward which end of it the filmmaker is nudging us. Ranging as far back as the Second World War and as up to the minute as Iraq, lingering admiringly (and surprisingly) over Eisenhower's admonitory farewell address in 1961, embracing both the eminento (John McCain, Dan Rather) and the Little Guy (a retired New York cop who lost a son on 9/11, a callow new Air Force recruit), Jarecki matches Michael Moore's scope but not his nimbleness, his sprightliness. Like-minded viewers can feel some fellowship within their powerlessness. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 landspeed record on his retooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feelgoody, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005.

★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Aquamarine (PG) Fri. (1:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15 Sat. (2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15 Sun. (1:00) 4:50, 7:35; Curious George (G) Fri.,-Sat. (1:05, 3:05) 5:10, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (1:05, 3:05) 5:10, 7:05; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15, 3:15) 5:50, 8:10, 10:10 Sun. (1:15, 3:15) 5:50, 8:10; Doogal (G) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:20; Eight Below (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00; Firewall (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50; **Freedom** land (R) Fri.,-Sat. 9:30; Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05 Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:30); Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25) 4:40, 7:55, 10:20 Sun. (1:25) 4:40, 7:55 Running Scared (R) Fri.,-Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. 4:30, 7:10; The Pink Panther (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45 Sun (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25; **Ultraviolet** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:20, 10:35 Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Vallev Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Capote** (R) Fri. 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sat. 1:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 1:30, 6:00, 8:30; **Curious George** (G) Fri. 5:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 5:15; **Doogal** (G) Fri. (4:00) Sat.,-Sun. 11:15 (4:00); **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri. (2:45) 7:45, 10:15 Sat. 12:15 (2:45) 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 7:45; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. 10:15 (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (3:00) 5:15, 7:30; Tonka Tough Truck Adventures: The Biggest Show on Wheels (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 12:30

POWAY

Powav 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 7:00; **Capote** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (3:30) 8:15; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45); **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sat. 10:30 (3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:30 (3:00) 5:15, 7:45; **Doogal** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 8:00; **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15; Mrs. Henderson Presents (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:00, 6:00, 10:30 Sun. 1:00, 6:00; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; Tonka Tough Truck Adventures: The Biggest Show on Wheels (Not Rated) Sat .-Sun 12:45: Ultraviolet (PG-13) Fri .-Sat 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) **16 Blocks** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:20, 5:15) 8:00, 10:35; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40; **Block Party** (R)

Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Curious George (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:15) 6:55, 9:20; Date Movie (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 12:30, 2:50, 4:55) 5:30, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20; **Doogal** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:30, 3:40) 6:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 1:50, 3:30) 6:45, 7:10, 10:05; **Final Des**tination 3 (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:10, 10:40; Firewall (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:40, 8:15, 10:50; **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:30; Match Point (R) Fri.,-Sun. 6:00, 9:05; Mrs. Henderson Presents (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10. 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; Nanny McPhee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30)

VISTA

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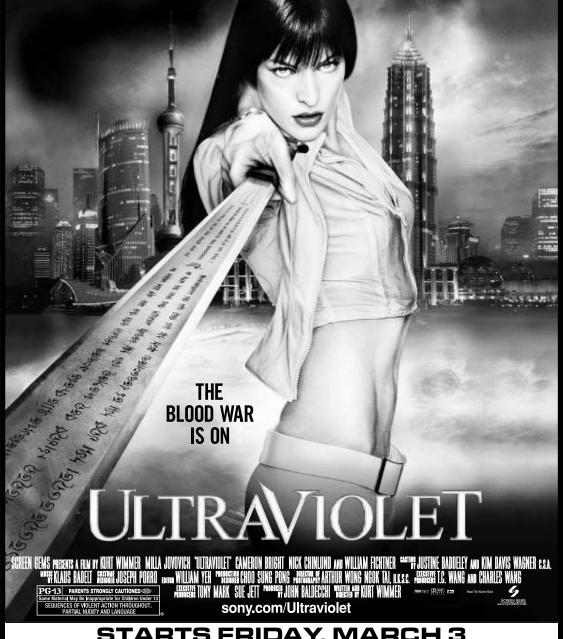
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Diario San Diego

¶l 50 por ciento de los jóvenes que han cometido delitos y se encuentran recluidos en el Centro de Detencion Juvenil de San Diego son hispanos.

La cifra de menores de entre 11 y 17 años de edad que están en los dos Centros de Detención del condado (Juvenil Hall) representa 576 jóvenes internos.

De acuerdo a oficiales de Policía de Escondido no todos los jóvenes que cometen delitos son encarcelados porque existe una sobrepoblación en los centros, por

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Uso de armas	18 %
Otros delitos	18 %

ello quienes cometen delitos menores no pasan ni una noche encerrados.

El vocero del Departamento de Libertad Condicional del Condado que opera estos reclusorios, dijo que aunque el número de jóvenes delincuentes se ha incrementado ligeramente este año las instalaciones no están a su máxima capacidad.

"No tenemos sobre po-

blación, aunque sí estamos usando los recursos presupuestados destinados a otros rubros para cubrir el costo de su funcionamiento", aceptó Derryl Acosta, vocero de Departamento.

El Centro de Detenciones cuenta con dos instalaciones temporales, una en Kearny Mesa construída en 1954 que tiene una unidad femenil, y otra en East Mesa (Otay) que abrió hace dos años.

En estas instalaciones impera la incertidumbre, la mayoría de los jóvenes no saben qué va a pasar con ellos, pueden estar un día o meses según su proceso.

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Construyen robot

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Diario San Diego

Un grupo de talentosos estudiantes del Equipo de Robótica de la escuela Construcción y Tecnología Académica de la preparatoria Kearny construyeron por segundo año un ingenioso robot de juegos.

El grupo de estudiantes de 16 y 18 años trabajaron durante seis semanas en el diseño, planeación y construcción de un modelo tecnológico que competirá representando a San Diego en varios concursos.

El equipo, entre ellos varios hispanos, creó una innovadora máquina de juegos en pequeño vehículo de cuatro motores programado electrónicamen-

te para expulsar pelotas atinando a un aro plano.

"Esta es la segunda vez que vamos a competir, pero aue Elio Ruiz de 18 años y capitán de programación del proyecto.

truyeron el año pasado un robot que los colocó en la posición 16 de entre 52 equipos que participaron en una competencia re-

"Esta primera presentación nos ayudará a afinar detalles para presentar el proyecto en Phoenix y Las Vegas, pero nuestra meta es la competencia nacional en Atlanta", añadió Daniel Robles, estudiante del doceavo grado.

Después de ultimar detalles del robot, los estudiantes juntarán los cuatro mil dólares que les faltan para asistir a las competencias, por lo que solicitarán donaciones a través de eventos y venta de dulces.



Son mina de oro

Omar Millán

Diario San Diego

Desde traficantes de indocumentados hasta simples peatones que un mal día fueron detenidos porque su piel parecía "sospechosa", están encerrados en la prisión privada Corporación de Establecimientos Penitenciarios de América (Corrections Corporation of America - CCA) de Otav Mesa.

Según la CCA, actualmente están mil 200 reos, en su mayoría mexicanos a punto de ser expatriados.

Pero el proceso de deportación es lento y esto beneficia a la empresa que maneja estas instalaciones.

Fuentes cercanas a Diario San Diego informaron que el CCA recibe 85 dólares al día por cada prisionero.

"A los del CCA nos les conviene que nos suelten pues si lo hacen ellos pierden dinero", apuntó un ex preso del Centro de Detenciones.





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Para la Barra de Abogados Estadounidense (American Bar Association – ABA), la persecución contra inmigrantes que comenzó a finales de 2001 está beneficiando directamente a las penitenciarias privadas, como CCA, pues por cada reo que ingresa el Estado le otorga una suma a esa prisión.

"La industria privada de construcción de prisiones ha atribuido el repunte de su industria en parte debido al rápido incremento en las detenciones de inmigrantes.

"Corporaciones privadas especializadas en la construcción de cárceles y gobiernos locales se están beneficiando del impulso del Congreso para aplicar medidas enérgicas contra inmigrantes ilegales en momentos en que algunos legisladores buscan mejorar sus bonos políticos al asumir una posición dura contra la inmigración ilegal", apuntaron. Guerrero es moreno, pelo erizado v ojos rasgados; nació hace 38 años en Filipinas. Es uno de los mil 200 prisioneros de la penitenciaría CCA de Otay Mesa. No quiere dar su nombre completo para no complicar su caso pues dice que está a punto de salir.

La prisión está a su máxima capacidad, sin embargo aún reciben a más detenidos y los meten en celdas de dos por cuatro metros dispuestas sólo para dos personas.

Así que hay ocasiones en que duermen hasta cuatro prisioneros en una celda, denunciaron reos.



Se los tragó la tierra

El drama de las 65 personas enterradas en una mina de Coahuila terminó trágicamente cuando las autoridades mexicanas dieron a conocer de manera oficial su muerte.

La noticia consternó a la Republica Mexicana e incluso trascendió en medios de comunicación internacionales.

Este es el peor accidente minero registrado en México desde 1968.

El gas dentro de la mina era demasiado venenoso para respirarlo, según Javier García, portavoz de Grupo México, S.A. de C.V.

El funcionario dijo que la explosión ocurrida el 19 de febrero y que dejó a los mineros atrapados liberó grandes cantidades de metano y monóxido de carbono, los cuales se extendieron por todos los rincones de la mina de Pasta de Conchos.

"Por la magnitud de esta explosión y el carbón en la atmósfera de la mina el ambiente cambió instantáneamente, para convertirse en un clima de altas concentraciones de metano y monóxido de carbono con casi una presencia nula de oxígeno", dijo. "Estas condiciones hicieron imposible la supervivencia".

Funcionarios de Grupo México comenzaron a llamar a las familias, las cuales se encontraban en un grupo de tiendas provisionales establecidas para esperar informes sobre los desaparecidos. Posteriormente, grupos de personas dejaron el área alrededor de la entrada de la mina, llorando.

lunes

Ganan Chivas

Servicios Diario San Diego

Un solitario gol de Gonzalo Pineda le dio a las Chivas de Guadalajara un triunfo de 1-0 sobre las Águilas del América, en el clásico del futbol mexicano que cerró la séptima fecha del torneo Clausura 2006.

El tanto se registró a los 15 minutos del encuentro que acaparó la atención de la jornada.

Una jugada individual de Pineda por el lado izquierdo del área del América fue gol de las Chivas de Guadalajara. Pineda burló la marca del zaguero chileno Ricardo Rojas y tras realizar una finta al arquero Guillermo Ochoa lo venció con un toque de izquierda pegado al poste.

Fue en el lejano Verano del 2000, cuando los Rojiblancos humillaron por última vez a los

azulcremas al son de 3-0 en el Jalisco.

Un poco más de la mitad de los 60 mil espectadores que apoyaron a las Chivas en el estadio Jalisco "estallaron" en festejos tras el gol de Pineda.

El defensa central del Rebaño Sagrado, Carlos Salcido, destacó que este triunfo contra las Águilas tuvo un sabor especial, sobre todo al ver la reacción de sus aficionados que gozaron la victoria a pesar de ser por 1-0.

"Estos tres puntos son muy importantes porque estamos en un grupo difícil y como siempre este tipo de partidos es diferente y hay que mirar a la gente que lo goza al máximo, hay que mantener este nivel de juego", comentó Salcido.

Ramón Morales destacó que el triunfo se dio gracias a la entrega que mostró el equipo y a su juicio, el marcador debió ser mayor.

"Lo importante era buscar ganar y ganamos el Clásico; los clásicos son de mucha entrega, mucha inteligencia, tuvimos mucho orden y por momentos fuimos muy rápidos al contragolpe y por ahí nos faltó concretar". aseguró Morales.



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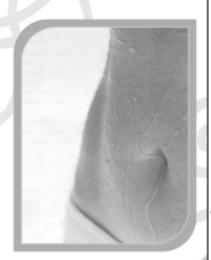


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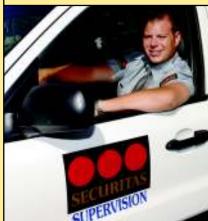
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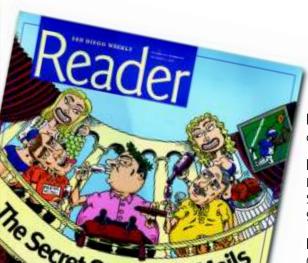
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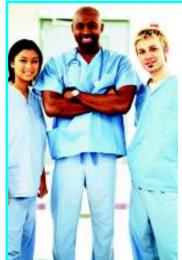
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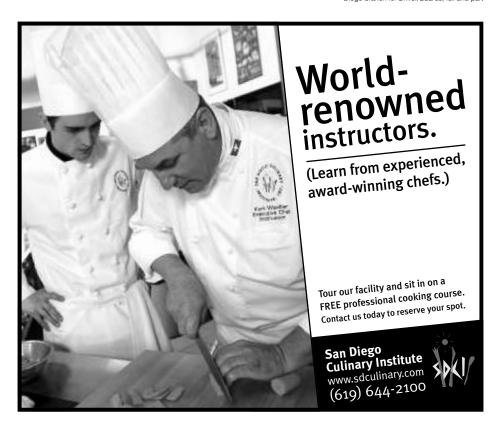
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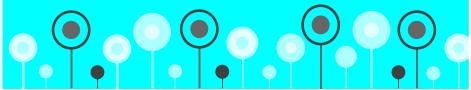
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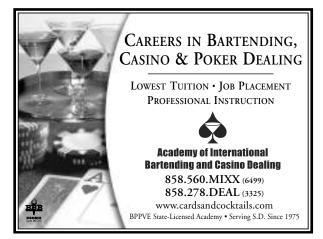
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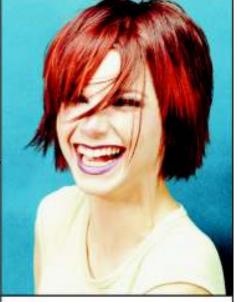
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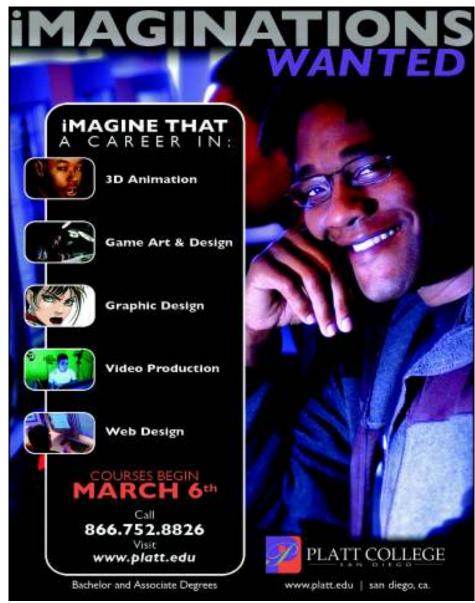
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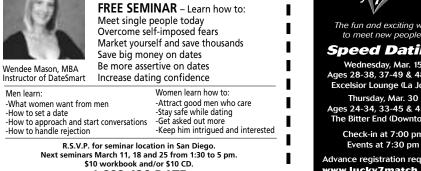
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FEMALE, 53. Christian, wanting to start singles group over 50 for friendship, activities, walking, traveling, conversations, male female both welcome. North County help with loneliness. (3/15) ☎50133

NEW SEASONED EXPERIENCED, Asian widow, open to love, new dreams, spirituality, 59, secured, petite, nice, attractive. Seeking nonsmoker, secure, kind, attractive, healthy, fit, caring gentleman. (3/15) 7507/83.

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. (3/8) ☎50754

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mantic dinners, hiking, walking, theatre, movies, travel. (3/8) \$\infty\$50761

BEAUTIFUL SMART, Full figured, educator, left wing political passionate woman of color. Seeking honest, loyal, respectful, professional white male, for committed long term monogamous relationship. (3/8) 755745

SINCERE LATINA, CUBAN, 48, 5'5", 146. Seeking that special gentleman 43-50 to share everything life has to offer. Let's do it all, lets enjoy. (3/15) \$\Pi\$50768

CUTE, MISCHIEVOUS REDHEAD, Big brown eyes. Seeks gentleman 40-55 who is of average height/weight, intelligent, fun, and enjoys a variety of interests. Call! (3/8) \$\Delta\$50750

AFRICAN, SEXY, SLENDER, Athletic build, 135lbs, 5'6', honest, loving, enjoy beaches, parks, music, dancing, secure homeowner. Seeking nonsmoking secure, single gentleman for fun. (3/15) \$\infty\$50772.

MOST SAY I'M attractive/pretty. I say I'm average. What do you think? African American, 5'10', looking for honest 6'1 African American male for "friend-ship."(3/8) \$\oldsymbol{2}50748\$

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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. (3/15) \$\oldsymbol{\textit{T}} 50782

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SENSE OF HUMOR, Gent 50-65, considerate, educated, handsome, is desired by 57, romantic, friendly, intelligent woman who is ready for fun, laughter, long term relationship! (3/15) \$\overline{\Pi}\$50775

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SEXY WARM MAN, Sought by sexy warm black lady, I'm small, fit, beautiful. You, any race, under 40 years, eclectic, awakened, highly spiritual, enlightened, fit, fun. (3/15) \$\infty\$50774

CLEAN CUT GIRL, 36. Seeks excellence. We share sobriety, spirituality, good health, creativity, strong work ethics, degrees, outdoors, hobbies, travels, homes, and still being single! (3/8) \$\infty\$50759

mEXICAN LADY, 30s, size 7 looking friend, Caucasian 30-40, excellent sense of humor, nice looking, honest, healthy, financially/emotionally secure, open-minded for sharing good moments. (3/8) 72750743

ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes trav-

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61, QUIET, PETITE, Lady, likes the simple pleasures of life, camping, gardening, animals, mountains, desert, old fashion morals. Seeking loyal gentleman. (3/8) \$\oldsymbol{37}50760\$

BEAUTIFUL, 47 YEAR OLD striking bluish-green eyed lady. Like sports, beach, sunsets, animals. Seeking easygoing man, nonsmoker, between ages of 43 to 52, with similar interests. (3/8) 2550751

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HOPELESS ROMANTIC, Seeking the same if you are 58+, 5'10'+ completely unencumbered, fun, adventurous with a wanderlust soul; pretty lady, nice figure awaits your call. (3/15) \$\mathbf{T}\$50780

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ATRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, spiritual, down to earth, curvy, 55 lady. Seeking nonsmoker male who enjoys movies, dancing, travel, cuddling, dining, 45-60, tall, handsome, secure lover. (3/8)

NONSMOKER, ATTRACTIVE, Brown/brown, Vino, coffee, ocean, travel, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, movies, dance. Seeking nonsmoker, healthy, 54-69, ocean, trips, lasagna, no baggage. (3/15) ☎50777

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WANTED CAUCASIAN, 55-75, Voluptuous. Retired teacher, tall, gray, hair, healthy, nonsmoker, no drinking, no drugs, gentleman, simple life, movies, sunsets, TV, walks. (3/15) \$\infty\$50153

CAR TRAVEL USA, White, 70, retired Tech/Pro 5'11", 147lbs, excellent health. You won't be sorry!!! (3/15) \$\infty\$50140

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 185lbs. Seeking mature, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful full figured woman to show her. The respect and devotion she requires. (3/8) \$\infty\$50109

CHRISTIAN, 47, WIDOWER, considerate compassionate, sensitive, kind. Likes meaningful conversation, communication, healthy living with purpose, staying in shape, hiking, reading, God first, marriage minded. (3/15) \$\mathbf{2}50138\$

EXTREMELY SENSUAL, VERY spiritual, honestly romantic duy searching for melhonestly romantic guy searching for mellow, sober girl, under 5'5", 125lbs., with very dark hair for relationship of passion, macy, growth. (3/8) \$\infty\$50094

TEACHER 34, Enjoys tennis, dancing, concerts, theater, working out, and travel. You love to dance, sense of humor, marriage minded, fit, and easy going. (3/8)

HARD WORKING, White male, self employed artist 62, 235, tall, fit, and hot. Financially secure, motivated, looking for woman who shares same qualities 25-35. (3/15) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$50156

IF WE CREATE royalties, lots co-create a positive, joyful, happy, playful, humorous, healing, growing, purposeful, creative, prosperous, magnificent memorable friendship/relationship. Believe faith. (3/8)

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If seems like it is in this town. New to San Diego looking for a woman to wine and dine. I'm 40 years, 5'10". Take a chance, I am. (3/15) \$\overline{a}\tau\$50158

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49. POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/ morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42-50, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, commitment. (3/8) \$\infty\$50100

TALL, ATRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male-fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (3/8) \$\infty\$50127

OLDER, YOUNGER? Doesn't matter. Always open to age, just be young at heart. 49, 5'11" 195lbs, white. Prefer unencumbered, smart woman with seasoned humor. (3/8) \$\infty\$50112

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SAN DIEGO NATIVE, 6'4', 205lbs. Blond, blue eyes, looking for best friend, honesty, trust, passion for life then!? The world to build a future! I'm back from Maui and mountains in northern California. Like to trave!? Looking for an intimate, infinite relationship, secure, I can work anywhere, can you?? North County, 25-40. Let's have fun! Life's short! (3/8)

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WIFE WANTED, architectural designer house builder. Extroverted world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open communication, loves life. You're 37-47. No cats, please. (3/8)

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ASIAN FEMALE DESIRED, Let's chat by phone (or e-mail with photos). I am White, tall, masculine, artistic, eccentric. You be Asian, petite, feminine, monogamous, happy. (3/15) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$50137

ITALIAN-AMERICAN, 51, 6', 183lbs., athletic, biking, hiking, tennis, karaoke, wine tasting, foreign films, arts. Seeking Filipina or Asian, 40-49, petite for relationship. North County. (3/15) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$50160

WHITE MALE, 510; 48 Seeking attractive lady, 35-52, race open, for quiet evenings, getaways, spending quality time together. Being treated special, like you deserve. (3/8) \$\infty\$50128

PHYSICALLY FIT, affectionate, youthful gentleman, 60, 6', caring, secure. Let's share happy loving times together. Will treat you well. You'll be glad you called. (3/15) \$\infty\$50146

where ARE YOU? Seeking a reasonably happy, non-controlling woman (any race) who needs to be the most important part of her man's life. (3/15) ☎50149

WHITE MALE, TALL, Dark and nice-looking, mid 40s, good heart, grounded, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent and good listener! Seeking: nonsmoking, fun woman for relationship! (3/8)

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE DESIRED? Offered by active, 78, homeowner, nonsmoker, enjoying RV camping, traveling, fishing, quiet homelife, barbecues. Seeking permanent togetherness with much caring and affection. (3/8) \$\infty\$50116

WOMAN TRAVELER NEEDED, For World travel and adventure. I'm easy going guy looking for counterpart. Share expenses. The relationship can be platonic, romantic. (3/8) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$50101

American

Made North County, 46, 150lbs, 5'6", Harley rider, gentleman, outdoors-oriented, camping, beach, walks, hikes. Looking for petite lady same interest. (3/15)

GOOD HEARTED BIKER Seeking woman, 35-46, for possibly serious relationship. Love hug and kisses. Ready to give all my heart. Call me. (3/15) ☎50139

LOOKING FOR PERFECTION, Keep looking. Attractive fit, black, 42, 6'1, 195lbs. Christian, good cook, workout fanatic. Seeks reasonably fit active woman to develop relationship with. (3/15) \$\oldsymbol{\texts}\$50145

velop relationship with. (3/15) \$\overline{\sigma}\$50145

ALL, SECURE, ATTRACTIVE, fit, loving, romantic, single, caring man, 50+, who likes walks, dinner, movies, sightseeing, etc. Seeking woman for relationship. (3/15) \$\overline{\sigma}\$50142

ASIAN, 48, Seeking friend for sports, movies, horseracing, dinners, lunches. You are 45 to 59, have similar interests. Me, 5'9", 175, retired. (3/8) \$\infty\$50107

DASHING, CONSIDERATE, 42, single white male. Seeking attractive North County woman for romance and friendship. (3/15) ☎50134 HUMOROUS, LOVING, White male, young

HUMOROUS, LOVING, White male, young 65, would like to meet attractive, active lady, 45-65, light smoker OK, for dining, movies, beach, travel, companionship. (3/15) \$\opin\$50136

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. (3/15) \$\opin\$50131

Black Lady Sought

Chivalrous, friendly, nice-looking wille male (50s), 6'2', 210, seeking mature, warm, kind-hearted black lady for committed relationship, conversation, fun. Let me spoil you. (3/15) \$\frac{\pi}{\pi}\$\$ 50152

SPRING IS RIGHT Around the corner! Let's enjoy it together! College grad with many interests. You; sweet, funny and smart. (3/15) \$\infty\$50157

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Seeking young at heart woman with good sense of humor, nonsmoker. In North County, who likes herself and her life. (3/8) \$\infty\$50106

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! (3/8) \$\infty\$50110

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Idefinitely go for the school and working thing. In the past, yeah, I totally [put a girlfriend ahead of school]. I did college in New York and that didn't work out too well either; I was going to a university and dating a girl, and it just didn't work. Between managing money, going to school, and concentrating on getting good grades as opposed to just getting through classes, it definitely makes a difference [focusing on a girlfriend]. You got to be responsible: I have a girlfriend now, and I'm going to school, and it's a whole differ ent story. I have a better mindset where I have to get stuff done. Once you take that first step in growing older, you step into the real world, and you realize that you have to get this stuff handled if it's fun or not. If you get [school and work] handled, you'll have more time and money to have fun.



Brianna Haan Student/Waitress UTC

Private life. I do [have a job right now], I'm a waitress and I definitely do [rely on my job], but I rely on my family and friends a lot more I think that's more important because I can get a new job anywhere. If there was no good reason, like my boyfriend wanted to go on a joyride, then I'd probably go to work; if he was, like, "Hey, I'm having a really hard time today and I need someone here," of course I'd call in sick. School and work are on the same level; I arrange my work schedule so I can go to school, but if something came up and someone [at work] needed to skip a shift, then I'd definitely skip a class. I trade off [with school and work], whichever one needs more [attention]. I just think that my personal relationships with people are more important than money; jobs will come naturally some where else. There's always another job, but not people.



George Lorinski Student Mira Mesa

Personal life. Oh no, because school comes first. Work comes after school. School, work, then recreation. I have worked in the past; I just quit a week ago because they weren't able to work around my hours. My friends don't really have an opinion on work: they all have jobs. Work comes natural because everybody has to have a job. I live with my parents right now that I'm not working. It depends how serious [a personal problem] is, if it's a tragedy, then, yeah, [I'd skip school]. If a buddy wanted to talk, I'd be, like, "during break time." It depends on a person's financial situation; girls talk more about parties and guys.



Annie Ruth Student Point Loma

My personal life. I'd go to the beach with a friend [instead] of school], then study later. You have to have a healthy medium. [Professional people] are probably more successful, but they're probably boring. I think it's important to be happy and have people around you that are important to you and more than just your job You definitely have to start focusing more on stuff that's not necessarily just for fun. I can see a guy thinking that women think personal lives are more important]. It's more common for the woman to stay at home, but it's kind of changing. Some women are really lazy and some are really motivated.



Tim Waeger Student Rancho Bernardo

 $\overline{R^{ight \ now, \ no, \ [school's \ not \ the}_{most \ important]. \ First \ thing \ l'd}_{want \ to \ do \ [is \ hang \ out \ with \ my \ friends].}$ I have a part-time job and school's more important. [Work and school] come before hanging out. I was good in school when I was younger; my parents did [encourage me]. I'm, like, "What are you doing?" [to my friends who don't work]. I'll prob ably become more professional minded once I begin my career; I'll definitely come back [to the personal side]. When I'm into it and everything, I'll balance it out with family.



Suzanna Lopez Student Mission Valley

t depends. I think personal; that's It depends I units personal, ambabay would forever. [My cell phone] is usually off in class because I probably would answer it if it rang. I don't have a job, but I like going to school, definitely. It's better to go to school and have a better job later; you won't be working 70 hours a week. It'll pay off in the long way.

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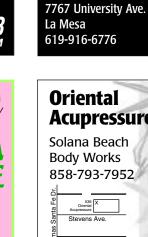
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- 1. It's fate
- 6. Pamplona charger
- 10. Quid pro _ work!"
- 13. "All in 14. Sinatra classic
- 15. Cleopatra's killer 16. Fried tortillas, chopped meat,
- lettuce, tomatoes and cheese, to be sure
- 19. 1993 Holly Hunter film
- 20. Together, on a music sheet
- 21. "I Will Survive" or "I Feel Love"
- 25. Bar assn. members
- 26. Expressed surprise
- 27. Inc., in England
- 30. "It's evident to me ..
- Scenes in some Westerns
- 39. Sweetie
- 40. Number before "Liftoff!"
- 41. There are three in Beijing
- 42. Walkway 46. Place to fill 'er up
- 51. First name in stunts
- 52. Some women's shoe features
- 55. Postal motto word
- 56. Buyers should beware of them (and discover them in this puzzle)
- 59. Ring ruling, for short
- 60. Carrier name retired in 1997 61. 1960s-70s Red Sox pitcher
- Luis
- 62. Put a spell on 63. Choice word
- _ a fox

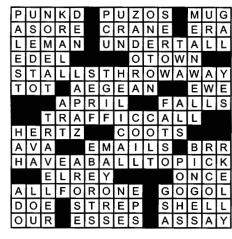
- 1. "The Greatest American Hero" star
- 2. Wife of Esau
- 3. Sped
- 4. Shortsightedness 5. Lend a hand
- 6. Thit and thas?
- 7. Harry Potter's Hedwig, e.g. Dawn Chong 8. Actress
- 9. Yiddish cries of dismay
- 10. Audience participation bit
- 11. "Forgive ____ trespasses ...
 12. Made a choice
- 14. Havana hands
- 17. Ambassador's forte 20. Confuse
- 22. When tripled, a WWII film
- 23. "Excuse me ...
- 24. Kind of tide
- 27. Barbell units: Abbr.

- 28. Eliza Dushku TV drama
 - _ Calling"
- 29. Greyhound, e.g.
- 30. Resident's suffix 31. Words with a ring to them?
- 32. Kind of state
- 33. Opposite of WNW
- 35. 2005 French Open winner Rafael
- 36. Gator's kin
- 37. Vision: Prefix
- 38. Puncture sound
- 42. Word with tiger or trail 43. Egyptian solar deity
- 44. Colors
- 45. Masseur's application
- 46. Commandment that begins "Thou shall not covet"
- 47. Bring to mind
- 48. Copy 49. Gus Van Sant film "_
- 50. Have ____ in the matter 53. Europe's highest volcano
- 54. French fleet, until recently
- 56. Color
- 57. Alcatraz, e.g.: Abbr.
- 58. Bar assn. members

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803)
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 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their
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- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners,
- we'll have a lottery.
 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to
- 7. One entry per person.

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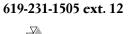


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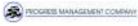
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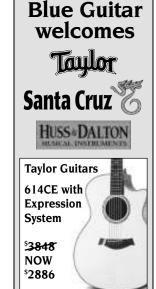
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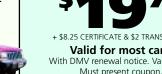
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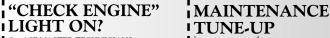
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LEAD STORY

Palm Beach County, Fla., created the controversial "butterfly ballot" in the 2000 presidential election that reportedly confused more than a thousand Gore-Lieberman voters such that they wound up marking their ballots for a minor-party candidate. In February 2006, local education officials told the Palm Beach Post that too many of the county's high school students apparently knew answers on the statewide comprehensive test but were incorrectly marking the answer sheets. The multiple choice questions require only one circle to be darkened on the sheet, but other questions require darkening digits of an actual numerical answer, apparently bewildering students into darkening too many or too few circles.

Can't Possibly Be True

- (1) Two "skinhead" teenagers were arrested in January after an altercation outside the Club Metropolis in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; according to a witness, one was a regular skinhead and the other a member of the apparently more enlightened SHARP, Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice. (2) A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel columnist, quoting a spokesman for the telecommunications company Lucent in January, reported that "nearly a million people" in the United States still lease their house phones for around \$60 a year (about 20 years after they were no longer required to), rather than buy them for as little as \$20 each.

 Lannie Lloyd Hendrickson, 24, was arrested in Bozeman, Mont., in December on charges that he aggressively bit two infants he was babysitting, ages 1 and 2, over their arms, shoulders and legs, because they would not fall asleep. According to police, Hendrickson said he could not recall how many times he bit each one, but did admit that he "bit the shit out of them."

Visionary engineer Stefan Marti last year solved what he apparently believes is a profound social problem: how to decide whether to take a cell phone call during a conversation with associates. His Conversation Finder and "social

polling" Finger Ring, according to a December item in the New York Times Magazine, require one's associates to wear special badges, which analyze speech patterns and find and synchronize themselves to one's immediate conversation. Each associate also wears a special ring, which vibrates upon sensing a cell call impulse within the group. Each associate can then rub his ring, which diverts the call to an electronic mailbox, or not, and if no one rubs, the callee, having thus avoided a catastrophic faux pas, takes the call.

Inexplicable

- A new "stress-relief" book by David L. Mocknick of Philadelphia called Who's Fred, Ha! (described in December in New York's Newsday) prescribes a game based on the German name Frederick, which Mocknick says has curative powers. A stressed person listens out in public for words that rhyme with Fred, and upon hearing one (e.g., dead), says, "Dead! Fred! Who's Fred, ha!" And that makes him feel better, says Mocknick. An accompanying CD suggests versions of the game based on double Freds or Freds with clues ("What's thermometer liquid called?" "Mercury." "Freddie Mercury [the late singer]! Who's Fred, ha!")

 The Wichita Eagle reported in January that the BTK serial killer, Dennis Rader (now serving ten consecutive life sentences), has been sued by a former employee, Mary Capps, for \$75,000 because while she worked for him he used "abusive, intimidating language, and physical gestures" toward her, damaging her career prospects with the Park City, Kan., government. Also named in the lawsuit was Rader's supervisor. Rader is unlikely ever to have \$75,000 in assets, and besides, most people who were only verbally abused by Rader might feel lucky.

Unclear on the Concept

 An exhaustive report in December on CIA operatives who staffed the so-called "rendition" program, secretly transferring suspected terrorists from U.S. custody to foreign governments, revealed sometimes-sloppy undercover work of the agents. In one rendition, in Milan, Italy, covert agents failed to remove their cell phones' batteries, thus enabling them to be electronically tracked even though the phones were off. Also, one clandestine operative left a clear trail of her whereabouts because, even though she booked herself at foreign hotels under aliases, she insisted that frequent-flier miles earned at the hotels be credited to her personal, non-secret frequent-flier account.

• A psychotherapist and a children's theater director collaborated on a one-hour play, Baby Drama (about parenthood, birth and early life), that opened in January to sold-out performances in Stockholm, Sweden, despite the fact that its intended audience is infants aged 6 to 12 months. Said director Suzanne Osten: "If you can speak to a 3-month-old baby and get laughter from them, you must be able to write an interesting play for them." Said one mother, "The babies are obviously having fun the whole time they are in the theater."

Cliches Come to Life

Life Imitates a Schoolyard Joke About the Bathtub: University of Maine geologists reported in December that dozens of methane fields off the coast of Maine were releasing large amounts of gas, disrupting the ocean floor and creating massive bubbles.

Life Imitates a Stephen King Movie: Gerard Glock, 39, filed a claim against the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., in January to reimburse two months' wages he lost when he was too traumatized to work. He had been trimming weeds in a cemetery operated by the church when the ground collapsed, and he wound up waist-deep in his brother-in-law's grave.

Creme de la Weird

· New Fetishist Species: (1) Masafumi Natsukawa, 39, was arrested in Yokohama, Japan, in January for allegedly tricking more than 30 young girls to open their mouths on the pretense that he was checking for tooth decay, and when they did, he licked their tongues. (2) In January, former schoolteacher Michael Codde, 44,

was sentenced to a year in jail after pleading guilty in Santa Cruz, Calif., to felony child molestation. The case against Codde consisted mostly of testimony that he put whipped cream on teenage boys' toes and made them lick it off while he took photos (a practice the judge said that Codde engaged in for sexual arousal).

Least Rehabilitated Criminals

- (1) In Jackson, Mo., in December, Jacob Vandeven, 27, was caught by his judge at lunch having a drink, one hour after the judge had convicted Vandeven of DUI and sentenced him to alcohol rehab with a do-not-drink order. (2) David Mulligan, 21, released from jail in Juneau, Alaska, in December after serving a 25-day sentence, allegedly stole a car a block from the jail three minutes later (and was arrested shortly after that). (3) Justin Fish, 21, who had just been bailed out on a charge of assaulting a car dealer in Framingham, Mass., in December, was almost immediately arrested again for assault because, as he walked out of the police station, he allegedly banged the door against an officer.

Clumsy People with Guns (all-new)

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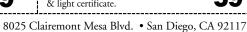
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John Small San Diego

— "SAN DIEGO READER ANNUAL CALIFORNIA CLEAN LIMERICK CONTEST," February 26, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Last December the name of that big Mission Valley coliseum was changed from San Diego Stadium to San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium. City council members overlooked the fact that if Murphy were alive, he would not want to sully one of his sentences with such an awkward construction as San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.

—CITY LIGHTS: "'S," Neal Matthews, March 5, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

At tomorrow's meeting of the University of San Diego's board of trustees, Helen Copley's tenure on the board will end.

Copley is publisher of the San Diego Union and Tribune.

In January the 19-member body of priests headed by Maher that acts as the chief diocesan policy-setting council, began to ask for Copley's removal. This action stemmed from the December 29, 1985, Union story headlined, "Problems Dog Leo Maher/San Diego bishop's critics cite his lifestyle, charge favoritism."

—CITY LIGHTS: "THE CHURCH, THE PRESS, THE RIFT." Jeannette De Wyze and Neal Matthews, March 6, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

John Steinbeck IV died February 7 at Scripps Memorial Hospital in Encinitas. He

John Steinbeck IV's father's novel The Grapes of Wrath told the story of an Oklahoma family, the Joads, who headed for California. In 1988, like the Joads, John had pulled up stakes in Colorado and headed for California.

—CITY LIGHTS: "DESTINY MANIFEST," Judith Moore, March 7, 1991

Ten Years Ago

William Shawn was editor of the New Yorker from 1952 to 1987. Everyone who worked with Shawn seems to have a "Mr. Shawn story." I asked Mr. Updike if he had one.

"I had begun to appear in the New Yorker. Katherine White [E.B. White's wife and for many years a New Yorker editor] had come to me at Oxford and offered me a job at the New Yorker and I'd accepted, but I had to meet Mr. Shawn. I took the wrong turn in New Jersey and got under the Pulaski Skyway instead of on it. I finally had to call Mr. Shawn from a pay phone to say it looked like I was going to be late. He responded by saying in that very sweet, milky voice of his that he would wait. I said, 'Oh, I couldn't dream of asking you to wait. I'll try again.' So we turned around and went back to Pennsylvania, and I think I went alone the next time and got through to him."

—READING: "IN THE BEAUTY OF THE LILIES," Judith Moore, February 29, 1996

Five Years Ago

I know a man who asks prospective dates if

ESTINY MANIFEST San Diego Reader, March 7, 1991

they like anchovies. He believes this a reliable litmus of female libido, anchovy-haters being, in his experience, "less wild." There are, we now know, umami receptors on the human tongue that send umami messages in the brain. Peking man's diet was 70 percent venison, an unusually umami-heavy meat. Anchovy-loving women are perhaps more in touch with neurons long ago sensitized to umami's charms, and to the advances of cunning, predatory men.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: "ANCHOVIES," Max Nash, March 1, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

I teach high school. For reasons that will become obvious, I don't want to say where in San Diego County I work. A student I'll call "Molly" came to see me during her lunch period last week and started crying. She's a quiet, hardworking student I'm fond of and have never had trouble with. Molly hasn't discussed her sexual orientation with me, but I always thought it likely she's a lesbian. She is slim and pretty, but does not dress or act in typically feminine ways. This makes her unusual among our high school girls. She wears baggy jeans, loose T-shirts, and sneakers every day, has buzz-cut hair, wears no makeup. Once or twice I noticed her carrying around, in addition to her schoolbooks, a paperback on "queer theory." Molly told me that her math teacher scolded her in front of several other students in a way she found humiliating. Apparently the teacher said, "What's the matter with you? Are you trying to pass for a man? This is ridiculous. You should act and dress like a girl.

Stop trying to pretend you're not female. It's very annoying and insulting to the other young women who are your classmates." Molly said this speech came out of nowhere — she'd asked the teacher a question about a homework assignment after class and got this outburst as response. Another student who witnessed the tirade also mentioned it to me privately, confirming Molly's story. The teacher in question is a talented, respected member of the faculty. I feel like someone should tell her that it's absolutely not okay to talk to students this way and embarrass them in front of their peers. I don't, however, want to make this teacher (who has a reputation for having a big temper) angry with me. I'm confused about what might be the right thing to do.

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Dear Shocked,

Tell Molly you'd like to inform the principal about the math teacher's remarks. This teacher needs to be set straight so she won't insult Molly again or pull this kind of move on other students who don't fit neatly into her idea of gender roles. The unsolicited personal comments this teacher made are out of line and she needs someone in authority to help her understand that this can't happen again — and maybe arrange for sensitivity training. Whether Molly (or any other student or staff member) wants to wear a miniskirt or a suit and tie to school is none of

this teacher's business if said clothing is within bounds of the dress code. Maybe this teacher doesn't realize it, but the kinds of things she said constitute a personal attack and can be intensely hurtful. Adolescents are very vulnerable to being shamed. In some schools and workplaces her remarks might also be considered sexual harassment. I bet the principal will be happy to keep your name out of it. Molly might need to transfer to another math class, one where she will be judged by her knowledge of square roots.

Dear Saffron,

I read your column from the February 2 issue. The letter from Fearful Son [whose elderly mother was driving a dangerous car in terrible repair] and your response to it interested me. You suggested that Fearful Son immediately put his mother into a new car. I wanted to tell you that a compromise is possible. I believe that the solution is to repair/restore the car she has, since it has sentimental value. An old car can be made safe to drive again. Engines and transmissions can be rebuilt. Steering, suspension, and braking systems can be restored to new (if not better than new) condition on most old cars. Restoration parts, and people qualified to restore cars, are everywhere these days. If she has the money to buy a new car, she has more than enough money to make her old car safe and roadworthy again and restore her son's peace of mind. Not only that, but she can also hang on to all the happy memories of her husband that the old car brings.

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Dear Saffron,

Regarding the letter from the person who found a stash of tiny liquor bottles in a coworker's desk and who decided that the coworker was a raging alcoholic: Hasn't this nosy person ever heard the adage "Don't judge a book by its cover"? They found something by accident and don't know the whole story — they shouldn't make assumptions and should keep their mouths shut.

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DISPATCH FROM BEANTOWN

I don't like Boston. I don't like this crummy pickle I got at the convenience store downstairs, and I don't like this town. It has taken me four years, but I have decided: Boston is not for me. And I want out.

Being from New York City, I'm supposed to hate Boston, but I've never been one for convention. When the Red Sox took the series last year, I boogied down with the best of them, parading through the marauders and rabble rousers, fire-setters and impromptu music makers. I watched the Patriots' parade and took pictures of a smiling Tom Brady, sticking my hands in the air to cheer him. I've sunbathed in the Common, caught a free show at the Hatchshell, and picked through the dollar-a-pound mountain of clothes at the Garment District. The hockey strike was the only thing that kept me from seeing a Bruins game.

But I've never put both feet in. I've never tried to swim the Charles, as many wacky Bostonians do — a coworker warned me of this before I left. "Don't do it," he said, "though many will try, few will succeed...at anything other than contracting hepatitis." I heeded his warning and many others, including pleas from my nearest and dearest not to pick up a Boston accent, and, thus far, I've dodged that particular bullet. I don't say "smahht" or "cahhh" or "pissahh." I have said "wicked," but we don't talk about that.

I arrived here four years ago as a starry-eyed college freshman with pigtail braids down to my butt, a misfit graduate from a high school of oddballs. I dyed the ends of my hair red and wore a hideously stupid "bone" necklace with a yin-yang symbol in the middle that I'd bought off of a Tibetan street vendor on Houston street — it's in my ID picture — and didn't know the city of Boston from Adam. This did not deter me, and, partially to escape my evil first-year roommate, I proceeded to get blissfully lost anywhere I could. My two fast

friends, a duo of older girls named Lindsey and Esther, took me to magical, ethereal music/poetry/video events in far-flung warehouses, to punk-rock parties with grape Jell-O shots and couches for crashing on, and on adventures shopping for hats and shoes, bikes and books. I hid a lizard in my room, illegally, for half a term, and traveled an hour by bus to a roadside amphibian supply store to buy him mealworms in a little pot of bran flakes. I was, for a time, in love. In love with the idea of being in a new place, of everything being new and...clean.

But the honeymoon is over. Esther left town that year and Lindsey transferred schools the following semester. After that, I felt a distinct change. Perhaps it was me, for I'm not the same girl who first stepped off the train and into the wind tunnel that is the intersection of Boylston and Tremont Streets — and thank god for that. I've since chopped off the braids, ditched that silly necklace, and left the dorms for good, taking up residence atop historic Beacon Hill in a fourflight walkup. Boston sits below me and, from my roof, I see not its beauty but its annoyances: the lack of public transportation after 11 p.m., the ancient law that forbids most convenience stores from selling beer, the poor quality of the deli pickles. No matter how many good bands may play here, it will never be New York City. It will never be my home.

That said, I must grudgingly admit that good things have happened to me during my time in Massachusetts, which is just four months from being over. Some things



are little — the stupid rites of passage that earn me the Brownie badges of personhood: I had my first kiss here; I had my first legal (and illegal) drink here. Others are of more consequence. Under the tutelage of my favorite Emerson professors, a wacky expunk intellectual, and a sharp-eyed multimedia editor, I found a love for the brainpuzzles of film and digital animation. It was on an Emerson film that I tried my hand at gaffing and was driven out to the suburbs at 11 in the

evening to light a location set, rerouting wires into the wee hours of the morning. Through the Boston craigslist, I landed a magazine job and, while the feeling was shortlived, began to entertain the notion that I had potential in a real-person job. All this in a place I cannot wait to leave.

I suppose it's time to get on with it. And, as I stand on the roof in the cold, eating a

> pickle that, to my Jewish half, borders on blasphemy, I see the Boston skyline in the dark blue of night. It glitters in a small-city way, little buildings hunkered down in their winding rows, the glass of the massive general hospital across the way reflecting the lights from the

bridge to Kenmore Square, and my harsh feelings soften. The Medevac helicopter chugs into view, landing lopsidedly on the helipad, spotlight cutting a beam through the sky to light its way; Boston is moving all around me, a smaller version of the metaphorical heartbeat I know in New York. And maybe, just maybe, it's not so bad.

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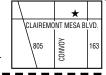
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Report: The Sheriff's Communications Center received a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. Deputies arrived



on scene approximately three minutes later and discovered the body of a female who had

been the victim of a violent assault. Early reports indicate the victim was a resident of the house

A suspect in this case was identified as Steven W., age 26. He had been staying at the address. On February 18, 2006, W. was taken into police custody in Glendale, California. Sheriff's investigators traveled to Glendale, took custody of W., and transported him back to San Diego County to be booked on one count of murder.

PAROLEE AT LARGE

Location: [400] Plymouth Avenue, Vista Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. on 2/18/06

Incident: Sheriff's deputies in Vista located a vehicle without license plates and initiated a traffic enforcement stop. The suspect vehicle containing three occupants immediately fled, precipitating a short pursuit. Deputies pursued the occupants of the vehicle on foot. The suspects barricaded themselves in an apartment along with at least two female juveniles and a four-year-old child. After repeated attempts failed to convince anyone to exit...deputies learned one of the men in the apartment was 21-year-old Juan L. (12-13-

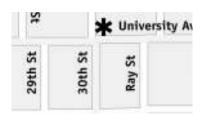
L. is a "Parolee at Large" (PAL) who is also suspected of committing an armed carjacking in the Vista area during January of this year.

Deputies were able to persuade L. and the others to surrender...shortly before 1:00 a.m.

CARJACKING

Location: 3000 University, University Heights

Time/Date: 10:25 p.m. on 2/17/06



Officer's Investigation: We

determined from listening to the victim and witnesses that a carjacking and a kidnapping had taken place. The witnesses gave the 9-1-1 dispatcher the license plate of the vehicle the suspects fled in. The vehicle was a white Toyota

I spoke with victim, Kelly B., and...asked her if she was injured during the incident. She complained of pain to her neck and her back and refused medical attention.

Victim's Statement: I left the bar and went to my car that was parked in the alley. I entered my truck and began to back up. I saw a white vehicle pull in behind me. The vehicle backed up and pulled next to me. I saw a black female exit the vehicle and run towards me. My door was unlocked and the female opened my door. She started to hit me with her fists, scratch me and told me to get out of the car. I put my hands up to protect myself. She pulled off my glasses that were on my face. She was calling me a "crazy white bitch." She took my glasses and threw them on the ground. Then she started to smash my glasses with her boots and continued to call me a "crazy white bitch." I can't drive without my glasses. I need my glasses.

This black female then entered my car. She was...still trying to hit me. She was trying to put the truck in gear. She said, "This truck is mine now." She then put the truck in reverse and pushed on the accelerator. The truck went backwards. We were going fast. We then hit a wall. The black female acted like she panicked. She left my truck and ran over to the Camry. Then the Camry drove away.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

Location: [3900] Park Boulevard, Normal Heights

Time/Date: 2:05 p.m. on 2/15/06



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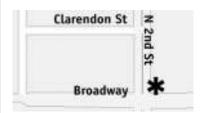
received a radio call to investigate a disturbance. When I arrived, I learned it was a custody dispute. Steven L. has a five-year-old daughter with Anna G. L. and G. have no formal custody and visitation agreement. Today, L. decided he was going to visit the child. He pulled up in the alley behind the mother's residence and saw the child was playing. He decided to take the child without contacting or saying anything to G.

L. had the child in his car and was about to leave when he was confronted by G., her brother and mother. An argument took place and L. displayed a metal pipe in a threatening manner toward G.'s brother. [The brother] retrieved a baseball bat from his vehicle

and a fight almost took place. Police arrived and quelled the situation. [The brother] did not wish to place L. under citizen's arrest.

STOLEN PROPERTY

Location: 1300 Broadway, El Caion Time/Date: 3:00 a.m. on 2/18/06



Resume of Incident: Officer

Mark Bevan and Officer Kai Mandelleh were...on a call of a fight. As they were leaving the area, Officer Bevan noticed three suspicious people in a fenced parking lot of an auto repair shop. The subjects saw Officer Bevan and ran. Two of the subjects were caught, and the third got away. Officers discovered that the three had been burglarizing a vehicle in the lot. The two suspects were both booked into county jail for burglary and conspiracy.

Later, Officer Richard Whitman was coming on duty when he heard about the arrests. He had completed two vehicle burglary crime reports in the same area the previous day, and believed these suspects may have committed those. Officer Whitman interviewed the suspects, and later searched their residence. He recovered property from the burglaries he had documented, and closed those cases. Officer Whitman also located other property, which officers believe to be stolen.

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"I got the Porsche from a friend who's a jet pilot. He had it a couple years and didn't want to fool with it anymore. I got it after Bonneville. The car I ran at Bonneville last year was a Maserati Osca; and since a guy in Australia wanted that car and my friend was ready to give up his Porsche, I sold the one and bought the other.

"I replaced the 914 front end and suspension with 911 stuff because you have to add more metal to the sides of the frame to go as fast as I want it to. Along the edge you have to add another eighth-inch of steel.

"This August I'll take it up to Bonneville. I've got two sons who live in Reno, and we take it up there and go out on the back roads. I'm pretty sure it's gone over 200 because the motor that was in it took my last car to 203 at Bonneville, and this thing runs better. It's the same motor, but I added a little horsepower, and it's a lighter car.

"I'm anxious to get back to Bonneville. I took the Porsche up to El Mirage in November, but I wasn't able to run because they didn't quite like the way I'd set up the safety harness. They've got a mile-long list of safety rules. They specify the way the roll cage has to be built, the special

wheels and tires you need if you intend to go over 200. You've got to have a fire extinguisher for the cab and one over the motor and another over the gas tank and have them rigged so you can activate any one of them if you need it.

"The next meet up at El Mirage is in May. They hold one-day meets in May, June, and July. And then comes Bonneville. It's a week in August. And then El Mirage has meets in September, October, and November. I'll take the Porsche to all those.

"El Mirage is a short course, only a mile and a third. Bonneville is five miles, so you get a lot of time to get rolling. And you need all that time to take the speed up gradually because you have no traction. You use special tires, and they only have about two inches of contact with the salt, and they're bald. The tire configuration is rounded so in case you spin or some-



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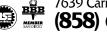
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Over the trouncing potholes that rattle the teeth and slam the crown of your skull into the window plate, the bus travels, and the passengers eye you with rage.

Rich American buys two seats. One for his bag. My daughter could've ridden there. Fat American. Look how his ass takes both places.

I memorize the azure and gold plaid pattern on the fabric in front of me and wind an errant string from it around my index finger. Bounce. The bus slams into another pothole.

The only thing that is more interesting to my fellow travelers than me is the TV situated above the driver. On every jounce the DVD stops playing, shows a blue screen, and skips to the next segment. *Sin City* plays intermittently. For a reason I can't understand, the movie is subtitled in English. Wouldn't they rather have it subtitled or dubbed, either one, in Cambodian? The thought rumples my brow, but I watch the snippets of movie anyway.

Marv is caught by the hookers. He says, "You guys are like a kick to the nuts," and below him, in white lettering it reads, "You guys are like cake on tenants."

Must be a pirate version of the film. The disc skips and it shows the blue screen again. A monk in orange robes gets on and I have to wave him off of my decadent second seat by showing him both of my tickets. The bus eases out and, stumbling down the aisle, he finds a seat in the rear.

Marv unties the knots binding his hands, and Gail remarks, "How could that be? I tied those ropes myself!" The caption reads, "How do I pee? I typed those notes myself!"

I turn to the woman across the aisle from me, and she glares and shakes her head. I can read her mind. Fat American. Lazy American. Rich American. She angles from me in disgust and watches the movie and the blue screen trade places on the monitor with each concussion of the tires, shocks, and springs.

My dome crashes against the gossamer curtain and glass behind it. Pothole.

An electric horn blast from the driver at a wayward ox in the road obscures the sound and I miss the audible line, but beneath Marv his words are written, "I've been tupping with Thundercats all night!"

Another bounding jolt and another glare from the woman and I've got six more hours before I reach Phnom Penh.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

SEX AND THE CITY

WGN 8:00 P.M.

To answer your question, I slept on the couch because of what was I going to do, throw you out in the middle of the night. I had had enough. It was over and we both knew it. I needed the light of morning breaking the darkness of my front room to admit it, and I'm glad you left. I burrowed back beneath the blankets where you were, and I listened to your car start before I fell asleep.

101 THINGS REMOVED FROM THE HUMAN BODY TLC 8:00 P.M.

I'm interested to see what's taken over the top spot since Lawn Darts were banned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT (1977) CMT 8:30 P.M.

On our flight to Bangkok, Ron and I drank hooch from a flask and listened to *East Bound and Down* on his iPod. It seemed fitting. I wore a cowboy hat and danced in the aisle until a stewie told me to sit back down.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

AMC 3:15 A.M.

ALTERED STATES (1980)

The smell of crystal meth from my neighbor's house is so strong, I can catch a whiff from my parking spot in the alley. Fumes cross the back porch, and rows of black garbage bins and the thick chemicals meet my nostrils and take me back to my 20s, when I would hole up in a dark bedroom and follow trails of yellow powder across mirrors and nightstands to the shuttered windows. I would tell lies all weekend long.

LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN NBC 3:34 A.M.

A group of drunken kids in the corner booth complain loudly about their jobs. "Someone should tell them to pace themselves," I say to the waitress. "They've got another 40 years of work. They're going to get all their bitching done in one night."

The waitress rolls her eyes and sighs, "Forty years at least." A glop of cottage cheese lands on my shirt and the clock with the neon around its face radiates down that it's 3:33 a.m.

On the way out of the booth one of the girls knocks her Pepsi over and exclaims, "This is, like, the worst restaurant ever."

At the register I wonder how many rolls of mint-flavored Lifesavers they sell from the light-up glass case beneath the counter.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

FOOD 2:30 P.M.

There's nothing so fine as a well-built club sandwich and nothing so obnoxious as a sloppy one. Cooks, take heart and heed, and make your next club golden.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

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PBS 9:30 P.M.

Dr. Wayne Dyer is an ass. He is a large, well-rounded, fuzzy-in-the-middle-and-around-



Smokey and the Bandit

the-cheeks ass. I imagine he was an ass as a child and I don't foresee his advancing years projecting him any further along the spectrum beyond his current station, which is the notch marked "ass".

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

THE DA VINCI CODE: FACT OR FICTION UCSD 8:00 P.M.

Another show dedicated to reading the sign above the aisle in Borders where one might find *The Da Vinci Code.* This show is an HOUR AND A HALF. What are they planning to do for the other 89 minutes and 58 seconds?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

MOESHA

NOGN 8:30 P.M.

What the hell ever happened to Brandy? If she's one of those child stars who pisses away her money and starts robbing liquor stores, she'll be easy to catch. The shop owner will just have to pick out of a lineup the girl whose eyes are on the side of her head like a crab.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

SURVIVOR: PANAMA — EXILE ISLAND CBS 8:00 P.M.

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FORD MUSTANG, 1993, white on blue 5 speed, 4 cylinder, excellent condition, mostly garaged, good mainte-

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I did not want to dance. I thought it was gay....

By John Brizzolara

Last Friday was Mexican Flag Day. It was that thought that prompted me to write about Mexico at all, and the column hijacked itself and had me write what it wanted. This is a beloved copout among writers and one that proves itself valid the longer you're at it. It is spring-like weather that suggests to me I start from there (broad enough), and I have no idea at this moment where that will lead.

Spring. Young man's fancy, love,

The poet's territory traditionally, and here's a poet ready to land on my desk. It is Boris (Doctor Zhivago) Pasternak.

> Spring! I am from the street where poplars stand astonished,

> Where the distance shies in fright, where houses fear to fall, Where the air is blue-washed, like the

linen bundle Of a patient just discharged from a

Where the evening is vacant, like an interrupted story,

Ending in asterisks without any sequel To the suspense of a thousand clamoring eyes,

Bereft of expression and deeply abysmal.

Free-associating. Love = doughnuts. Love = guitars. A spring evening with a warming breeze on the heels of a brutal wind-chill factor February in the Midwest. The scent of lavender in the air from...somewhere becomes an olfactory, Proustian time machine. I wanted to fill the night with music, guitar music, the Kinks, the Who. Link Wray. This would have been the mid-1960s and for those of you tired of my brain-burned and pot-holed memory lane, please feel free to turn the page.

I'm going to say 1967, spring. I was 16. I did not want to dance. I thought it was gay, or more precisely, I would have thought of it as a homo thing. Still, I wanted to meet girls, and that year I was in a public high school in Grayslake, Illinois; I had been sitting next to them, across from them, behind them, smelling them — and they may as well have been in El Paso. Sophomore year I had partially solved the problem with a band called (not by me, surprisingly enough) the Swordsmen. We probably had no idea of any double entendre. John LeDuc was a short, wiry little greaser who learned all the stuff on the Play Along with the Ventures records, so he was lead guitar. A quiet, burly athlete named Nils Holstrom who would, the following year, get killed in Vietnam, supplied rhythm guitar. The drummer was a guy I only remember as "Lurch" because of his resemblance to the guy on *The Addams Family* TV show. I played bass guitar; it was a lovely, hollow-body, violin-shaped Echo bass, similar enough to McCartney's, and I had borrowed it from a guy named Ralph Dado, a dangerous, older Italian dropout who also knew how to get pot.

I had commandeered the basement of Saint Gilbert's Church for Friday night dances under the auspices of a "regular Joe" type of priest whose name I've forgotten. We had a stage with an American flag and a lectern. The place held about 200 kids, and we packed them in. The Friday night series was a success. I have fond memories of playing and singing top 40 stuff, and that year, the top 40 seemed to have some of the best popular music anyone had heard. It still seems that way.

My fingers learned to play over the fretboard the notes to "We Gotta Get Out of This Place," and "Inside Looking Out," while my voice delivered a fair imitation of Eric Burdon's. Fair, I say, fair — nowhere near the power, the control and whatnot, but....

Learning "Hey Mister Space Man" by the Byrds prepared me for a yearlong stint playing country and western bass a few years later at military bases and after-hours truckers' joints in hostile places like Casper, Wyoming, and Pocatello, Idaho. And the bass part to "Nowhere Man" still eludes me. I wonder what rubbish I passed off as the original running line Paul delivered with seeming ease. The old gospel song "Bury My Body" (and we were imitating the Animals again here, this was long before Led Zeppelin) is still an anthem of freedom and promise when I replay the thing in my head. I have been unable to find a recording of the Animals version for many years.

I don't remember the girls' names other than Sue Faulkner or Suzy Creamcheese, a thinner, sexier, and younger Mama Cass in a Podunk landscape. I became the boyfriend of a girl named Cindy and later, Beth. Beth had a seriously bad time of it a year later when I got my own apartment in Chicago and broke it off. I only heard about her therapy sessions with



Rare Swordsmen publicity photo

a priest over this trauma 20 years later.

Something about spring evenings (and I know it is not yet spring) and a slightly above body temperature breeze blowing through a high school parking lot and cooling the rock and roll sweat from the back of my neck embodies the essence of Friday night to me more than any other set of sensations I can summon.

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