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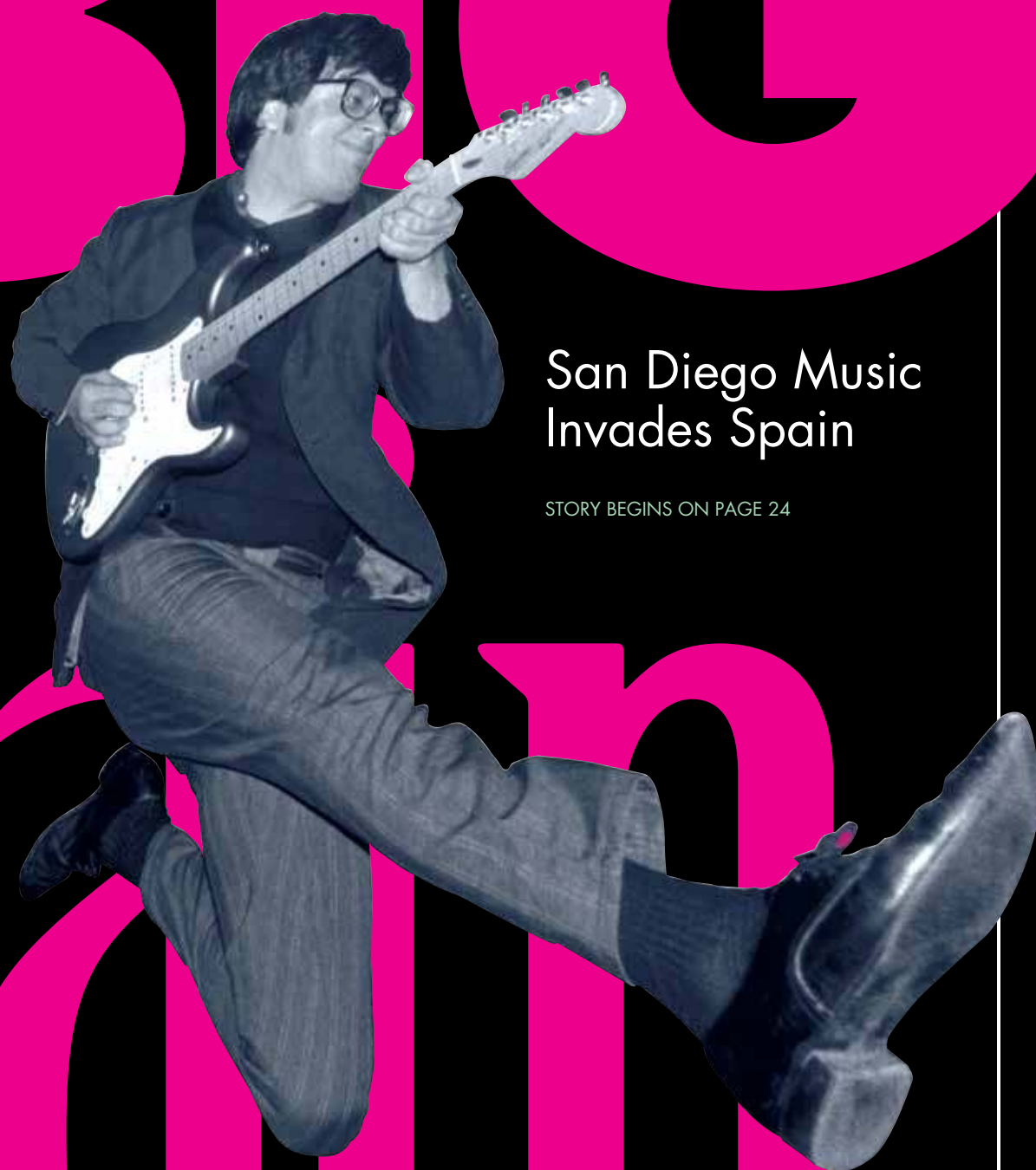
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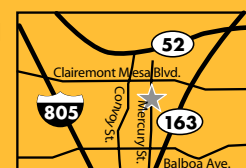
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Two secretive brothers in La Jolla and some associates in west Texas stand to add to their fortunes if their friend **George W. Bush** prevails in his initiative to push nuclear power in India. **Neal** and **Linden Blue**, owners of Torrey Pines-based General Atomics, announced last month they'd teamed up with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to build the High-Temperature Teaching and Test Reactor in Andrews County, Texas. It would be the first reactor constructed in the United States in more than 25 years. According to General Atomics, \$400 million would be needed to build the facility; a \$3 million feasibility study is under way. Picking up on another familiar Bush theme, the Blues say that the reactor could make hydrogen for use as fuel in cars of the future. The Blues have already signed a nuclear-development deal with South Korea and are said to be counting on the new U.S. agreement with India to open that market. Neal, Linden, and their company are frequent donors to the congressional and presidential campaigns of Democrats and Republicans but are closely tied to Bush. General Atomics makes the Predator, an unmanned aerial vehicle that is a CIA favorite and has seen much service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ins and outs Ex-strip club manager **John D'Intino**, who cut a deal with the feds in 2003 to testify against his old boss **Michael Galardi** in the Cheetahs strip-club scandal and to rat out others in the city's criminal underworld, is out on \$500,000 bail awaiting sentencing on wire fraud and unregistered firearms charges. But that hasn't stopped him from hitting the road. In January, prosecutors agreed to return D'Intino's passport to allow him to travel in Mexico from January 26 until February 10 "for the purpose of negotiating and finalizing a business transaction that will allow his company, Compania Hermanos D'Intino, S.A. de C.V., to export agricultural products from the United States of America to Mexico." Noted the court document signed by U.S. attorney **Carol Lam**, "While a passport is not currently a legal requirement for United States citizens to travel to Mexico City, it is cumbersome and time consuming to travel without one." In January, D'Intino's sentencing date was pushed back to June 22. "The defendant requires additional time to comply with his obligations pursuant to the plea agreement," according to a court stipulation. "Additionally, the government requires additional time to make appropriate sentencing recommendations in this case." ... Ex-**Dick Murphy** honcho **John Kern**, who might yet get caught up in the legal mess that is city hall's pension scandal, remains in private life but is keeping his

hand in the political scene. He was spotted last week in a booth at downtown's cozy Rainwater's restaurant schmoozing with his old friend, airport authority chairman and Murphy intimate **Joe Craver**. ... Former city engineer and Water Department chief **Frank Belock**, who retired last November, has gone to work at Parsons ... Political consultant **Tom Shepard**, the once-disgraced advisor to fallen San Diego mayor **Roger Hedgecock**, is hard at work for his new boss, Mayor **Jerry Sanders**. Latest sign of activity: Shepard's downtown office suite on West Ash Street is headquarters for a new political committee — San Diegans for City Hall Reform — which is raising money with the help of local chamber of commerce types like **Malin Burnham**, hotelier **Doug Manchester**, and the McMillin family of real estate developers, for two Sanders-favored measures to limit public pensions and outsource city hall jobs.



Tom Shepard

Field of money With the future of Lindbergh Field hanging in the balance, local influence peddlers are drooling in anticipation. They include **Richard Ledford**, onetime **Susan Golding** aide and Chargers flack, who, according to registration reports filed in January with the airport authority, is working for McMillin Companies, the real-estate-development entities hoping to move in with a mega-condo project when Lindbergh moves out. Ledford represents the City of Coronado regarding the "North Island Tunnel Project and Tideland Transportation Projects." GOP political consultant **Jack Monger** is representing Jimsair, the private jet terminal on the east side of the runway that is desperately trying to cling to its lucrative Lindbergh monopoly in the face of airport authority plans to open the concession to public bids. Other Monger clients include the airport's Park and Ride operation and the San Diego Off-Airport Parking Association. Then there's **Erik Bruvold** of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, the tax-supported outfit that's pushing hard to move the airport. In addition, **Monique Rodriguez** of Qualcomm has registered to lobby about "County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans," over which the airport authority exercises control. That issue is the concern of **Barbara Lichman**, an Orange County lobbyist working for Carlsbad's Lennar Homes, McMillin Land Development, Sunroad Development, Techbilt Construction, and Pardee Homes, among others.



Richard Ledford

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County As Kingfish

By Don Bauder

What's the difference between a 95-pound ballerina and a 350-pound offensive lineman? A public subsidy to the ballerina can pay for itself, as incoming tourist dollars more than offset the cost of the hand-out. That is decidedly not

ing out \$6.5 million to 83 nonprofit arts groups and \$391,084 to 36 festival and neighborhood-celebration groups. By contrast, the Chargers wanted a subsidy that could have



approached true of a subsidy to a football team, which gets much larger government gifts and attracts negligible tourist dollars, or any other dollars. This year, the City is dol-

a billion dollars. The Padres got a direct subsidy of \$270 million and probably much more in concealed City-financed infrastructure projects. The ballpark was sup-

posed to be self-financing, but it's costing \$20 million a year or more.

Once again, though, there will be a budget battle over the wee arts subsidies. The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, which monitors and helps finance arts groups, will have to battle for every penny. There have been consistent cuts in the commission's budget in recent years. Between 2002 and 2004, more than 600 arts jobs vanished because of such slashes.

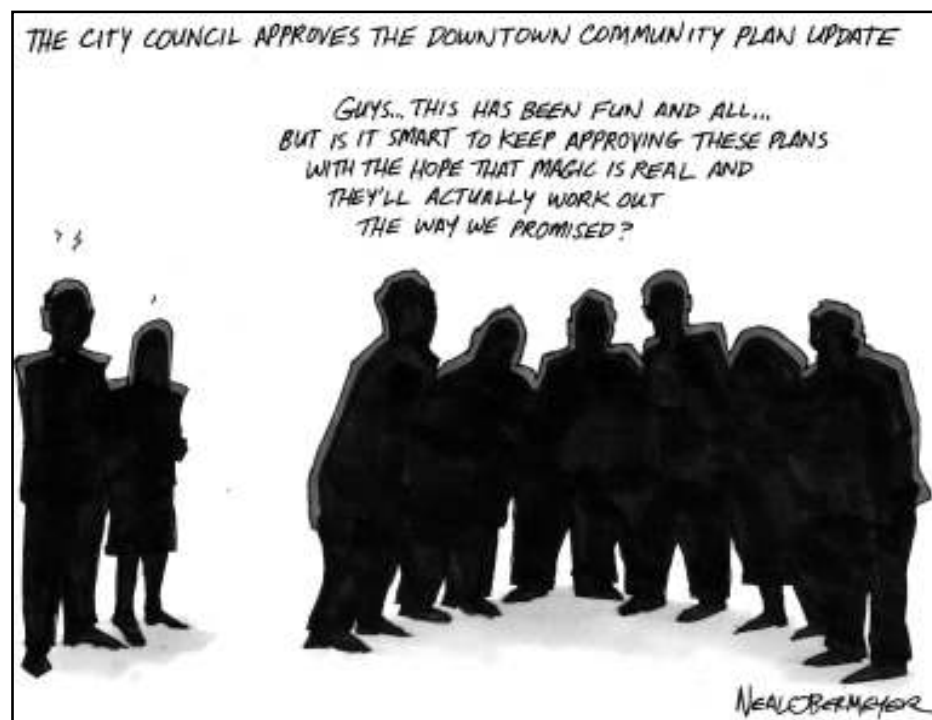
But arts lovers and political realists expect more of the same. Jim Mills, former president pro tem of the California State Senate, is well versed in both the arts and politics. With the infrastructure rotting and library hours being whacked, "at the very best grants for these [arts] purposes should be diminished, and at worst the City should give up on grants for these purposes," he says. Money from private donors will have to make up the difference.

Many argue that in bankruptcy or in a financial bind in which politicians have to make tough choices, essential services and infrastructure will be given what little money is available.

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Migrant Kids Behind Bars

By Ernie Grimm

Let's not talk in here," says Juan Enrique Méndez Meza, an official of the Desarrollo Integral de la Familia, which is known in Mexico by its acronym DIF (it rhymes with "beef"). The agency is the rough equivalent of the United States Social Security Administration. The single-wide trailer

blocking the passageway that stretches from one end of the 25-foot trailer to the other. Méndez, about 30, dressed in tan slacks and a lavender oxford shirt, smashes him-



Juan Enrique Méndez Meza (left)

that houses his office offers zero privacy — Méndez shares the trailer with four other DIF workers — and there simply isn't room for two grown men to sit without

self against one wall to let his visitor pass out the door and down the metal staircase to the blacktop courtyard outside. The courtyard and trailer sit on the grounds of the



Grupo Beta Mexican border-police headquarters. The courtyard's north wall is the international border fence, and the San Ysidro border crossing lies immediately to the east. Though the revolving pedestrian gate can't be seen from the courtyard, its *clank-clank-clank* can be heard. Méndez has to speak up when he says, "We have a group of 16 kids arriving any minute."

The kids he speaks of were caught trying to cross illegally into the United States. After a couple of days' detention north of the border, they're being returned to Mexico by U.S. immigration authorities. Méndez and his associates are responsible for reuniting them with a parent or guardian.

"There they are," Méndez says as the gate's staccato *clank-clank-clank* momentarily gives way to a legato *squeeeeeeak*. "They come in a different gate right next to the normal pedestrian gate."

A moment later, a short, dark-skinned girl of about 14, with long, braided black hair, rounds the corner of the Grupo Beta building, passes through a heavy gate, and walks into the courtyard where Méndez stands. Catching his glance, she lowers her enormous brown eyes in a gesture of self-conscious shame. With a paternal warmth, Méndez smiles at her and points to the steps into the office. Ten seconds behind the brown-eyed girl, a boy of 15 or 16 dressed in pressed brown jeans and a blue wind-breaker comes through the gate. He's embarrassed too, but his embarrassment comes out in an ear-to-ear grin. Over the next five minutes, eight more boys and six more girls walk through the gate. Each struggles to contain embarrassment. The youngest of them, a girl no more than 11 wearing blue jeans and a pink jacket, holds her head high as she fights back the tears pooling in her dark eyes. "They are always downtrodden and embarrassed when they arrive," Méndez says, "because they've been held in what they think is a prison — it's a detention facility — and they're ashamed."

Most of the children, "about 60 percent," Méndez says, "were caught right here,"



Deported minor

he points east toward the cars lined up to cross into San Ysidro. "Typically, they have a valid birth certificate, but it belongs to a different child, a child who already lives in the United States. Most often, the situation is that at least one parent, but sometimes both, are already in the United States and they've sent for the child to come join them. The child comes to Tijuana on the bus or by plane. And when they get here, the *polleros*, or border-crossing guides, sign them up right at the bus station or the airport."

Once a child has been caught, U.S. immigration authorities contact the Mexican consulate in Little Italy. The consulate sends someone to interview the child. "First,

they make sure they are okay. Then they try to get as much information as they can from the children: their names, where they come from, who their parents are, and how to contact them," Méndez explains. "Then they call us here, give us the information they have, and tell us when the children are going to be brought here. One of the consulate's workers accompanies each vanload of children being brought back. What we do here," he nods his head toward the dark beige trailer, "is we contact the nearest relative to the child as soon as we know who that is. Sometimes we know before the child is even here, if the consulate tells us. If they haven't told us, the child will tell us

himself. Often, when we know in advance and we're able to contact the parents, one parent will fly here and be waiting to take the child home before the child even gets here. Sometimes the parent can't come, but there's somebody here in Tijuana — an uncle, a godparent, a cousin — to whom we will release the child, once we're convinced they're legitimate. We explain to them that once we release the child into their custody, if that child is caught trying to cross again, that they [the guardian] can be prosecuted."

Asked if that's ever happened, Méndez shrugs and says, "It has happened. But we're not in the prosecution business. Our job is to reunite

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But those who support the arts commission make powerful arguments. The commission provides funding for and vets the arts groups. "Every group applies every year; it's a very complex process, involving complete financial and program reports," says Welton Jones, retired arts writer for the *Union-Tribune*. "There is an inquisition, and when it's finished a group is assigned a grade."

The commission's judgment is respected and helps attract other donors, says Jones. By contrast, the county board of supervisors behaves

like the former Louisiana pol Earl Long, "sitting in his pajamas with a bag of money next to him, giving out some each morning to people who say they want some," says Jones. "Each supe gives it out, and all supes vote for each other's lists."

(Mills also refers to the County the same way: "Each supervisor has a barrel from which to pass out whatever he or she feels like passing out — pure pork barrel, pure patronage," he says.)

The source of City money for arts groups is the transient occupancy tax, or hotel tax. It was originally meant to go only for direct promotion of tourism, but over the years city leaders came to real-

ize that the arts attract tourists.

There are statistics to support that argument. The commission has a study showing that two years ago, 86 organizations sold 1.5 million tickets and admissions to out-of-city visitors. "The tourists who come for the arts experience stay longer, stay in a hotel rather than a home, and spend more than other tourists," says Jeff Dunigan, a La Jolla financial advisor who is a member of the commission.

Through the so-called multiplier effect, the tourists who bought those 1.5 million tickets generated a \$369 million impact to the San Diego economy, according to the commission. You have to be careful with such studies, how-

ever. Pro sports mendicants are masters at inflating them, because they don't take the substitution effect into account. Neither do arts groups. Someone going to a baseball game or the Old Globe will not be spending money somewhere else.

But some cultural tourists come to San Diego only to go to a specific event or facility, notes Dunigan. He believes that the City generates more than \$7 million in transient occupancy tax just from the tourists attracted by cultural events. Thus, it's self-financing.

What about the arts groups? San Diego Opera's budget for the current season is \$14.7 million. It will earn \$7.8 million in ticket

sales. The company should get \$500,000 from the City, "but we do not know," says Ian Campbell, general director, and the figure has diminished in recent years. The opera is getting \$380,000 from the County, "but County funding is arbitrary and could vanish at any time." San Diego Opera gets no state money, and federal funds have dropped from \$100,000 when Campbell arrived in 1983 to \$25,000. The bulk of the money "has to come in contributions, which is a big nut to crack. We have a balanced budget and have had for 20 years now, but I fear for the future."

Charles Castle, deputy director of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego,

says its budget is \$4.65 million; the City contributes \$319,000 and the County \$53,000. The museum's La Jolla base has been open since 1941. It has a location downtown and is expanding there.

"What we have had to do over the last three years as City funding has declined is to reduce expenses, and we have raised some new money," says Castle. A major way to reduce expenditures is to put on fewer special shows and exhibitions. Money for acquisitions of artworks comes from the endowment, not operating expenses, so that hasn't been affected.

The museum can make a case for bringing in outside

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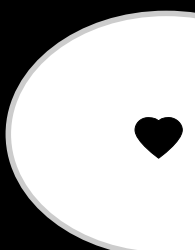
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money to the community. "In the last survey we did, 20 percent of our visitors to our La Jolla location were from outside the U.S., including Mexico," says Castle.

Dunigan points to the work of Richard Florida, author of the 2002 book *The Rise of the Creative Class*. Florida, an academic, rates various metro areas by his Creativity Index, which measures such things as patents per capita, the importance of high tech, and an area's openness to diversity of thought and lifestyle. Of the top-ten cities, San Francisco is first, Austin second, San Diego and Boston are tied for third, and Seattle is fifth.

An area's economic success no longer depends on its economic geography — "what's in the ground — ore, water," says Dunigan. "Microsoft can locate anywhere." And company chief executives over and over say that they want to see cultural amenities. "The existence of a professional sports team is never in the top ten" of chief-executive preferences, says Dunigan. San Diego has universities, scientific research institutes, and other features attractive to the creative class. It is essential that culture continue to flourish, says Dunigan.

Here's how Florida puts it: "Cities like Buffalo, New Orleans, and Louisville struggled in the 1980s and 1990s to become the next 'Silicon Somewhere' by building generic high tech office parks or subsidizing professional sports teams. Yet they lost members of the creative class. Not once during any of my focus groups and interviews

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did the members of the creative class mention professional sports as playing a role of any sort in their choice of where to live and work." But the arts are essential.

Courtney Coyle, a member of the arts commission, says spending cuts have left the staff "barebones. I don't know what would happen if we took additional cuts. And what about the institutions that we fund? We are concerned that people will have to close doors and stop programming; artists will move elsewhere. That will have economic reverberations."

No doubt it will. The only solution may be for members of the creative class to make bushels of money and donate it generously. ■

Behind bars

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children with their parents."

Most of the children are between 12 and 17 years old, Méndez says. "The youngest we've had was six days old. When that happens, it's usually an illegal private adoption. The mother can't take care of the baby she's pregnant with. And somehow she makes contact with a couple in the United States who can't have a baby. When the baby is born, they come down and pick it up and they try to bring it back across the border with them and the border agents catch them — maybe they're acting very nervous, or maybe it's clear that you have two fair white people and a little brown baby."

Most of the children are collected by a parent or guardian within 24 hours of arriving, Méndez says. If night falls before the parent or guardian arrives, the kids are

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driven to one of three DIF shelters where they will spend the night. Over 5000 kids went through this process in 2005. "The largest percentage, about 22 percent," Méndez says, "came from the state of Michoacán. And we get lots from Guerrero, Jalisco, the Distrito Federal, Sinaloa, and Oaxaca."

"Let me show you our little facility," Méndez says, leading his guest back into the trailer. Two cribs, a rocking chair, and a changing table stocked with diapers and baby wipes occupy the room at the trailer's far east end. "This is our nursery for when we get the really young ones," he says. Today there are no occupants. Next to the nursery is a room with a couple of low couches and a TV showing cartoons. The seven girls occupy this room. A couple of cramped offices take up the middle section of the trailer. The far west end is furnished with two sets of wooden bunk beds on which lounge the nine boys who were repatriated earlier.

"How are you, *jóvenes*?" Méndez asks.

The boys respond with smiles and grunts.

"Where were you guys caught?" he asks.

"In hell," one of them answers, setting off a chain reaction of nervous laughter.

"In the mountains or the desert?" Méndez asks.

"Mountains," they all answer.

"How long were you walking?"

"Not long," says a 13-year-old on the bottom right bunk. "We were caught in less than an hour."

"Not us," says an older boy on the bunk above. "We were walking through hell for 15 hours." ■



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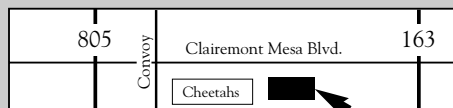


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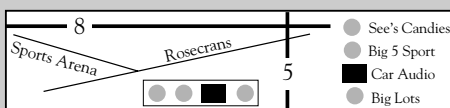
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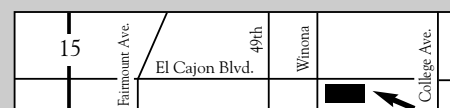
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Came In Ready To Chew

Naomi, what was your intent in blasting Dussini??? ("The New Spaghetti Factory," Restaurant Review, March 2). It seems that you came in ready to chew it up and spit it out?? I am not impressed with the entourage of savant connoisseurs who tried to spout their culinary know-it-all and try to see that this establishment is critiqued with unforgiving scrutiny that is ridiculous! I have been there numerous times, with large parties who enjoyed the ambience, service, and food. Yes, the servers aim to please, but I have been to places where we are treated like the enemy! Do not compare this to the Spaghetti Factory. That is a whole different venue and different fare. I have traveled, eaten in terrific restaurants, and I take in all aspects of the dining experience. In the short time that it has been open, I have been there six times, and I consider myself to have a discerning palate. I can picture your group sitting there, laughing and scoffing at each dish that comes out. Dussini will do well in spite of you.

Melody and Dave Miller
via e-mail

How We Pay

My name is Rick Dieterle, and I'm the owner of the Bean Bar Coffee House. I just read your "Blurt" section (March 2) online and would first of all like to thank you and Ken Leighton for mentioning us. As a new coffee-house and aspiring venue, it's always nice to get mentioned in the local press for the things we're trying to accomplish.

I'd like to clear up some outdated and incorrect info your story cited, if I may. Specifically, after considering the complaints of the two bands who took issue with

the way we pay (out of the dozens who've played here), we've modified our ticket prices and the way we pay the bands.

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In addition, the singer/guitarist you quoted contacted us about playing at the Bean Bar; we didn't seek him or his band out. On a side note, both Matt and I contacted the band via e-mail in an attempt to address their concerns and learn from the experience. We were able to do both, although they ended up not playing at the Bean Bar after all.

Rick Dieterle
Owner

Bean Bar Coffee House

Open Your Engineering Text

This concerns Eve Kelly's column "Best Buys" in the March 2 *Reader*. Paragraph five, she makes a statement that is very puzzling. Evidently she has never taken any physics courses or engineering courses or thermodynamic courses or mechanics courses or dynamics courses, because she doesn't know what she's talking about. I quote the end of the fifth paragraph: "Remember the old formula, 'weight equals force times distance.' " "I don't know what she's talking about there, but weight does not equal force times distance. Weight equals mass times gravitational acceleration.

If she's talking about a couple or a moment, a moment equals a force times the fulcrum distance. In dynamics or in statics or physics or various engineering disciplines, that's called a couple or a momentum, and in the English system it would be a pound-foot. Couple is force times the distance times the distance of the leverage.

Or there's another application of force times distance, and that is called work or energy, and you run into

that in engineering, in statics, dynamics, physics, thermodynamics. Work is force times the distance in which the force is exerted. In the English system, that would be a foot-pound. For instance, a horsepower is 550 foot-pounds per second; that's a unit of power, not work, by the way. But work equals force times the distance over which the force is exerted.

If you're talking about a couple or a moment, it's the force times the leverage distance over which the force is exerted. And I think that's what she's talking about. And they usually call that in the English system a pound-foot, so as not to confuse it with work, which is foot-pound. I spent eight years in engineering school, and I have a bachelor's degree and a couple of graduate degrees.

Name Withheld

A Horrible Picture

I think the article "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23) painted a horrible picture of those with disabilities. Until you walk in the shoes of a parent whose child has Down syndrome, you are not qualified to write such negative things. A very close friend of mine has two children with Down's, and they have touched my life with their love and *true goodness*.

Name Withheld
via e-mail

Heartwarming, Perfectly Written

Laura McNeal's cover story "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23) was heartwarming, perfectly written, and enlightening. Thank God there are people like Helen and Keith that care enough for their fellow man to provide the excellent level of support that is available locally at the Arc. The only thing I missed in the article was information on how to donate to support the Arc's activities. I found that online at <http://www.arc-sd.com> and took advantage of the fill-in form. If you're anything like me and the bystanders that Laura describes who see a disabled person and don't know what to do — you should too.

Jack VanOlst
via e-mail

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Disappointed

This letter is in response to your cover article from the February 23 issue. The title of the article was "Let the World See Your Pretty Face."

My first reaction at seeing the wonderful picture on the cover of the person with Down syndrome was excitement. I was very hopeful that the article was going to get to the public some of the important information about people with Down syndrome. Most people are not aware of the rich and vibrant lives the majority of people with Down syndrome live. In fact, all most people know is that it's a disability that affects development.

I would like to share with you that I was disappointed in the article. The first portion is probably very accurate in its description of the feelings and confusion a person feels when finding out their baby has Down syndrome. However, the rest of the article gives a very narrow, small glimpse of what life might be like for a small minority of people who have an extra 21st chromosome.

The majority of people who could have been discussed in this article live full, complete, vital lives. In the short amount of time I have been aware of Down syndrome and people affected by it, I have come to know of persons who have graduated from high school, having earned the degree with hard work and dedication; people who have jobs they have been hired for because of their abilities, not their disability; people who achieve goals they have set for themselves that involve learning and strength of character; people who are celebrated because of their understanding of the world we live in and their part in it; and I could go on and on.

I understand the article was most likely about a percentage of the population who have one of any number of different developmental disabilities that has caused them to need help and supervision in daily activities and not about the truth or reality of what life for a person with Down syndrome is like. What disappointed

me about the article is that it begins as though it is going to help someone facing a decision about a baby they are getting ready to have but in reality only perpetuates the misconceptions most people believe is knowledge about Down syndrome. A person reading this article would most likely believe that a person with Down syndrome will need help going to the bathroom, won't be able to form complete sentences and will speak in guttural utterances and sounds, will need someone to help them if they are going to hold a job, won't be able to graduate from school based on typical expectations, and will stand out because of their "oompa-loompa bodies." Some of this might, in a small percentage of people, be true, but for the majority, it is not even close to the truth.

People who find out they are going to have a baby with Down syndrome hopefully do not read this article. The service the people at Arc provide is valuable. They probably do a wonderful job. The persons discussed in the article sound like wonderful people, the consumers and the job coaches. But if you want to give an accurate story of what a couple will most likely face with a child born with Down syndrome, this is not the right article.

Jennifer Harders
La Mesa

Effectively Bleak

Re: "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23). I am the father of a 12-year-old boy with Down syndrome and have known and worked with disabled people for a number of years. Your article did a very effective job of painting a bleak picture for the potential of disabled people to become useful members of society. I would suggest a bit more research be done in the future. Perhaps even take a look at some of the many success stories that could easily have been included in the article. You wrote that "A 1996 study found that 88 percent of women who have a confirmed prenatal diagnosis that they are carrying a Down's fetus choose to abort." Your article and the pervasive negative attitude that it portrays and fosters in our society is one

of the reasons for this alarming statistic.

Bruce Woodward
via e-mail

McNeal Bashes

I was so sickened and outraged by what I read on the first three pages that I had to put the article down. I got on my knees and prayed that God would reveal to me what to write in this letter, and this is the result (I'm a Christian).

When I read the article "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" by Laura McNeal (February 23), it was like reading an advertisement for abortion. It made me question if Ms. McNeal had an abortion herself and possibly wrote this article (out of guilt) to justify her actions. Ms. McNeal did nothing but bash people with developmental disabilities, which is downright inhumane. Someone once told me they thought Ms. McNeal was Mormon, but with writings like this article, I doubt it's true. How could someone who believes in God write such hateful things about God's helpless/defenseless people?

Families and providers of children/adults with disabilities (but specifically developmental disabilities) have a daily struggle in helping their children/adults reach their fullest potential, and behaviors/articles like the one written by Laura McNeal hinder their efforts (shame on you).

Parents, providers, therapists, educators (etc.) have come a long way in their struggles to ensure the rights of people/children with disabilities, and the IDEA Act (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) is one of our greatest achievements.

If God's word says (Jeremiah 29:11), "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," what right does Ms. McNeal have to try and take that away from anyone, especially the developmentally disabled, who need someone to advocate for them against people like her?

My Women of Faith Bible study group is studying *The Purpose-Driven Life* by Rick Warren. During this study, I've come to realize that my purpose is to be the parent

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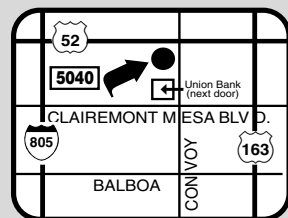
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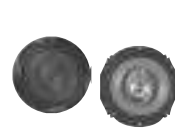
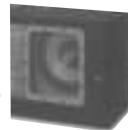
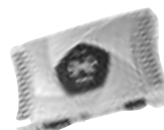
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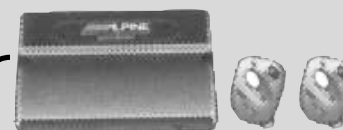
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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

One Zillion Moves

The 2006 United States Chess Championship is being played through Sunday at the McMillin Event Center, 2875 Dewey Road, San Diego. A field of 64 is on hand. The youngest entrant and last to qualify is Elliott Liu of Encinitas, age 16.

I have him on the phone. "How was Friday's game?"

Liu says, "Pretty cool. He [Gregory Kaidanov, 46, Ukrainian-born grandmaster] is number three in the nation. I was nervous because he's someone everybody knows, and he's won many tournaments. My strategy was to give him a fight, keep the game very simple, and make sure he didn't have any chances."

Sounds good. "Walk me through the game."

"Let's start at the beginning," Liu says. "I spent a lot of time preparing for him. The problem with these strong grandmasters is they play different moves in order to avoid this preparation. So, in the database, [Kaidanov] played several lines, and I had to prepare for all of them. Of course, at the game, he plays a line he's never played before — a really rare line, it's only been played a few times. So, early on, I was nervous knowing he knew what he was doing and I didn't."

"The line he used was played last year between two of the world's best grandmasters, but I didn't remember what happened. I thought for 40 minutes on my next move. It was probably five moves after that I got a feeling where the game was going. I wasn't losing. My position looked okay; I realized I could probably hold as long as I didn't mess up somewhere. And then I traded everything off and it simplified very nicely and was relatively easy to draw."

"When you say you thought about a move for 40 minutes, what do you think about?"

"With chess, it's not just making a move," Liu says. "Not only do you have to calculate and foresee positions 12 to 24 moves ahead, but you also have to decipher what he's doing; you have to calculate his plans. All the lines have branches and branches, and you have to keep all that in your head and evaluate the final position of all those lines. It takes a surprisingly long amount of time to make a good move."

"Against a grandmaster, in order to draw, you can't make a mistake; your game, literally, has to be perfect. A lot of people

don't understand that in order to lose a chess game, you don't have to lose pawns and pieces. If there's a weak square, just one, we're all good enough to use that square and win the game based on that one weakness. In order to draw one of these guys, you have to be perfect throughout the game."

"How many openings, how many lines are there?" I don't actually expect to hear a specific number.

Liu laughs, "I have no idea. People think, 'An opening is his first move.' No, an opening is one line, the line can go to move 25. In those 25 moves there can be 20 variations of that same line. The tree branch goes on, almost to infinity. No one knows all the lines. You can't know them all. You have to specialize. So, for example, my opponent, against my first move, only plays pawn to E5. His whole life, he's only played that. But, after that he uses several lines and other variations depending on what his opponent does."

"How do you prepare for that?" My usual solution, spend more money, does not, at first glance, appear to apply.

"You're going to prepare for the individual guy, but you know he's going to change his stuff around because he knows you're preparing for him. There's a lot of reverse psychology going on. Mainly, you're retooling your own stuff. There is only so much you can do to prepare for your opponent because he's not going to play into something that's already in his database."

I ask, "When you're changing your stuff around, are you trying to create something brand new or are you trying to bring back to life something that's obscure, a move somebody made 100 years ago?"

"It depends, but I will definitely change something," Liu says. "I won't play directly into what he's preparing. I know what's in my database, I can work around that. I'll either have an improvement from last time or I'll pick a line that's very rare or maybe even use a computer move. There are chess computers now. Just to make sure your new move isn't bad, you always plug it into the computer and see what it says. Sometimes your computer can spit out a move that's actually better than what's ever been played."

Hmm. "You keep saying 'database'. How big is the chess database?"

Liu laughs again, "All I know is that the first game in the database was played in 1605."

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A wave of late afternoon light gushed through the great arched window at the head of First United Methodist as the congregation waited to begin Vespers on Ash Wednesday. It washed over the white-tiled high altar, over the off-white walls, and over the creamy upholstery of the pews, and set the masses of organ pipes gleaming as they sent forth their meditative strains.

After Reverend Jim Standiford's welcome, the organ started up again, this time marching the congregation through "What Wondrous Love Is This?": "What wondrous love is this/that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul, for my soul." (Hymns permeated the service and the dinner that followed. The congregation sang far more than it spoke, the organ surrounding the voices and governing the mood.)

Reverend Elbert Kim read from Joel: "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. Rend your hearts, not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful...and abounding in steadfast love."

Reverend Peggy Goochéy's Gospel reading included Christ's new commandment: "Love one another, just as I have loved you. By this, everyone will know you are my disciples." The congregation picked up the theme, singing "Where Charity and Love Prevail": "Brought here together by Christ's love/by love we thus are bound."

Reverend Molly Vetter offered the Prayer of Confession: "We do confess to you, O God, our own sins. We confess to you that we have failed to live the dream and vision you have planted in our hearts. We have both done things that violate your will and left things undone that neglected your call. Forgive us, O God; turn us from what we have been to what we might be in You.... Help us bear your light, your kingdom, to all the world."

Songs again: the Great Thanksgiving ("The Lord be with you/And also with you...") and the Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts..."), followed by Reverend Yelena Chudinova offering the Communion Prayer: "Pour out your spirit on us gathered together...and on these gifts of

bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ."

After Communion, Reverend Kim invited the congregation to approach for a healing service. "The root for the word 'healing' in the Old Testament Greek is the same as the root for the word 'salvation' and 'wholeness.' Through healing, God brings reconciliation between God and His family, between individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation." He prayed over the oil that would be used to anoint those who asked for healing. "Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that those who, in faith and repentance, receive this anointing may be made whole through Jesus Christ Our Lord."

Reverend Standiford prayed over the ashes. "Brothers and sisters, in the name of the church on this Ash Wednesday, I invite you to observe a holy Lent, by examination; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's word." Standiford gave an account of the development of Lenten observances. "It was a

time to prepare new converts for baptism. It was also a time for those who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith to be reconciled, with repentance and forgiveness. In this way, the whole congregation was reminded of the need we all have" to repent and renew our faith. He prayed: "That these ashes may be a sign to us of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life through Jesus Christ our savior." The congregation approached through the now-darkened church to be marked with ashes and to hear the words: "Remember thou art dust, and to dust thou shall return."

After the supper that followed the service, Dr. Marjorie Suchocki, Professor Emerita of the Claremont School of Theology, gave a talk on prayer. "Religions are not the same," she said, but still, "they all pray—even the non-theistic ones." She read prayers from a broad range of religions and traditions, then asked, "Why is it that all people pray?" Her answer: "God calls them to prayer." Why? "Just play with this for a while: What if God creates the world in and through prayer? Wouldn't everything be called into being by God, and wouldn't its coming into being be its responsiveness to God, and isn't its responsiveness a kind of praying?" And if God creates the world through prayer, "then we have a responsibility to pray...to participate in the creation of a world that mirrors the love of God."

What happens when we die?

"God receives us in every moment," says Suchocki. "When we die, that reception includes our consciousness. We exist through the life of God anyhow, but following our death, we exist within the life of God. I don't think there's a heaven or a hell outside of God; I suspect God is heaven or hell, depending on your experience."

— Matthew Lickona



MARJORIE SUCHOCKI

First United Methodist Church of San Diego Mission Valley

★★½

Sermon

content★★½
 delivery★★½

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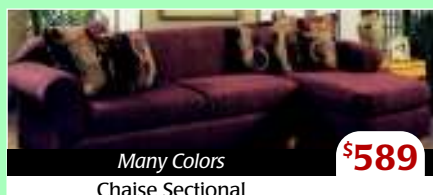
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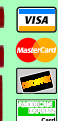
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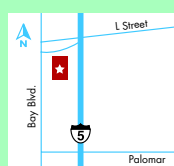
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—EVE KELLY

My chum Bernice is not an animal person, but she has given in to getting a low-impact pet. She's thinking about a rabbit and asked me to drum up some info on rabbit hutches.

My first call went out to another college chum who has taken up raising rabbits. She filled me in on rabbit details. "Domestic rabbits can live up to 15 years, so they are a long-term commitment pet," answered Christine. "And there is a reason they say 'breed like rabbits,'" she jested. "I read once that it was estimated that a single pair of rabbits can produce around 13 million rabbits in three years. Gestation is a mere 28 days, offspring can mate with a parent, fertility is induced by copulation, as opposed to being a cyclic thing, and females are sexually mature at four months of age."

If you want your rabbits to be friendly, "They need to be handled frequently and from birth," she informed me, "or they can go wild and not be very fun pets at all. They have sharp teeth, and they bite with them, and they also chase and grunt."

With regard to hutches, "If they are outdoors, they need to be waterproof and draft-free to maintain your rabbit's health. A feature I love on my hutch is the sliding cage-sized metal pan that catches the droppings. It's easy to just pull it out and dump it into the trash can." With regard to the floor of the hutch, "If there is no place for the rabbit to rest he can get foot sores from standing on wire mesh flooring. So slatted floors are an option, or some hutches do sit on the grass."

Next I spoke with Kevin Whaley of KW Cages in Santee, which has been around for 30 years. "In the whole of the United States," Whaley explained, "there are only about two or three companies that are similar to ours in that we specialize in rabbits."

There are a few things to keep in mind with regard to rabbit hutches, he explained. "When a rabbit urinates on wood, the wood harbors the urine, odor, and bacteria, and it is not healthy. And the wood will also rot out in a fairly short amount of time. Our basic cage is all galvanized steel — very rabbit chew proof, and it holds up to their urine. That cage fits into the wood hutch. So you have not only a cage that can be replaced, but the rabbit doesn't come in contact with the wood. This prevents the rabbit from chewing or urinating against the wood."

Whaley suggested their Backyard Hutch (\$139 up to about \$259). "The hutch has a redwood roof, back, and legs, with an interior steel cage that has a pullout drawer underneath. It has a deflector guard, which is like a metal splashguard that goes around the perimeter of the cage. When the bunny backs up to a corner to urinate, as they like

"They have sharp teeth, and they bite with them, and they also chase and grunt."

to do, it will deflect the urine down into the pan and not against any of the wood."

KW Cages sells a single-story hutch two feet by three feet. They also sell a double-decker hutch two feet by three feet by six feet for multiple animals or for more legroom for one bunny. "Rabbits range in size," said Whaley, "from about 2 pounds to about 22 pounds. It is kind of like dogs in that there isn't one wire crate that fits all. The average bunny weighs about six to eight pounds, and they need a two-foot by three-foot hutch."

In case Bernice becomes a hobbyist, "We also sell a back yard Bunny Barn, which is a bigger structure that you can walk inside. It has a bank of cages, which protect the animals from the weather. They start at about \$1500 for four feet by six feet by seven feet.

"There is a tendency for people to want to put a box in the hutch for the bunny to go in, like a hideaway. It's not a good idea. A rabbit that you want to be tame, you want it to come to you when you open the door and be friendly. The hideaway works in the opposite way. They will get a sense of security if they are in an enclosed area. And the more you try to coax them to come out, the more they dig in; it is like a burrowing instinct."

"Rabbits don't really need an enclosed area," he continued. "They can withstand the temperature as long as they are out of direct inclement weather. People raise rabbits outside in Northern Minnesota; they withstand subzero temperatures by acclimating, growing big double coats." However, heat can be a problem for the little creatures. "The hutch should be in a naturally shady spot in the yard. If the temperature rises to around 80 degrees, we recommend putting frozen two-liter pop bottles in the hutch. Put it in the hutch in the morning, and it will stay mostly frozen through the day and the bunny can lie up against it. It's like a natural air conditioner for them."

And for the door on the hutch, "one wants a door that swings sideways so the door swings out of the way. A door with a hinge on the bottom, which swings down, makes it hard to hold the bunny when you're getting him out. Bigger is better on the door, so that when you are reaching in there lifting the bunny, his back legs may splay out, and the rabbit doesn't get caught on the door opening."

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WORDSMITHS AND SHUTTERBUGS

by Josh Board

Local paper *Word San Diego* invited me to their 3rd Annual Anti-Social Writers Party. I was told the \$10 cover at the door was to keep the publication running. I threw in the cash and \$15 for a T-shirt. I've yet to see another issue of *Word*.

The publication ran interesting features geared toward the writing community, though I found the columns by editor/publisher David Boyne inconsistent. In one issue he wrote about his life in New York, which was interesting, while in another issue his column was a contrived series of questions and non sequiturs.

I enjoyed talking with the *Word* contributors. They were funny, self-deprecating. The few times I approached Boyne, though, he was bragging about what a great writer he was.

I was embarrassed when I ran into Ken, a guy who threw an Oscar party I went to last year, and I couldn't place him. Ken read his poetry at the *Word* party, which was entertaining. Other poets were invited to read. One lady in her 70s, who everyone called "Trish the Dish," read a piece about having Ernest Hemingway over for dinner — "Papa, smoke that cigar out on the porch." The crowd laughed. In her poem, she admitted to



Hemingway that she wasn't a fan, and she read, "Papa's such a grizzly bear of a man, I'd have to give him my bedroom with the king size bed. God knows I wouldn't want to sleep with him. The beard. The snoring...C'mon, all that macho bravura!"

A guy named Eber asked literary trivia questions. He asked one about *Catch-22*, my favorite novel. It was a question about



was looking for.

Trish captivated the crowd with her poem, but after her reading people started chatting. It seemed rude, but then, this

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"where" the character Yossarian was from, but I didn't know if Eber meant the name of another book the character appeared in, the name of the military outfit, or the fact that he was in a mental hospital. It was the book he

was a party, not a poetry reading.

Ken and I talked about movies. He told me about a screenplay he had written that was getting interest. When I told Ken that he sounded as if he had

had a lot of wine, he told me an amusing story about once having had too much to drink and poking a cop in the chest.

A musician named Steph Johnson performed. I've seen her play at several parties and clubs. She told me that the photographer Henry Diltz took the picture for her new CD cover. Johnson's roommate Heather is a photographer, and I asked if she was mad that she didn't get the job. Johnson laughed. "I didn't think I'd be able to get [Diltz]. I called and asked, and he said yes."

After two glasses of "two-buck Chuck" wine, I was buzzed. I had given blood at the Blood

Bank that day and decided to take it easy. But then Eber invited people back to his girlfriend's house. When we got there, more wine was poured. I thought another glass wouldn't hurt. I was wrong. I sat at the piano and played the five songs I know ("Chopsticks" and the *Pink Panther* theme being two of them).

I forgot where I left my camera and tape recorder, and my notes were getting sloppy, so Bonnie, one of the contributing editors of *Word*, drove me home.

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In January, I attended the opening of the Graham Nash photo exhibit at the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. As I walked in, I noticed a local brew called Tijuana Morena was providing free beer, so I tried a glass. It was tasty, but I didn't go back for seconds.

Whenever I took pictures at the event, people asked about my camera. It was that kind of crowd.

A friend of mine wanted to meet Graham Nash (the Hollies singer and Crosby, Stills, & Nash member), so he paid the \$35 to get a year's membership in MoPA. Nash was there, and he mingled with the crowd.

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son and a few other kids to Nash and mentioned them being in a band. Nash asked the kids what music they listened to. One replied, "Ah...a lot." Nash said they should listen to the Beatles. When the drummer mentioned that he sang, Nash said, "I don't know how you can do that! I don't know how people can play and sing at the same time. That's why I don't sing much when I'm playing guitar. It's hard."

Nash used to shoot album cover photos, and I asked him how he felt about cover art not being the art form it used to be. He said, "Do you look at CD covers? You used to smoke a joint and just stare at [album covers]." When someone handed him an old album, I said, "Wow, look at all that hair you had back then." He replied, "You know what? I actually dye my hair white like this." Everyone laughed. I told him I liked the album cover for *Deja Vu*. He said, "That would never be done now. It cost 68 cents an album, and that was for albums that were selling for two dollars. Each photo had to be glued on the cover by hand."

I told Nash that I liked the album covers Henry Diltz, CSN&Y's long-time tour photographer, had shot. He said, "Oh yeah, [Diltz and I] always talk about photography when we get together."

I said to my friend, "Look at this crowd. It looks like ten guys here could've been in his band." Lots of long, gray ponytails.

Nash signed autographs for the crowd and answered questions, even if they weren't related to his pho-

tography. I heard someone say something about David Crosby and asked Nash if he took photos of Crosby because of his mustache. "Well, he's an icon. Everyone recognizes him." I said, "I can't believe a guy that looked like that is who Melissa Etheridge wanted to have a kid with. I hope her kid doesn't look like him." Nash laughed and said, "Yeah, especially since it's a girl."

I talked with Candice Eley, an assistant at the museum. She takes concert photographs but didn't have a camera with her. (I guess because Nash wasn't onstage.) I asked Eley what she thought of Nash's photographs. She said, "It's...personal. You can tell that the people he's shooting are more than just subjects. There's a relationship there, and it comes through

in each of his photos." Nash's photographs included musician friends, self-portraits, and several interesting shots of non-famous people, such as one of a Latina child at a taco stand with an Uzi behind her. MoPA director Arthur Ollman told me, "Graham was thrilled to see his work in [this] context, and many in the crowd were excited to

see a side of him they never suspected. One of our friends said he thought the photographs were so good that Nash should quit his day job."■

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by Barbarella

Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.
— Hans Christian Andersen

I'm so tired," David said. "It's like I have no energy." His eyelids drooped and his shoulders fell forward; he had dragged his feet all the way down the hall from our front door to the elevator. We were on our way to the grocery store at 9:30 a.m., hours after we are usually up and about. In my opinion, David had no good reason to be this tired — we had gone to sleep fairly early the night before

I jumped at him, haphazardly trying to plant a kiss on his lips and tickle his sides while I pinned him with my body against the wall of the elevator.

and my calendar had indicated our day was free and clear from any daunting activities. The metal doors closed behind us, I hit the "P1" button, and smiled an evil smile at the exhausted man before me. "I know how to wake you up," I said evenly. David looked confused, irritated even, like a hibernating Kodiak bear awakening to a small child poking it with a stick. I jumped at him, haphazardly trying to plant a kiss on his lips and tickle his sides while I pinned him against the wall of the elevator with my

body. My spontaneous attack produced the desired results — David burst out laughing, and a surge of adrenaline gave him enough strength to both defend himself from my groping hands and return my eager kisses between spurts of laughter. By the time the doors opened to the garage, we were both flushed from the brief yet frenzied frolic, and David had an extra spring in his step.

Shortly after we started dating, David told me I reminded him of three things kids know that adults don't: 1. Ice cream tastes better if you mush it up; 2. Bread tastes sweet if you chew it long enough; 3. Farts are funny. At first, I was offended, thinking he meant to tease me for both being younger and acting childish. It was only after I heard this list a few more times that I realized David was

not making fun of *me*, he was reminding himself that life should never be taken too seriously. With this attitude as a backdrop, I never have to worry about feeling stupid or embarrassed around him.

Three nights ago, after turning off the lights and locking the front door, we stood at the bottom of the stairs. "I don't think I can make it up," said David, whose leg muscles were sore from our strenuous workout that morning.

"No worries. I'll carry you," I said. "What? No, that's silly, you can't carry me." "Oh, yes I can," I snapped. "Hop on!" Chuckling at my bravado, David decided to prove me wrong and climbed awkwardly onto me, piggyback style. I made it up each of the 16 steps without breaking a sweat; when we reached the top, a reverent David said, "All right. I'm impressed."

David is so much more than a lover or partner — he is my best friend. From our trip to the gym in the morning to working from home all day to hanging out at night (with any errands in between), we are together 24/7. I have become the very thing I once eschewed — one half of a couple that is "attached at the hip" — and I couldn't be happier.

We choose to spend the bulk of our time with each other. But, on those occasions one of us wishes to do something the other doesn't, we are comfortable going our separate ways (at least for a couple of hours). I get a lot of flack from my family for what is, through their eyes, a

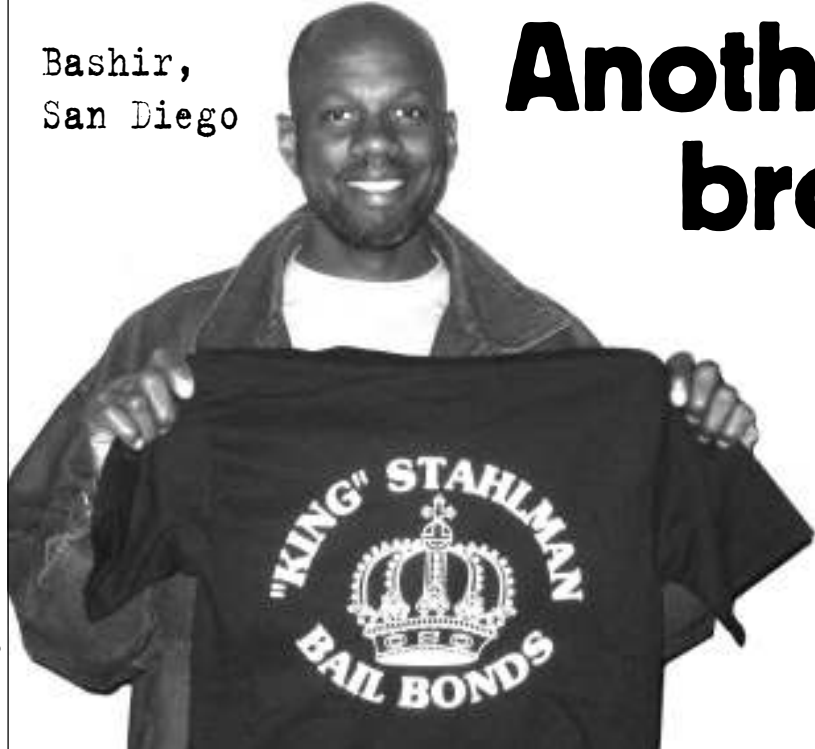
bad case of "codependence." Even though the term became evil after a series of self-help books took aim at enablers of those with self-destructive behavior, its number one definition is simple and innocuous — mutual dependence. I pride myself on being independent in many ways, but I see nothing wrong with a rewarding, emotionally symbiotic state of codependence when the results are all positive.

Now that we have had a little time to settle into our new home, David and I have begun to poke our heads out into the world. When we returned home from the grocery store, David said, "Forget about this stuff. Let's get a sandwich from Grab N Go and bring it to Balboa Park." My face lit up with excitement and we headed out. It was a gorgeous day and I felt we had it all to ourselves — this early on a Wednesday, most of the world was sitting in an office somewhere. David led me through the park to the cement bench behind the Prado, where we sat overlooking the canyon on one side and a fountain in which water trickled from a lion's mouth on the other. In that moment, I felt like a princess in a classic fairy tale sitting outside of my castle with my Prince Charming beside me.

"Why don't we do this more often?" I asked David. Before he had a chance to answer my rhetorical question, I said, "Look! Lizards!" We watched in silence as the two small reptiles sashayed onto a sun-covered spot of concrete. When we next met each other's eyes, I said, "I love this. Here, now, with you and this sand-

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David smiled, revealing his dimples. "It's nice to see you relaxed," he said.

"You relax me. Now let's go look at the koi."

As we made our way toward the pond near the botanical garden, I said, "I'm hardly ever relaxed, am I?"

"Nope," said David.

"If you are always relaxing me, am I, like, always stressing you out?"


"Sometimes. But most of the time you make me laugh. And as far as I'm concerned, that's a good trade."

Successful relationships require a modicum of codependence, a way in which each person can rely on the other to fulfill a basic emotional need. Sometimes I worry that my relationship with David is all one-sided — I feel like I receive so much but have no way to gauge what I am giving.

Last night, David sighed with exasperation when he caught me casting a critical eye at myself. Earlier in the evening, he had turned to me and said, "You're beautiful,"

to which I muttered, "Thank you, that's nice." He quickly responded with, "No. Thank you." At the time, I didn't want to be convinced of anything other than what I believed to be true right then — that I was frumpy and unappealing — so I retreated to the bedroom, where I promptly went to sleep.

This morning, I awoke to a gentle pressure on my lips. As my eyes adjusted to the early morning sunlight peeking into the bedroom, the dark silhouette above me slowly morphed into a smiling and already dressed David, who bent over the bed to kiss me once more and then whisper, "Wake up, Sleeping Beauty." For a moment, still buried halfway beneath the thick blanket of slumber, I was fixed in the fairy tale. Filled with a rich contentment that comes when one realizes dreams can come true, I smiled and breathed in the knowledge that once I opened my eyes, I would experience in real life what is supposed to come after the ellipsis following the words, "And they lived happily ever after." ■



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Bart Mendoza (foreground)

“In the future,” Andy Warhol predicted, “everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes.” But for a few San Diego musicians, it seems that the future’s arrived ahead of schedule and landed them halfway around the world.

Take, for example, Bart Mendoza and Ray Brandes. In California, Mendoza is best known as a record store clerk and Brandes works as a schoolteacher. But in Spain, Mendoza and Brandes are bona fide rock stars. Both are

members of Riot Act — a San Diego “supergroup” that records for Spain’s Snap record label. But it was during a joint solo tour with Mendoza that Brandes summed up the Spanish experience a good many San Diego musicians have had:

“Brandes gave me the greatest line ever on that tour,” Mendoza told me as we sat in his south-of-Hillcrest apartment. “We’re leav-

SPAIN



The Shambles at the Marquee Club



ing a bar at 5:30 in the morning, on our way to get something to eat, when these people come up to compliment us. A few of them are beautiful women. And after they leave Ray looks at me and says, “This is the reality I would have created for myself.”

If Brandes’s reality was a dream come true, how did the San Diego rock scene make an impact in

Spain in the first place? According to Spanish journalist Angel Maeztu, who wrote to me via a British friend, the popularity of San Diego music was a direct by-product of Spanish disillusionment with the British music scene. “Music aficionados who had followed the last movements since the days of punk and new wave began to feel disappointed

with what was coming from the U.K. — a country whose music scene had entered a period of noticeable decadence in 1983–1984,” Maeztu wrote.

“Within this context, Spanish rock and roll aficionados began to listen to music from the past — mainly from the ’50s and ’60s — and to give atten-

tion to contemporary bands who based their sound on what was done in those two magic decades.”

Thanks to the efforts of California garage-rock revivalist Greg Shaw, who issued records by Brandes’s and Mendoza’s garage bands on his own indie

Bomp! label, Spanish listeners followed a musical trail straight to Southern California. “It has been said that the revival scene in San Diego was very small,” Maeztu concluded. “But in Spain, these bands represented a guarantee of quality, as well as a direct link to the music of bands like the Beatles and the Kinks. And interest in the San Diego scene is still alive among Spanish musicians.”

Intrigued, I spoke with Brandes and Mendoza about their experiences in Spain and ended up discovering a good deal about San Diego’s cherished place in Spain’s own musical culture. What follows is just a small fraction of all they had to tell me....

Paul Williams: The Spanish genuinely like what you’re doing?

Bart Mendoza: It’s



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Ray Brandes

beyond “genuinely like.” If I was in Pearl Jam and drove by a city wall plastered with giant posters of my band, I’d be, like, “Whatever....” But for

musicians on my level, who play the Casbah on Tuesday nights, to go and see a wall of your posters taking over a whole city block, or to



go into a record store and have your stuff already playing? My favorite thing is walking into a bar and having the bartenders refuse to

take my money because they know I’m in *that* band. It’s unbelievable! And yet, every San Diego musician that’s gone over to Spain has

had the same experience. Right now, I’m in the process of writing articles on the San Diego scene for two different Spanish magazines. And on top of that, Spain’s *Rolling Stone*, which is called *Ruta 66*, is about to start a music history series on San Diego bands from the ’80s. The first three installments feature the Crawdaddys, the Nashville Ramblers, the Black Diamonds, and the Gravedigger V. And, as a result, these bands are all touring over there. It’s almost unsettling at times, how devoted the Spanish are.

Ray Brandes: Do you remember that *Twilight Zone* episode where the little girl goes through a wall and ends up in an alternate universe? It’s like that. There were so many people there who knew me, who recognized, admired, and appreciated the music I’d been

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making for the past 15 years. I think it hit me when Bart and I did an interview with Jesus Orbobas, who's kind of like the Spanish Casey Kasem: We did an interview with him, and each of us played a couple of songs on acoustic guitars. Afterwards, Orbobas began making references to tracks that I played rhythm guitar on years earlier; references to tracks that I'd sung on, bands I'd been in. Here in San Diego, I can't get arrested. It would be difficult for



Audience at Purple Weekend International Festival; Leon, Spain, 2000

me to fill a club with people who aren't related to me. But the very first place we

played in Madrid was packed. Bart and I were signing autographs after the show — that

astounded us both.

Paul Williams: Do the Spanish and American

audiences expect different things from a rock band?
Bart Mendoza: There are people who know and love your band, but one thing that's different is that people are willing to take a chance on music they're not used to. They'll say, "Well, these guys haven't been here before, let's go check 'em out."
For example, we played a rhythm and blues club that was just packed. Sweat was coming off the walls, people

were jumping off the stage — we could have been a hardcore band for the amount of intensity in the room. But the show was over at two in the morning, precisely. So, at 1:48 we're playing a Muddy Waters song to 500 screaming kids. And 12 minutes later the music switches and those same kids are swing dancing. There's no drop-off in the audience. They dig it both.
Paul Williams: How did this Spanish adventure

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Ray Brandes: A man by the name of Angel Carrasco contacted me via e-mail in 1998 and asked if I would be interested in releasing something on a small label he ran. I'd been working on a solo album and had close to 20 songs recorded; I was thinking of shopping them to a number of different record labels. But after a few e-mail exchanges with Angel I decided to go with him and released *Continental Drifter* on the Snap label, which is based in Madrid.

That's how the whole thing started. I'm Mexican-American. My mother's last name is Montijo, and we're direct descendants of Eugénie de Montijo, who was married to Napoleon the Second and was the empress of France and Spain in the mid-1800s. So I have a genetic link to Spain, and I'd always been interested in Spanish art. But this was the first time I ever had any real connection with Spain.

Paul Williams: How did you end up touring there?

Ray Brandes: Bart also had a single out on Snap, so we decided to go over together and do a promotional tour. Since my album was coming out at Christmas, we arranged a couple of weeks in December of 1998. Snap organized the tour for us, the idea being that we'd do some radio interviews and play a few shows backed by a local group called Los Impossibles.

Paul Williams: Did you find the Spanish to be different from the Americans you've known?

Bart Mendoza: Spanish people don't seem to sleep very much. It's not uncommon to have a traffic

jam at six or seven in the morning made up of people coming home from the clubs. Americans come from a Puritan tradition; there's much more of an emphasis here on hard work, on preparing for

retirement, on preparing for next week. The Spanish love food, they love drink, they love music, they love life for the sake of living it.

Paul Williams: How did Riot Act form?

Ray Brandes: After we returned, I went back to my normal life and on evenings and weekends tried to do what I could to promote the Spanish album over here. Then Bart and I came up with the idea

that it would be nice to take some folks we knew from the local scene to Spain. In part we wanted to show our musician friends this incredible place that we'd found. And we thought it would be

great if we got together musicians from some of the bands we'd come up with. We talked to Peter Meisner, who had been the Crawdaddys' guitarist. We spoke with Hector Peñalosa from the Zeros and his

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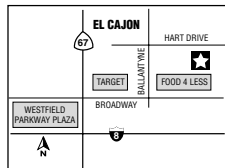
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Ray Brandes: Right. Apart from their interest in what we'd been doing, we were also fielding questions about what San Diego people were up to. "Do you know Ron Silva?" "What are the Crawdaddys

doing now?" "Are the Zeros coming to Spain again?"

So we went over there in April of 1999

attracted huge crowds, very demonstrative crowds, crowds unlike any that we were used to. Between us, the

"RON SILVA and the Crawdaddys were probably the beginning of that whole San Diego rhythm and blues sound."

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kept begging us to play, and we ended up playing almost three hours that night. We pulled every song that we could think of out of the air; we played an almost complete set of Beatles songs, we played every Chuck Berry song we could remember, and they just wanted to hear more.

Paul Williams: What about Riot Act did the Spanish find so appealing?

Ray Brandes: I think it's the passion we have for music that hits you on a visceral level — that feels and sounds like a punch in the stomach. That's what the Spaniards found so attractive. They imagine San Diego as a place with 50 or 60 bands like this.

The truth of the matter is there are far more bands in Spain who are carrying the torch for that sort of music. It's nice to know that somewhere in the world there's a place that loves and appreciates what you're doing. The journalists in the Spanish magazines even refer to "California rhythm and blues" — as though that were a particular genre of music!

Paul Williams: And what did you make of the Spanish people?

Ray Brandes: I'll tell you a story: We go to a Spanish diner. It's noon, we eat, the food's okay, Jeff goes to pay, and we leave. Half an hour later, Jeff realizes he left his wallet and passport at the restaurant. His money's gone, everything's gone. He's in a blind panic, so we tell our cab driver about what's just happened. And he turned around immediately, to go back. Jeff's panicking the whole way, but as we're going through traffic the driver says: "Why are you worried? It's no problem." By the time

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we get to the restaurant an hour's gone by, sure enough the wallet's right where Jeff left it — it hasn't been touched. The passport, too. And when we get back into the cab, the driver says: "Of course! This is Spain!"

Paul Williams: Where did the San Diego sound spring from?

Ray Brandes: When I think of the San Diego sound, I think of Ron Silva. In the late '70s there was a nice little punk scene in San Diego. Ron Silva was affiliated with it, but really, he's from another planet — and, probably, the single most charismatic person I've ever met. Ron was exposed to the Beatles as a child here in San Diego and kind of became stuck there. He has worn a Beatles haircut ever since. He used to go to Padres games, close his eyes, and pretend he was at a Beatles concert. And because of his flagrant disregard for reality, Ron started the idea that you don't merely emulate your idols — you don't look to them for inspiration — you *become* them. It's not 1982 with a nod to 1964. It *is* 1964. You don't wear any clothes that were made or manufactured after 1964. You don't drink Pepsi out of new bottles, even if it means walking ten miles to find an old Pepsi bottle. He was absolutely obsessed — not only with the Beatles but with the Animals, the Rolling Stones, and the Kinks.

Ron's passion for music and Ron's total adoption of everything about that era was really infectious. His group, the Crawdaddys, were absolutely incredible. So Ron Silva and the Crawdaddys were probably the beginning of that whole San Diego rhythm and blues sound.

Paul Williams: What accounted for the appeal of your own band, the Tell-Tale Hearts?

Ray Brandes: The Tell-Tale Hearts' biggest gigs were at the Back

Door, opening for bands like the Cramps or others. Probably no bigger than a thousand people. Our bread and butter was playing house parties.

Paul Williams: What

was the local scene like at the time?

Ray Brandes: At the time the Tell-Tale Hearts started, there wasn't much happening musically here. The Crawdaddys had moved to Los Angeles, and

there wasn't anything for punks and mods and skinheads and hippies to do in San Diego, so when we started, we kind of filled a void.

Paul Williams: Were you considered a mod band?

Ray Brandes: People didn't know what to make of us at first, but a few groups did adopt us as their own band; after that, people started to dress like us and we kind of created a scene. But it started as a patch-

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work of different, disaffected San Diego youths. Apart from the house parties, we played shows at the Back Door, the California Theater, the Adams Avenue Theater. We used to play at Wabash Hall. All-ages

clubs, and halls that young people could go to. We were all in our early twenties, and our audience was about our age.

We used to get fan letters from all over the world, but we assumed

they were isolated nutcases who happened to stumble across the album somewhere. We actually got quite a few letters from Spain, and from Italy. And on my trips to Spain, I began to meet a lot of people

who were kids when the first Tell-Tale Hearts album came out. They talked to us about just how much they loved it, and a scene was created around the Crawdaddys and Tell-Tale Hearts albums. In the

days before music videos, a record album contained all the things you knew about the group on the cover. You could imagine what they looked like, imagine where they came from, and what the

concerts would be like.

Paul Williams: It's a very concrete thing the Spanish fans have done, where they've brought the bands over, gone to see them, and learned everything they can about their history.

Bart Mendoza: Like everywhere these days, the music scene in Spain is heading more towards teen pop, techno, disco, hip-hop...that sort of thing. And what we found ourselves in was a niche of their own rock and roll scene, which is shrinking, but so fervent that it's very worthwhile.

Ray Brandes: These days, you can go to Spain and look at a group of 20-year-old kids who are emulating a group of kids from San Diego, circa 1985, who were imitating a group of Englishmen from 1966, who were themselves imitating American blues musicians from the '50s. So it's a cycle.

Paul Williams: Have you heard Spanish bands whose reference points include you and your friends?

Ray Brandes: I've seen bands covering our music, yes. When Bart and I went over the first time, a very good, very well established band called Los Impossibles backed us up. They knew all our songs.

Paul Williams: Would you say that one of the elements that furthers Spanish love for the San Diego scene is that it's not something that has been grabbed by media in the United States?

Ray Brandes: The local media — even, to some extent, the national media — have tried at various times to characterize the San Diego sound or scene. And I don't think they've been all that successful.

Bart Mendoza: I do

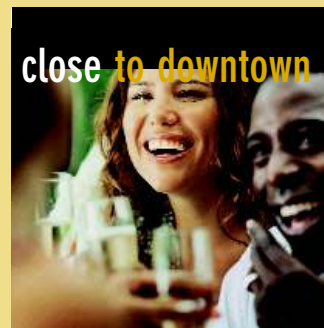
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think there's a coolness factor to things that are still undiscovered, and one of those things is the garage scene from San Diego. Even in the '80s, people were coming from all over the world to hear San Diego bands, and even today, European bands visit San Diego to soak up the vibes before going to record their debut albums. Germany, Australia, Italy, Spain — musicians from these countries know San Diego bands. Labels in these countries have released tons of records by members of the San Diego scene. And the beauty of it is, none of us are playing the exact type of music we were doing back then. We're not rehashing either. When we go to Spain, we're gonna do the hits, we're gonna do all the single tracks. You're kind of expected to do that. But there's just as warm a reception for the new things.

Paul Williams: In your experience, what's the difference between American record labels and their Spanish counterparts?

Ray Brandes: They're honest, they're small-budget, and they're thrilled that you're working with them. They bend over backwards. Even if I did manage to get onto Warner Bros., it would be unlikely that my debut album would include a 12-page booklet or come with a DVD attached. There's no way; we're not the kind of band that's going to recoup that kind of money. But on a label in Spain, it's not a problem! The compilations all come fully annotated; it's beautiful stuff compared to what an American label will do. Nowadays you're lucky if you get a one-panel insert with a CD. But over there it's about quality, because they

want the product to last.

Paul Williams: In the mind of the Spanish music fan, is there such a thing as the "San Diego sound"?

Bart Mendoza: I think that there is, and

there seems to be a garage music theme to it. Somebody called it "roots-R&B-Ameri-cana." San Diego bands who do very well in Spain have a rootsy, garage feel to them. It's music that sounds good

in a crowded city bar. They know what our music is, and they know we've got nothing against playing for two or three hours if we have to — straight with no break, making each song faster than the last

one. That's what they like. Somebody came out and said, "It's balls-out rock and roll at one of these shows." And while I'd never heard our music described that way before, I guess it kind of is. Everybody

goes for broke during a big show. And in some cases we do break stuff. Some of the best shows I've had over there featured Ray jumping off of things — stuff like that. It's great fun. ■

— Paul Williams

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My main problem is that I have nowhere to live. Call me crazy, but a roof over my head is not something I can do without. So, get a house, you say. Sure, that might be easy for those of you with steady jobs, but as a poor student, my monetary resources are limited. How can I manage a job and still make the dean's list while forging relationships with my professors that will help me secure the job of my dreams? And, with the closest affordable apartments to my school six miles away, I'm going to need a bike.

So, I have no job, I need 12 grand a year for a closet of an apartment, and at least \$250 for a bicycle and a helmet. The helmet is pretty essential, as I can't afford medical costs. These costs don't include all of the luxuries I was used to in my former life as a high school student, such as food and cable.

I guess I am just going to have to get a job. But what about minimum wage? I'm headed to school in Massachusetts, and, luckily, the minimum wage is the same there as it is in California — \$6.75 per hour. So, once you add the money for shelter, transportation (the bike), \$25 for the helmet, and divide by the minimum wage, I calculate that I need to work about 230 hours a year. Well, that's not *so* bad...only about four hours a week, actually. Sure, I'll be dead from malnutrition, but that's only a small worry. Lesson learned: if you don't eat, living on your own is manageable.

— Anne Baker,
Carlsbad H.S.

Having lived in Southern California for my entire life and in the San Diego area for 16 of my 17 years, I am attached to our unique, weather-perfect little town. Steep housing costs notwithstanding, I am determined to eventually live here on my own. To be more specific, I've got to live in (or very near to) my hometown of Poway.

A search at *rent.com* reveals that the cheapest apartment I could hope for in Poway costs a bit over \$900 a month. I found one-bedroom, one-bathroom accommodations at Scripps Poway Villas in this price range...for a unit measuring 640 square feet. How does that compare to my parents' house? Sounds like roughly a third of the size. Yikes, that's tiny!

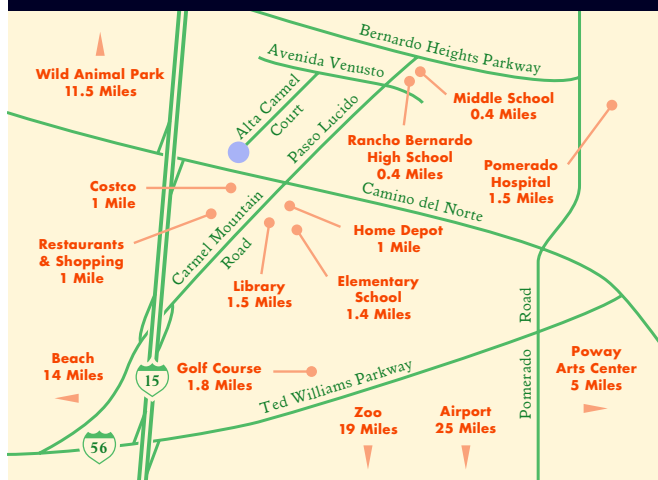
I've already got a car: a nice, blue-green

'97 Mazda 626 named Fred, for which I paid \$2300. My insurance for it amounts to about \$1400 a year. When I calculate my necessary expenses, such as gas and electric, food, phone, cable, Internet, gas, laundry, car maintenance, and cell phone, the minimum amount I would need to live for a year comes out to approximately \$19,200.

I plan to go to college and be prepared for a well-paying job before I live on my own. I intend to find a position teaching high school English. After I consider taxes, a \$40,000-a-year starting salary will allow me sufficient extra money to save toward a house of my own as well as to continue my guitar-playing, movie-watching, concert-attending, and music-buying habits.

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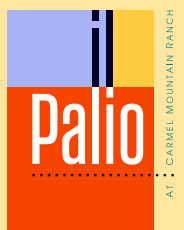
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burner and enjoy my family for a little while longer. It is not so bad after all!

— Angel Sonada,
*Academy of Our Lady of
Peace H.S. grad, 2005*

Fast forward. I'm going to school in New York City, and I live in an NYU dorm. I'm not paying for my tuition, but I still have to survive. I see myself working maybe at a Starbucks or in retail, part-time. I would not be

I WILL LIVE ON CEREAL AND COOKIES AND TAKE-OUT.

able to afford a tiny apartment with too many roommates and cockroaches. With apartment rates in the thousands (per month), I doubt I would be able to afford a month's rent in a slightly shady neighborhood of New York. Maybe I could live with my money-making cousins who live in studios and one-bedrooms in Manhattan. They pay several thousand a month. Shall we rethink New York?

I will live on cereal and cookies and take-out. And some days I think I might starve. I will apply for an internship at the *New York Times*, but I wouldn't get it for a couple years. I will be a coffee-pouring, paper-filing journalism slave.

As far as transportation goes, well, it's New York. Taxi. Bus. Subway. Foot. Car. I will probably have to cut many a corner to manage in the Big Apple.

Eating out less and buying less clothing and other merchandise would be among the things that I would have to do. But I will keep telling myself how much I want to live in that place. Maybe I'll have a bake sale. Or sell candy? But there are some things I'll never give up, especially in New York. This little list includes lattes and new jeans.

But now that I have illustrated this half messy, half happy, mostly excit-

ing, and a little bit scary life, I am not so sure. I am scared to grow up. I am scared to leave the security of suburbia. But, at the same time, I am excited.

— Derrick Sun,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

I am a penny-pincher. I delight in coupons and deals and buy as much of my clothing as possible from thrift stores. When I do have a surplus of cash, I hoard it, believing some future catastrophe will force me to rely upon my savings. These traits are fortunate because I'm not looking at a career for the purpose of making a lot of money. I want to work at what I love: journalism.

Entry-level salaries for journalists range from \$20,000 to \$35,000 a year, according to *campusaccess.com*. If I'm in the low to middle range of that scale, I'll have

enough money to support my penny-pinching lifestyle.

For me, big cities are too crowded and expensive, small towns are dull. So, I looked up apartment rentals in small, eco-friendly (I'm a tree-hugger) cities such as Portland, Oregon; Davis, California; and Madison, Wisconsin. In those places, I found that I can live in a studio for about \$500 to \$600 a month. Living in an eco-friendly city, I can survive without a car, or at least drive it rarely; I don't mind taking the bus or walking and biking. I would have less guilt about carbon emissions that way.

To save money, I will only have one phone line, my cell phone. I like the luxury of having a television, but I would have basic cable (I don't need the 12 HBO channels that my family has now). I can also bring sack lunches to work instead of eating out. I really like PB&J. Even when I do eat out, my favorite restaurants are small, funky ethnic restaurants. Shopping in bulk and with coupons also helps lower costs. As for clothes, I'll maintain my bargain/thrift-store shopping habits as much as possible.

My luxury would be travel. I'm close to my family, but I don't intend to stay in Southern California, so visiting will cost. I also intend to travel internationally. For new experiences and cultures, I will splurge.

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They All Seemed to Have Vague Mob Connections

I walked into the Wikiup Cafe one night in May not knowing what to expect. My dad, the not-so-famous Nicky Fabian, was getting ready for his gig. The Wikiup Cafe is a coffeehouse-art gallery on Park Boulevard in University Heights that has plenty of room for a band. At first not many people were there, and the band members still had their street clothes on. But soon Idols & Idiots put on their performers' identities that, together with their clothes of a '70s sort of style, turned them into lounge lizards of times past.

At the opening of the show, a band member promised we would see the group either as idols or idiots. Nicky Fabian seemed to me not necessarily an idol, but, because he's my dad, I can't really call him an idiot either.

He wore sunglasses the whole time onstage, jeans, tuxedo shirt open at the collar, an untied bow tie, and an unbuttoned black formal jacket. He played a bass guitar and didn't sing except one backup vocal. I think that I expected too much of him. I came there hoping to see Nicky Fabian in a moment of glory, but instead he seemed to be mainly taking up space that could have been filled by anyone else. My old man was more of a background figure, because the vocalists stole the show.

Maybe my dad was trying to impress me by going up on the stage. He might be trying to show that he is successful and get me to love him for that. But it is exciting when a member of your family performs in front of an audience of strangers. And it is wonderful that my dad showed his musical talent, because not just anyone would do this, and it takes a special motivation to do it.

With so many performers in Idols & Idiots, only a few truly made up the show: a husband-and-wife folk team called Hanna's Parents, the Troy Dante Quintet (one bearded guy with a guitar), Dino Volare (the leisure-suited lounge lizard from Vegas), Topsy Holiday, Buddy Pastel, Nicky Fabian, Axl Hose ("the Hose"), San Diego Phil Harmonic, the

late Kurt Cocaine, Guy Tubuzzi, the Legendary Miff Laracy, and Jose Sinatra.

Nicky Fabian tried his hardest to be stoic and motionless onstage and to make the audience believe he was bored with all this and would

rather be doing something else. But every once in a while he could no longer hold in his laughter, and he would turn his head away from the audience and crack up. And another revealing flaw in the Fabian character came when he would sway in rhythm to certain songs, like when the band sang the Carpenters' "Close to You" to the tune of Springsteen's "Born to Run."

To get a better idea of who Nicky Fabian might be, I asked my dad to tell a little about this character.

"I think you're a natural-born music critic, Geoff. Before you were born, the first time your mother felt you kick was in the middle of my guitar solo in Max's Kansas City, to the tune of 'Bad Boy' by the Beatles. You

kicked as if you were protesting, your mom said. When I tried to get you to sleep, play lullabies for you,

you would only start crying louder every time I played. Then when I stopped playing, you'd get quiet and go to sleep. But as soon as you were old enough to walk, you would waddle over and, every time I played guitar, put your hands on the strings to deaden them. So I figure you're a natural-born music critic.

"I retired from the music business the year you were born. This is my big comeback, you might say. I wasn't making any money at it, so I turned to something even stupider: writing."

Who are the members of Idols & Idiots?

"Jose Sinatra, Dino Volare, Troy Dante, myself, the singer Topsy Holiday, Buddy Pastel on drums, San Diego Phil Harmonic and Miff on keyboards and sax."

What type of material does your band use, and how do you use it?

"People either laugh hysterically at us — Jose's material and the Troy Dante Quintet — or else they just don't get it and they think we're just being ridiculous, which of course we are. A lot of the material we're making fun of goes back to the '60s and '70s. For example, we do the chords and the music for 'The Sounds of Silence' by Simon and Garfunkel and sing the words to 'You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog' over it. And we do the music to 'A Whiter



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The author's father

"Before you were born, the first time your mother felt you kick was in the middle of my guitar solo in Max's Kansas City, to the tune of Bad Boy by the Beatles."

Shade of Pale' and the Hose sings the lyrics, 'The lips of Michael Jackson have slowly disappeared/ They seem so anorexic as they nurse upon his rear...' and something about bathing in tubs of Clorox and 16 plastic surgeons.

"When Jose came on with his David Crosby mask, we sang to the tune of 'Teach Your Children Well,' an old hippie Crosby, Stills, and Nash song. But what Jose, as Crosby, and Hanna's Parents actually sing is, 'Teach your children well, they'll never tell you're Michael Jackson/ And take them in your hand/ in Never Land there's always action/ Who needs monkeys in your bed when there's little boys instead...' and it gets worse from there."

What type of audience goes to your shows?

"There's kids that show up, although sometimes we play in bars where you have to be 18 or 21 to get in. But sometimes kids will show up at parties or street fairs and gigs like at coffee shops, like when we played at the Cafe Cinema and the Wikiup. For the most part you have

to be over 30, at least, to get a lot of this stuff. You have to have grown up in the '70s. I don't know, I could be wrong."

Where did you get the idea for your character Nicky Fabian?

"We made up these names, of course; we all have real names, as you know. My character Nicky Fabian is just a guy... When I grew up in Chicago and I started playing music, there used to be this circuit of gigs, bars, hotels, and lounges and things. We called it the Crushed Velvet Circuit. That's because all the musicians tended to wear matching velvet jackets, usually crushed velvet because it was cheaper. And everybody seemed to be Italian. They all seemed to have vague mob connections too, or wanted you to think they had. Like the Buckingham's was a group that came out of that scene. Even if these guys weren't Italian, they had stage names like Nicky Fabian, Dino Volare, Jose Sinatra. We're just exaggerating it."

What kind of guy would Nicky Fabian be?

"I figure Nicky Fabian is the kind of guy who's got some tuxedo shirts and bow ties from the old days, and he's just a burnt-out, beat-to-shit, middle-aged lounge musician fallen on hard times and working with a guy like Jose Sinatra who has never really made it—but thinks he has, in his head. Nicky Fabian is a union musician, and he can play anything, but none of it very well. Nicky Fabian is a sideman, a professional sideman, but he's over the hill."

You wonder what it would be like for one of your parents to be famous.

I'll never know, based on Idols & Idiots, but I was proud that my dad had the nerve to walk up to that stage and show the world what he could do. Although he might not have been that important to the theatrics as a whole, he demonstrated all the skills that he has accumulated in a lifetime of playing music.

I think that my father wanted to make me proud of his ability to stand in the gaze of the audience and show off what he could do. Anyway, I am already proud of him because of his writing talent. I know that he is

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a good musician too. It takes courage to perform in front of an audience, and the fact that I knew he was nervous made his performance even more amazing. It gives me a glimpse of another side of him that I don't see often. But if he was trying to impress me, it didn't work, because I was already impressed.

I also think it's great that my dad is in this band because of the idea of getting together with your friends to play music. They take this one step further by adding humor, which makes it even more enjoyable.

Other musicians do this sort of thing, like "Weird Al" Yankovic, who takes modern songs and makes fun of them. But Idols & Idiots take songs from the '60s and '70s and put in whole lyrics from other songs or make up their own

lyrics, making fun of past and present celebrities. The effect of this more original idea can be heard in the audience's hysterical laughter.

Although most of the performance at the Wikiup was entertaining, some parts were not really so great. Hanna's Parents sang songs from the '60s and '70s with no comedic twist to them, which wasn't too exciting if you were born in the late '70s and couldn't connect with them.

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As for my dad, Nicky Fabian, I would say that he is an idiot for being only a background character and not interacting with those around him. But good musicians are necessary to a good band; the bass guitar is as important as the vocalist. And I idolize him not just for making the group as a whole better, but because he is my dad. ■

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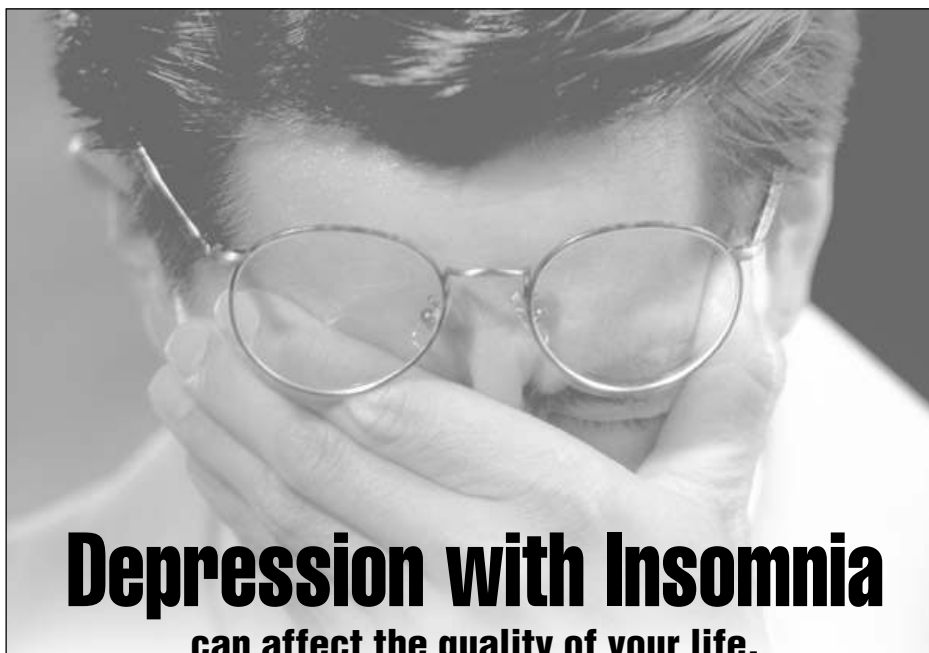


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If you would like more information or think you may be eligible for this study, please contact the physician's office below.

For more information, call:

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Inside, La Especial is small yet comfortable, despite the ceiling lights' severity. The place is thick with people. A row of orange plasticized tables and benches sits across from the grill and serving counter. Next to the door, a juice bar. Oranges, bananas, pineapples, and other fruit are piled high, contributing to the brightness yet softening the harshness of the fluorescent bulbs.

A diligent old man, his face obscured beneath a blue-and-white baseball cap, keeps unobtrusive watch over the tables, artfully slipping in to wipe

up spills, prop up a sleeping drunk, distribute platters of food when they appear on the

beat.

The two salesmen, Gary and Harold, sit down for the promised

His eyes gleam with pride and the complementary message: "You look the wrong way at her and I'll jam that plastic coffee spoon through your head."

counter. He appears vigilant and kind. Behind him, tending the stove and grill, two tireless cooks maintain a steady

conversation at an empty table in the center of the row, next to a family eating big, crisp tacos and drinking smuggled-in

RESEARCH STUDIES

A Clinical Study for People with Schizophrenia Seeking balance every step along the way



According to the National Institute of Mental Health, **1 out of every 100 adults** suffers from schizophrenia, a serious brain disorder.

A clinical study is seeking volunteers diagnosed with schizophrenia. In order to participate, study volunteers should be:

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- Feel guilty or worthless

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Typical teenage moodiness...or is it something else?

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- 18-50-year-old premenopausal females
- Have at least one fibroid tumor in your uterus
- Must have regular or steady periods
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Participants will receive:

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- Compensation for your time and travel

For more information, call:

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**Carpal Tunnel
Syndrome
Pain?**



**If you have Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS), you know that the pain can be
frustrating—it can affect your ability to work and your quality of sleep.**

Now, local doctors are conducting a medical research study to evaluate the pain-relieving capabilities of an investigational patch that's placed directly on the wrists of CTS patients.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have been diagnosed with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome in one or both wrists
- Have daily moderate to severe pain resulting from CTS.

Qualified study participants will receive a study-related medical evaluation and investigational study patch at no cost. Financial compensation for time and travel may be provided.

For more information, call:

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services



1-877-927-5337

Do you have trouble falling and staying asleep?

Pacific Sleep Medicine is conducting a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of Insomnia.

You may be eligible if you:

- Are between 18 and 64 years of age
- Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than three months

Qualified participants receive all study-related care and study medication at no charge and may be compensated for incidental costs and travel.

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cans of beer from damp paper sacks. With determination, Gary explains how he had been shot twice, once in the finger, once in the back.

"But I'm not stupid," he says. "I worked for eight years at Hewlett-Packard. Electrical engi-

neer. And I've done my share of writing too."

Gary sweeps his arms in wide arcs, initiating a discussion of brotherhood, soliciting confirmation from a Latino man at the counter who nods just to nod.

"You know why I get

along so well with them?" Gary asks. "Because I'm not a thief."

During the conversation, Harold jumps up and ducks outside. He returns a few moments later, his eyes bulging. As he turns his head from side to side, he reveals a

RESEARCH STUDIES

Have you been diagnosed with constipation IBS?

Are you a female between the ages of 18 and 65? Do you suffer from repeated abdominal pain or discomfort? An investigational drug is being evaluated to see if it safely and effectively relieves the pain and discomfort associated with constipation-predominant irritable bowel syndrome. You may want to consider taking part in this research study if you've experienced c-IBS for at least 3 months out of the last 12 months. If you qualify, you will be provided with all study examinations, procedures, and investigational medication at no cost to you. You may also receive financial compensation.



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mustache two inches too long on one side, peppered with gray. With eyes bugged out, slightly agitated, congenial yet persistent, Harold repeats an endless request: "Will somebody buy me a hamburger? Will somebody please buy me a hamburger?"

His demands unmet, Harold leaves for good. His seat is taken by Horacio, a former Marine who continually slips his boot camp dress-blues wallet-size photo from the pocket of his new aqua dress shirt. The collar button is buttoned. Horacio was in the Marines for four years. He had an uncle who served in Vietnam for eight years. Smiling yet furious, he expresses hatred for those people who choose to burn the American flag, declaring: "You don't have to have blond hair and blue eyes to feel American." He was born here in this country, and when he sees "these fucking wetbacks," he thinks "they're shit." He has "a passion for geogra-

phy and world history." And he wants to know if anybody saw the guy standing outside who didn't have a calf muscle, whose leg had been shot by *cholos*, who had nothing but bone above his left ankle...

A black guy in shorts, sneakers, and polo shirt appears in the doorway, shouting out in a nonthreatening but abundantly loud voice, "Would anyone care to buy a homeless person a burrito, preferably carne asada *with cheese*?"

No response. Heads don't even turn.

He tries again: "I



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For more information, please call Gabriela at UCSD Division of Dermatology: 858-657-8390

Living With Alzheimer's Disease?



If you or someone you care about has been diagnosed with mild Alzheimer's, you may be eligible for a clinical research trial to study an investigational medication. Participants should be at least 55 years old and have a caregiver.

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BIPOLAR DISORDER and ALCOHOLISM STUDY



Signs and Symptoms:

- Do you have mood swings or difficulty concentrating?
- Feeling trapped in either a manic "up" episode or a depressive "down" episode?
- Do you find yourself drinking to cope with your mood swings?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Bipolar Disorder (also known as Manic Depression) and Alcoholism.

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.

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Social Anxiety Disorder?

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Look Familiar?



It was 2:15 the last time you looked. That seems like ages ago. Time is at a standstill and all you can do is lie in bed, staring into the darkness. By tomorrow you'll be so tired that you'll fall asleep at your desk, but chances are you won't sleep tomorrow night either.

We are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medicine for insomnia associated with Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD).

Participants will receive study-related exams and study medication at no charge. Qualified participants may be compensated. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 64 and the study requires 8 office visits.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

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Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?

We are currently seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for the treatment of DEPRESSION due to Bipolar Disorder.

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- be at least 18 years old
- have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder
- be experiencing symptoms of depression

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

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- Study medication



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Insomnia?

Do you regularly have trouble falling asleep or waking and not able to get back to sleep?

You might qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational new medication for Insomnia if you are:

- 65 years of age or older
- Have a history of insomnia for at least 3 months

Eligible participants receive study related care at no charge, including a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services and study medication.

Qualified participants could receive up to \$2,350 for time and travel.

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Pacific Sleep Medicine Services



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repeat, for the hearing impaired, someone please buy a homeless person a burrito. Carne asada *with cheese*. Don't all jump up at once."

At the counter, a barrel-chested young man orders food while keep-

ing his girlfriend close. She wears a short, wildly colored taffeta skirt, red high heels, and black nylon stockings with thick seams up the back. His eyes gleam with pride and the complementary message: "You look the

wrong way at her and I'll jam that plastic coffee spoon through your head."

A Latino kid weaves his way among the tables, peddling a cheap digital watch. A determined black man squeezes onto the bench next to Horacio, offering a double-breasted suit coat for sale. He is told, disparagingly, "I have one just like it at home." Breaking into a sudden intense grin, the black man replies, "Then you can appreciate its value!"

Fighting to be heard, to be acknowledged against all the fervent energy captured within La Especial, Gary shouts, "Hey, I can tell you some stuff about living here that you won't believe. In fact, it's so unbelievable that sometimes even I don't believe it." ■

— Dave Zielinski

RESEARCH STUDIES

Heartburn? Acid Reflux?

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weeks when I moved to San Diego last spring and needed fast cash. I'd lived for a year in New York, spending most of my savings on art school, and had just enough money left to rent a small apartment in Hillcrest and fill the refrigerator for a couple of weeks. At first I had no intention of cleaning houses. I'd already done it part-time in New York and had quickly discovered that hours of heavy cleaning and a long commute don't leave much energy for art. Also, pride would periodically step in and suggest that I shouldn't be spending so much time doing menial labor at the expense of "developing my talents." I usually cringed a little when telling someone I cleaned houses.



ILLUSTRATION BY JEFF HANNA

My San Diego plan was to wait on tables at night, then paint and draw during the day. Exactly why this routine sounded easier than housecleaning — or any other kind of grunt work — is not clear now. I was convinced, however, that waitering would provide the fastest income.

I queasily went ahead and filled out applications at various restaurants in Old

Town, downtown, and Seaport Village. The dining room managers who interviewed me must have sensed my inner dread, because while a few of them called me back for second interviews and two said I was on their "top ten" list, the only job I was actually offered required standing behind a wine bar for minimum wage plus mercy tips from the waiters and waitresses. I told

myself I could do better somehow.

Around the same time, I knocked on doors in Escondido for Proposition 103, the insurance initiative. Although the cause was great, I hadn't the stomach to hit people up for money, particularly in the low-rent neighborhoods we were "targeting." It seemed that every other house I went to had a sad story: brain cancer,

alimony, unemployment. It was embarrassing to put these struggling people on the defensive over a couple of bucks.

In addition, we had to collect a minimum \$75.00 per eight-hour shift (no breaks) in order to earn more than a pittance. Twice, at the end of a shift, I came in five dollars under quota, which netted me a preposterous \$34.00 for two full days'

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work. I left.

After that, I hustled “original watercolor drawings” that I’d done of houses in Mission Hills and Hillcrest. I would show my work to real estate agents, who in turn would commission a drawing of some favored client’s home, then give it to the client as a gift. That little business prospered for a time but petered out when commissions slowed to a trickle.

By then, my second month’s rent was looming and I was barely going to cover it. After an offer to help paint a small restaurant fell through, I quickly decided I’d better try housecleaning again.

Actually, I do love cleaning, and I’m good at it. Creating order out of a mess and making someone’s environment more inviting satisfies me deeply. Charging money to do it was originally my New York roommate’s idea. One month, he saw I was strapped and pointed out that all kinds of artists and actors in New York clean houses to pay the bills. He’d done it himself one summer and earned enough for a trip to Europe. So on his advice, I put an ad in the *Village Voice*. My logo was “Sparkle Cleaning Service,” and response to the ad was immediate.

What surprised me was how many New Yorkers, having every reason to be paranoid, were anxious to have me clean their apartments while they were away at work. Very few of them showed much interest in my references. It seemed that as soon as they sensed I was responsible and relatively normal, it was all systems go. Soon I was zip-ping around Manhattan and Queens with my Playtex rubber gloves folded inside a gym bag. The money was good — \$12.00 an hour — and if I got irritated with a client or bored with a job, I’d find another.

After I moved to San Diego and the other jobs I tried led nowhere, I called around to find the going rate for housecleaning (settling on \$35.00 for three and a half hours) and placed an ad in the *Reader*. I made my first mistake in resurrecting the name “Sparkle Cleaning Service,” not knowing that in San Diego, “clean-

ing service” means you bring your own supplies, including a vacuum cleaner. (It amazed me how many people there are who can shell out 35 bucks to get their house cleaned but don’t own a vacuum cleaner.)

After the ad appeared,

sporadic calls started coming in. Considering my positive experience with New Yorkers, it was unsettling to find that most of the callers sounded suspicious or uncomfortable. They asked *lots* of personal questions. Fortunately, I had

good local references, but repeatedly I would get promises of a callback after checking the references — and I know they *did* check them — and then I wouldn’t hear from them again.

Late one afternoon, the first real job offer came. The

husky-voiced caller (who told me she was a cocktail waitress in La Jolla) sounded as though she’d just crawled out of bed and rambled on spacially about how dirty her house was. Did I have my own rags? Could I bring a vacuum cleaner? Did I paint

window sills? Did I have a ladder? My stereotype of someone living in La Jolla was that they would have everything I might need for cleaning, but this woman sounded as though she had nothing. An inner voice told me something was shaky, but

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of the house. A big mastiff crouched beside her. The woman, wearing a red bathrobe, her hair tangled, looked about 35, attractive but puffy-faced, with blood-shot eyes fixed confusedly on me.

Finally she muttered, "Oh, yeah...uh, I'm *not* ready for you today." Disbelieving, I just stood there. "What do you mean, you're not ready?" I asked. "You told me to come clean your house this morning at 10 o'clock." I pointed to my watch. She looked threatened. "You can't come in," she said. "I'm not ready...maybe tomorrow." I replied that I couldn't come back "tomorrow," or any other day. "Our appointment was for this morn-

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ing,” I said. Obviously, this woman was no stranger to nasty confrontations, so I knew that continuing to badger her would be fruitless. I was tempted to make a crack about how obvious it was that she was a drunk or a dopehead, but instead I picked up the vacuum, looked her in the eye and said, “I knew you were trouble the minute you called yesterday.” She continued glaring. I skulked back to the car, thinking to myself, “Shit. Off to a roaring start.”

Things looked brighter the following day when a woman named Sheilah phoned. Sheilah at least sounded alert. She and her companion, Larry, lived in a one-bedroom condo on a shady street above Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach. When I went there the next morning, Sheilah answered the door, all red in the face, saying she was late for work and had only a minute to show me around. In our rush from the entry to the kitchen, I could see that this place was dirty, *really* dirty. A stale odor laced the air. Larry, wet-haired, with dark circles under his eyes, ran into the kitchen to tell Sheilah they had to leave immediately. Luckily, she had taped onto the refrigerator a list of everything she wanted done. After Sheilah frantically showed me the cleaning supplies beneath the sink, she grabbed an apple and promised to return by noon with my pay. As soon as they closed the door, I walked around opening windows to ventilate the smell. (It’s always a relief when your clients leave: those who stay home can never resist popping out with periodic “reminders.”) Since the bathroom looked like the dirtiest of all the rooms, I decided to start there.

I went back to the kitchen and loaded a plastic bucket with Comet, Windex, paper towels, ammonia, a big scratcher sponge, and some terrycloth rags. Finding such a bounty of cleaning supplies seemed odd, since there was little evidence of their ever being used. I pulled on my rubber gloves and carried the bucket into the bathroom. I hadn’t found a toilet brush, so I started by reaching — with hackles rising — right into the pooper to scrub

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away a brown stain that covered the bowl up to water level. Next came the bathtub, with its foot-wide ring of hairs encrusted in body grease. Gray slime gurgled in the drain. As I scoured off a layer of waxy grit covering the tiles above the tub, I tried to picture Sheilah and Larry preening themselves in this sty. By the time

the tub was clean, I'd dumped a good dozen loaded buckets of greasy black rinse water down the toilet, which in turn had to be rewiped and Windexed. (To avoid that kind of backtracking, I should have started with the tub, instead of being overly anxious to clean out that filthy toilet.) The rest of the bath-

room was equally dirty: sticky handprints adorned the woodwork, and dust balls carpeted the toilet's base and the linoleum around it. Someone had recently wiped out the sink, although the water-spotted chrome fixtures sported rusting hairs in the joints. An hour later, with the floor swabbed and rinsed, the

bathroom actually looked pretty good. I wondered how much of a difference Sheilah and Larry would notice.

A drunken recluse would have felt right at home in their dank bedroom. Damp towels and some rank-smelling men's shirts hung over the closet door. Cigarette and joint

butts overflowed from a homemade ashtray on one of the cluttered bedside tables. Underneath was a woven Mexican trash pail stuffed with wadded Kleenex, black hairs, and tampon applicators. Crusted stains on the bedsheets and coverlet suggested that Sheilah and Larry found filth a turn-on.

I straightened the room, swept and dusted, vacuumed, then proceeded into the hallway for a quick once-over on the floor and woodwork. Invariably, when cleaning a place like this, the thought comes that only a janitorial crew working all day could really get it clean.

Another 20 minutes on the living room (dust

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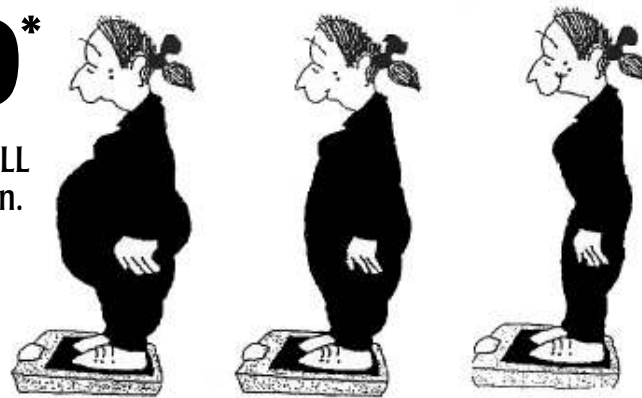
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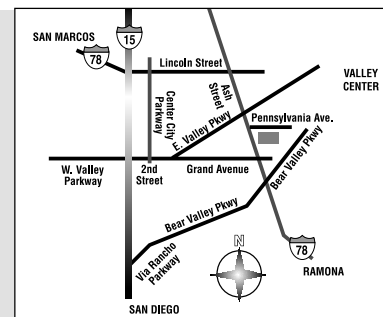
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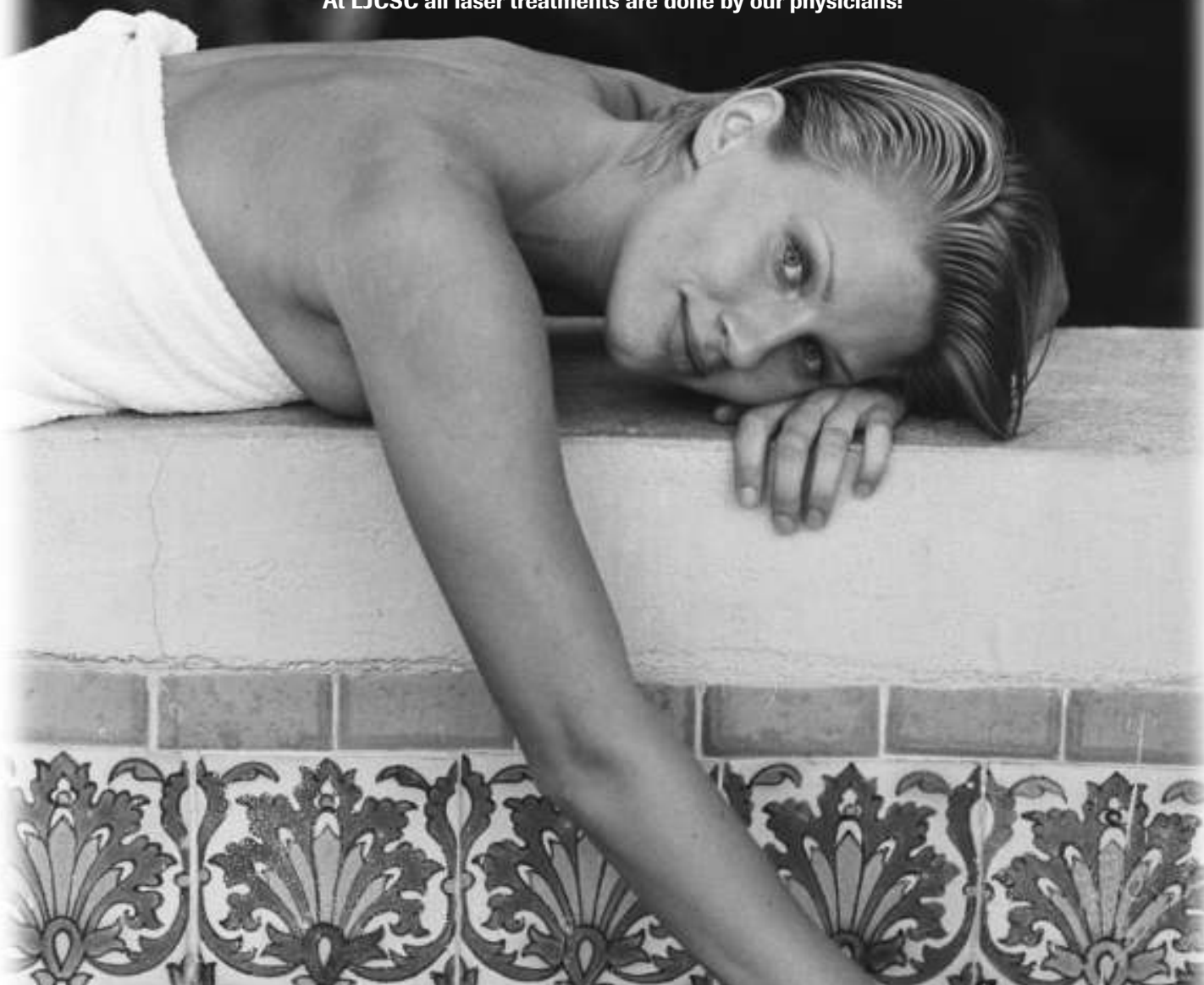
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furniture *after* plumping the pillows), and the final frontier awaited: the kitchen. Every surface in it was coated with a congealed mixture of dust and cooking grease — the counters and floors, cutting board and canisters, cans, spice bottles, knives, utensils, the toaster, and the blender. Cleaning the refrigerator was a major job in itself, but there wasn't time to do it thoroughly. I switched on an old movie for company and spent the remaining hour wiping down everything in sight. As I mopped the final puddle of wax across the floor, Sheilah walked in, looked around incredulously, and asked, "How do you do it?" I could have asked her the same question.

My next job, tidying the home of two retired schoolteachers in Tierrasanta, was uneventful. Lunch was the highlight, when they served up a mysterious brown soup containing green peas, macaroni, chili beans, hamburger balls, and whatever else remained of the previous week's leftovers.

Then one night, I got a phone call from Bruce, a housepainter in Fallbrook. Bruce owned a two-story rental unit in East San Diego, and his tenant had moved out. He needed help getting it ready for the next lucky person. He told me he'd grown up in the neighborhood and had lived in the unit until he got married and moved to North County. He said he was glad to be out of the area since it had become so "sleazy." His plan was for me to clean downstairs, while he painted upstairs, then switch. The job would probably last all day, which was just fine with me.

The following morning I took a bus out to University and 54th Street. I was running late, so naturally the bus crawled in slow motion. Bursting at last from the bus at 54th Street, I sprinted two blocks down a canyon to one of those 1970s stucco-box, parking-lot complexes. This one, painted a nauseous mustard color, featured a single strip of raw wood shin-

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I ran up the stairs and spotted Bruce, husky and apple-cheeked, standing outside chatting with a neighbor. If he knew I was late, he didn't seem to care. We exchanged hellos, and he introduced the neighbor, a nervous fellow with long, center-parted red hair, green trousers, a plaid shirt buttoned to the throat, and basketball shoes. He stared at the floor as we shook hands.

Bruce opened the front door, and the three of us tramped into the unit. From the entrance you looked straight through to dusty, sliding-glass doors and a view of eucalyptus trees. The entire downstairs, except for the kitchen, was carpeted in sculpted avocado broadloom. A cottage-cheese ceiling with glitter specks, fake "wood paneling" glued to one wall, and the inevitable amber-globed swag lamp on a plastic chain underscored why the '70s

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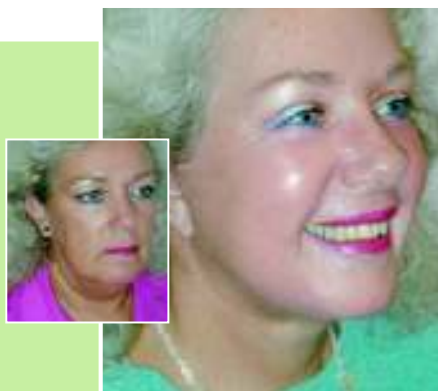
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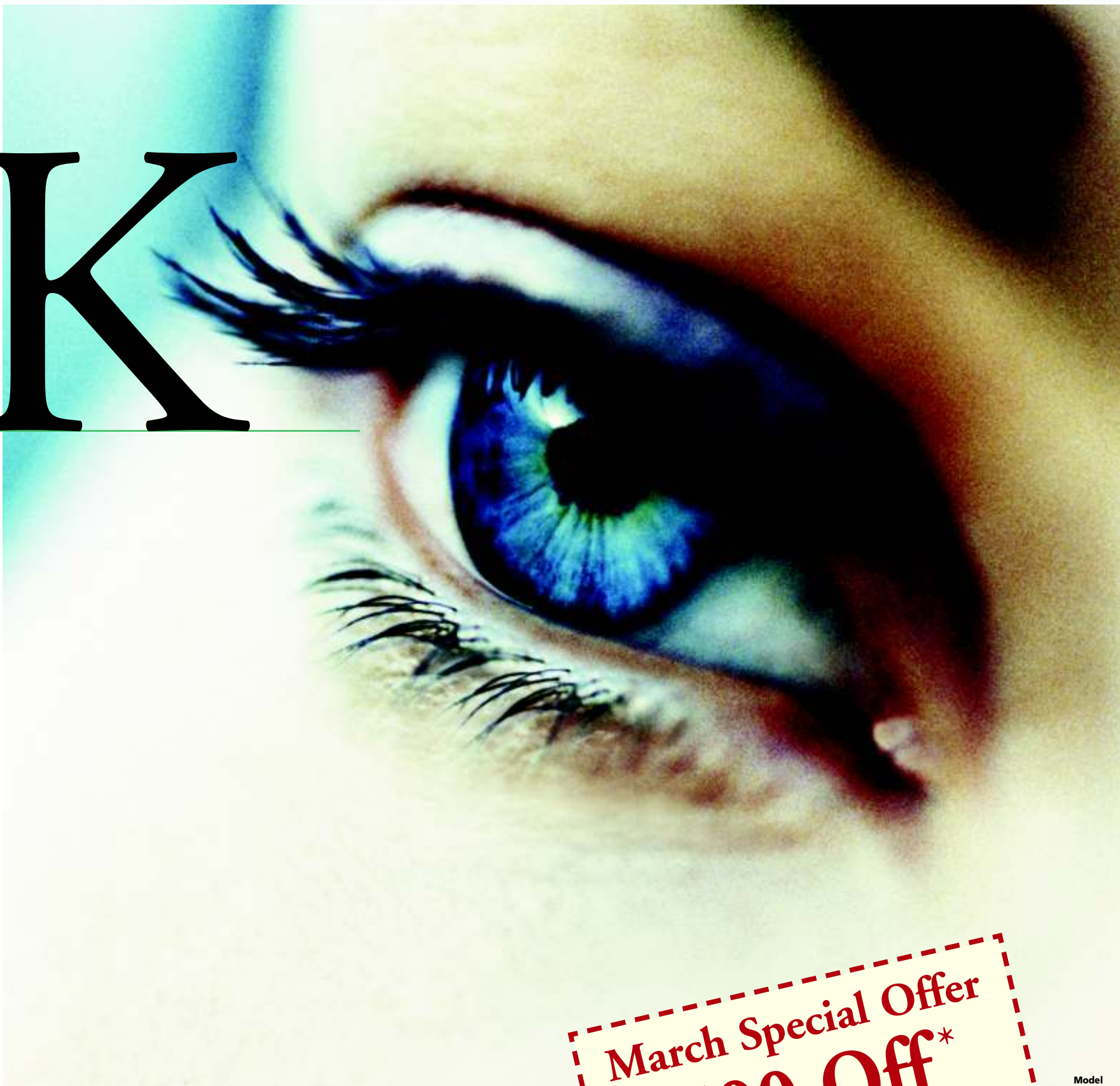
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were such a high point for design and architecture.

Bruce's departed tenant had left telltale signs of the "young bachelor" — a floor so encrusted with dirt in pieces that I had to chisel it off with a knife, a refrigerator reeking of mildew, and a blackened stove that appeared to be the veteran of several exploding grease fires. If it weren't for Easy-

off and Comet, cleaning that stove would have taken all day. The only fixture in the kitchen that I bypassed was a cobweb-festooned window, which was nearly impossible to reach behind an enclosure of rusted security mesh.

Throughout the day, the odd neighbor Dan followed Bruce upstairs and down. When he left momentarily to see if his mail had come, Bruce whispered that Dan was emotionally dis-

turbed, living next door on disability. "You ought to see his apartment," he said. "It's piled to the ceiling with old TVs and electronic junk. That's his hobby. He repairs appliances for the neighbors." Bruce clearly felt affection for this shy, harmless soul, who he said had been stopped by the police one night for walking naked up 54th Street.

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about 9 o'clock. A whisper-voiced lass named Patty told me how much her house needed cleaning, as her regular cleaning lady had gone to the hospital. Without asking for references, she was eager to know if I could come and clean as soon as possible. I said I could come the following day. Judging from her little-girl voice and sigh of relief, I pictured Patty as a kit-tinish housewife with small children running about.

At the appointed hour the next morning, I approached a small wooden bungalow on a sunny stretch of Iowa Street in North Park. Freshly watered pansies lined the walkway to a shady porch, where I rang the bell. Patty answered the door, but her appearance was nothing like what I expected: small and very plain, dressed in jeans and a big T-shirt, she was on crutches and had a large bandage across her forehead. Immediately I thought "battered wife."

She was very friendly, almost motherly as she greeted me, and I followed her into a charming living room furnished with a mix-

ture of cozy Victorian and 1920s nostalgia. The walls were pale pink, decorated with framed sheet music and old magazine covers; champagne-colored carpeting covered the floor, and two tiger-striped cats dozed in the sunlight by an old rocking chair.

Patty immediately

remarked that she envied my living in Hillcrest. "We tried to get a house there," she said, "but it's too expensive. I feel more at home up there; it's so much more artistic than North Park." Actually, she didn't feel much at home in San Diego. She said she had moved down from Sacramento a year

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earlier, and aside from San Diego's climate, she lamented that it was too transient, not friendly — at least not like in Sacramento — and the drivers were too aggressive. "I just hate to get on the freeway here," she said. We sat down on a red velvet sofa, and I noticed copies of *Fate* and *Psychic World* on the coffee table.

"Here's my list of what I want you to do this morning," she said, handing me a sheet of lined paper. "But first I think you ought to know that this house might seem a little strange to you." I asked what she meant by "strange." She hesitated. "Well, you may see some rather odd people coming and going while you're here." Before asking what she meant by "odd," my first thought was that this was a halfway house for mental patients. I'd lived next door to one in Los Angeles and had gotten to know the housemother, so it was easy to imagine Patty as the wounded caretaker of the emotionally fragile. Even if she hadn't been bruised and

bandaged, she possessed a sympathetic sweetness that made the scenario plausible.

"You'll understand better," she continued coyly, "when my roommate comes home." As soon as she said "roommate," I surmised that the two of them were lesbians and Patty didn't


dering what was the point of this guessing game, but Patty clearly didn't wish to elaborate. She dropped the subject by saying that Lupe (the hospitalized housekeeper) "didn't have any problem with what was going on. She thought what we were doing was great."

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want to tell me right away. Hoping to make it clear that I was broad-minded, I said I'd lived in San Francisco and New York for several years and doubted that anything going on in the house would shock me. Actually, I was beginning to feel slightly uncomfortable, won-

Before we got up, she mentioned she was a writer. I had noticed a word processor on a desk in the dining area. Continuing the game, she said she didn't want to talk about her latest project until it was finished. We rose and headed through some swinging café doors

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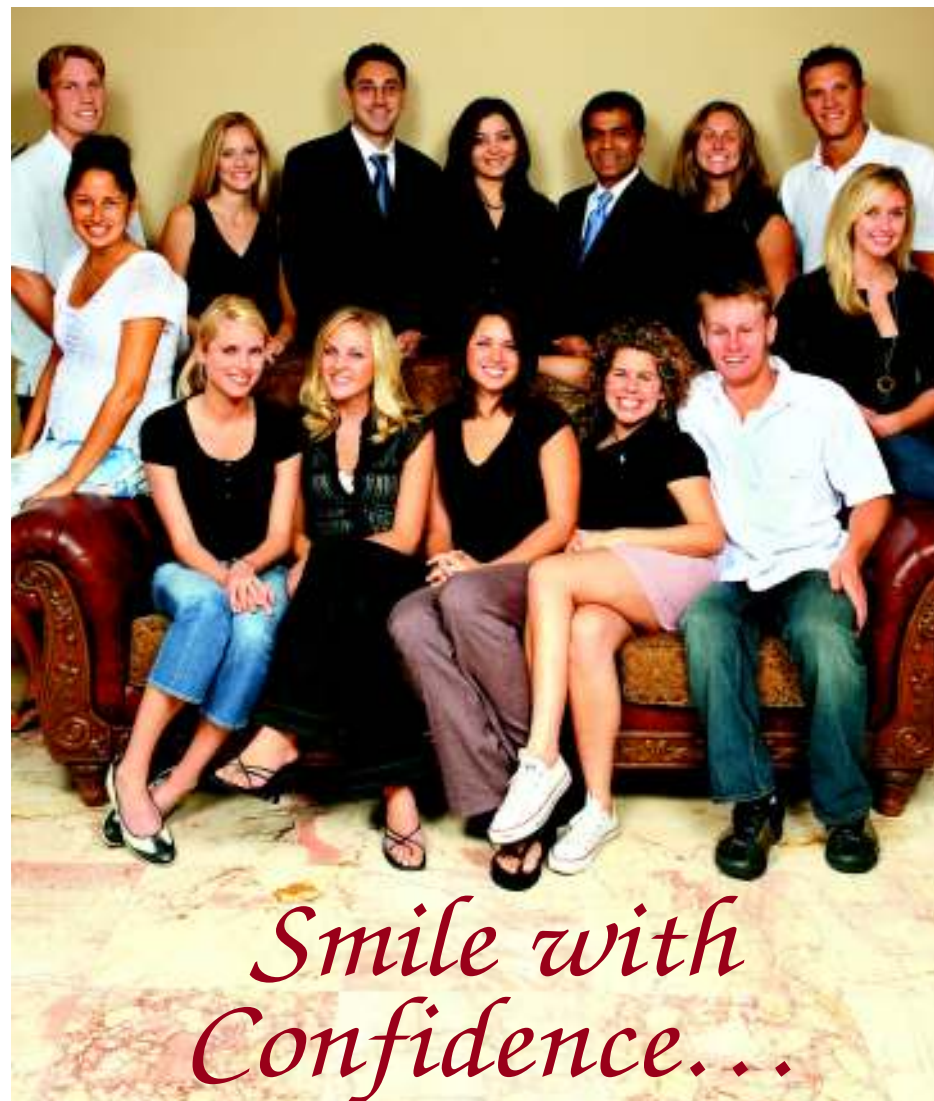
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into the kitchen. There, amid the sunshine and bunny-rabbit cookie jars, I spotted something incongruous: a stack of raunchy sex tabloids on the breakfast nook table.

Patty hobbled into the laundry room and pulled out a load of wet wash while I gathered up supplies from under the sink to begin cleaning the kitchen. As I started removing the burners from the stove, she piled the laundry into a basket and eased herself outside towards a clothesline behind the garage. As soon as she was out of sight, I hurried over to glance at the sex papers. There were five of them, and they all looked

similar. The one on top was called *California Swinger* and contained maybe 20 pages filled with snapshots of "beavers," penises, and middle-aged, intertwined bodies. Beneath each photo was a first name, location, phone number or P.O. box, and a description of interests: "George, El Cajon — likes to get it on with ladies and couples."

Suddenly, the front door opened. I shot back to the stove and resumed cleaning just as a sullen-looking woman with dark, soaking-wet hair schlepped into the kitchen. Barely looking at me, she mumbled, "I live here too," then threw a *San Diego Union* on the

table and walked out.

While I puzzled over that introduction, Patty returned and went to join the woman in one of the bedrooms. There was giggling, drawers slamming, then the shower running. In the background, telephones were ringing continuously, but no one answered them. I heard a message machine click on and off.

A while later, as I dusted the dining room, I noticed a paragraph flowing on the screen of the word processor. I went over for a closer look but couldn't make much sense out of the wording, something about "what does it feel like when a man is humiliated?"

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That these messages were left out for me to see was no accident, and I could only assume that Patty was the ominous-sounding "Ms. Gretchen." The undertone of it all was mildly creepy. Moments later, I was not surprised to see several pamphlets about prostitution

lying on the bookshelf nearby.

Unexpectedly, a voice behind me said "hello." I turned around to see a woman — the roommate — who was now all but unrecognizable; she looked nothing like the grim female I'd seen in the kitchen 40 minutes earlier. Heavily made up, her hair luxuriantly teased, she looked strikingly pretty in a clinging, blue velvet jumpsuit that showed lots of freckled cleavage and a modest pot belly. I was surprised enough to gush, "My God, what a transformation. You look great!" She smiled at this, apologized for her earlier bad mood, and told me her name

was Diane. "Patty tells me that you're an artist," she said. "Well, I think you're very enterprising to be out doing this kind of work." I would have been embarrassed had anyone else said that, but her childlike sincerity made me feel complimented.

Then Patty emerged, equally transformed but looking much harder than Diane, with her hair bushed out and her face painted almost masklike. Hopping around on her crutches, she wore a leopard-print Spandex leotard and pink Reeboks. This, she said, was her workout suit for the gym.

Both women shared a subtle smile, which told me

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they were enjoying the knowledge that I had figured out what was going on. Nothing was said directly, but before Patty left for the gym, she mentioned that a friend of theirs had been arrested the night before. "That's why we're so nervous and aren't answering the phone." As she was leaving, she cautioned me not to open the door for any reason.

I returned to Patty and Diane's house two more times. When I arrived for the second visit, Patty was at the gym, so Diane answered the door. To my surprise, she was in the midst of packing to return to Sacramento. Her room was in chaos. "There's no reason to stay," she said. "Patty's decided to put the house on the market, and a real estate lady is coming by to look at it this afternoon." Later, while I was cleaning the kitchen, she came in to cook some toast and bacon. Looking disconsolate, she ate standing up, staring out the window. To make conversation, I mentioned that I'd grown up in the San Joaquin Valley and wondered if she had always lived in Sacramento. "No," she said, "but have you ever heard of Hillsborough?" I knew it was a rich suburb near San Francisco.

"Well, I grew up in a mansion in Hillsborough, but as you can see, it didn't rub off." That was a fair statement; I could picture Diane coming from a mansion in Modesto or Bakersfield, but not Hillsborough.

She sat down and explained that six years earlier, she had been a divorced mother with a teenage daughter, nearly broke, and doing part-time office work. One night at a party, she met Patty, found her fasci-

nating, and was intrigued by Patty's description of the money to be made as a call girl. "You do know," Diane asked me conspiratorially, "that Patty is a dominant mistress?" I said I had assumed as much, particularly after noticing a videotape entitled *How to Dominate a Man* on the VCR in Patty's bedroom. (I didn't mention the thank-you card on the mantel in which the sender lovingly thanked Patty for "stretching his

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balls” and looked forward to having it done again.) “Well, I hope I don’t shock you,” she said, “but that’s what I’ve been doing too, though I’m pretty much out of the business now.” She asked me how old I thought she was. “Oh, mid-40s,” I answered. “I’m 51,”

she stated, “and I’m sure you can understand that I really don’t want to do it anymore.”

I asked if she had enjoyed her work. “Sometimes,” she said, “especially if the guy gets real excited, but you know, it’s very well paying. That’s why I do it.

I charge a lot. It’s mostly businessmen and older guys; they’re the only ones who can afford it.” She stared hard at me. “My debts are paid off though,” she said. “I’ve got a little house and a nice car, and my retirement’s in the bank. Now I’m going to try living with my mother when I get back to Sacramento, and she doesn’t know about that part of my life.”

Diane claimed that her daughter (married and living in Texas) knew nothing of her extracurricular activities either. She went to the bedroom, returning with a photo of her daughter and herself, both posing in Gay ’90s costumes at the Santa Cruz boardwalk.

“I don’t know if you’re aware,” she continued in a tone of admiration, “but Patty is *quite* notorious. She’s been with some very prominent people but got arrested so many times that this judge told her to get out of town for a couple of years unless she wanted to go to jail for a long time. We were out driving one night when this woman, a junkie, shoots up heroin behind the wheel and plows into us broadside. Just unbelievable.” Pointing to a small scar on her lower face, she said, “My jaw got broken, and Patty had to have surgery on her knee three times—thank God for the insurance. Then we decided to try San Diego.”

I asked her if she liked

it here; she repeated Patty’s criticisms nearly verbatim. “The weather’s nice, but that’s about it.” I wondered if she was going to get help in moving her things in Sacramento. “Yeah,” she replied, “my houseman is driving his van down to help me this weekend. Isn’t that sweet?” I asked, “You have a houseman?” She replied, “Actually, he’s a college student who used to clean my house every week. He liked to do it nude and didn’t even want me to pay him, just give him a good spanking when he was finished. So I’d give him a *real* good one, then he’d admire his red fanny in my full-length mirror.”

When I went back the following week, a “For Sale”

sign was stuck in the front lawn. I was nervous because I’d decided to tell Patty that I wouldn’t be returning. I was earning enough from more enjoyable jobs and no longer needed the housecleaning work. Patty had asked me on both previous visits if I was going to “disappoint” her and leave. Although I’d known from the start that it was doubtful I’d last more than a month, I told the truth at the moment: that I had no plans to leave.

On that final morning, both Patty and the house seemed forlorn. Diane’s bedroom, piled with junk the week before, was empty. Perhaps to liven things up, Patty wanted me to hear the new telephone message she was going to record. Cooing breathily, as in a Marilyn parody (a knowledgeable friend later told me that Patty’s little-girl speech mannerisms surely had something to do with her S&M mistress role), she said, “Hi-i-i there, I’m so-o-o sorry I’m not here to speak with you in person, but I *know* you’ll leave me an interesting message...and remember, it’s not the size of your message, it’s your performance...by-y-y-e.” She giggled delightedly, and I said, “Let’s hope someone phoning the Christian bookstore doesn’t call you by mistake.”

Patty knew that Diane and I had talked about her the week before, and this seemed to please her. She mentioned that Diane had suggested I see the “dun-

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geon" in the garage and insisted on taking me there before I started cleaning.

When we got out back, she undid two rusted padlocks on a small side door in the garage. Opening the door, she hit the light switch, and the first thing I saw was an eight-foot-tall, ama-

teurish painting (on plywood) of a bare-breasted policewoman holding a whip in one hand and a billy club in the other. The room was cold and musty. Lengths of soiled carpeting covered part of the cement floor. There was a red velvet curtain hanging to one

side and some leather handcuffs on chains dangling from a rafter. Above a wooden work counter was a bulletin board papered with Polaroids of trussed-up bodies. I glanced only for a moment, not really wanting to see it. Imagining petite little Patty, tarted

up in her Spandex and cracking a whip over some cowering businessman in this dumpy garage wasn't easy. I flashed on the ravaged look she sometimes had when in full makeup.

She remarked that twice the police had come to investigate strange noises in the

garage after a neighbor had complained. When they found no proof of illegal activities, they did nothing. "But I know they're keeping tabs on me," she said. "It's one more reason to leave San Diego." As we left the garage, she pointed out several long strips of bamboo

matting nailed along the top of the fence to block prying neighbors. I asked if it was screams that the neighbors had heard. "Oh no," she laughed. "I make sure that sort of thing never gets loud enough to bother anyone outside. I think maybe they heard my whip,

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which makes a sound like water when it snaps, and they thought we were cooking up drugs or something." That didn't sound convincing to me, but I didn't pursue it.

"Where do you think you'll go after the house sells?" I asked. "Stockton," she answered. "It's close to Sacramento, and I know a man there who wants to publish my book about being a dominant mistress." She sounded serious about this prospect, although I couldn't imagine Stockton being a place where someone would publish a book about the adventures of an S&M prostitute. "Is it true," I asked, "that you were quite notorious in Sacramento?" She replied, "Well, yes, but a lot of those arrests happened because I was organizing other prostitutes, helping them stand up for their rights, but certain people don't think we deserve any rights or respect." I mentioned that I'd noticed a small plaque in her bedroom that commended "Patricia Penrose"

for helping "the ladies of Sacramento."

"You won't believe this," she said, "but I was a schoolteacher for five years. I taught third grade." With forced chirpiness she went on, "But I have this need to rebel. My parents did quite a number on me. That's why I became a prostitute." I asked if her parents were alive. "Yeah, my mother is in Sacramento. She's from New England, very conservative and religious, and my dad was retired military, very authoritarian. I can tell you they were amazed when they found out I was a hooker."

The time had come to tell Patty that I wouldn't be returning. She took it gracefully, looked mildly surprised, her expression indicating this was just one more disappointment to cap her fizzling San Diego experience. She went off to the gym, and I proceeded with my chores, spending more time than usual straightening her crowded little bedroom with its rumpled twin bed.

Around noon, she came back and offered to drive me home on her way to an appointment downtown. Minutes later we were cruising up University Avenue in her big blue Buick. Our conversation was strained, and Patty seemed distracted. When we reached my apartment, I got out, we exchanged awkward thank-yous and goodbyes, and off she drove.

One evening a few months later, I wondered if Patty had sold the house and moved north. Her phone number was no longer in my file, but I recalled she was listed in the phone book as "Kitty Sunshine." I dialed the number and a message came on, this time spoken by a strange-sounding woman with a deep voice; it was not Patty. I assumed she had transferred her phone number and clientele to this woman, whose message concluded with "...and if you THINK you can please me, I MAY consider calling you back." ■

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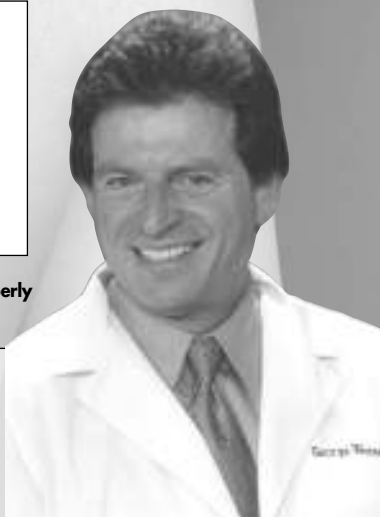
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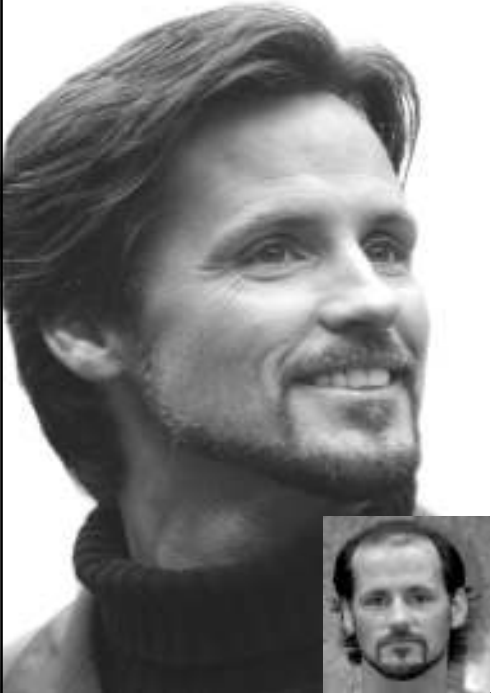
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of our beautiful six-and-a-half-year-old "special needs" son, AJ, who has a severe uncontrolled mixed-seizure disorder (literally hundreds of seizures a day coming from both hemispheres of his brain simultaneously — like the Fourth of July fireworks grand finale celebration), which has left him severely mentally retarded, among other things. Our son is completely nonverbal, cannot spoon-feed himself, still uses a toddler sippy cup, wears diapers (and probably will all his life), but has the biggest smile on his face almost all the time and is absolutely perfectly made the way God planned. You see, Ms. McNeal, as a Christian, I believe our son was not an accident, that his birth was no mistake or mishap, that God prescribed every detail of AJ's body and that God made him exactly as He planned (*The Purpose-Driven Life*), and I have accepted that. What I don't accept is humiliating attitudes from people like you who would rather have disabled people locked up and out of public view because you're uncomfortable with how they look. Who cares if their faces aren't "pretty"? As a journalist, you should be familiar with the saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover."

My experience has been that people are afraid of what they don't know, which is why I thank children (the adults are too chicken) for approaching me and asking why my son wears a helmet with a face shield. It gives me the opportunity to explain that the helmet protects him from injuries when he falls (during a seizure) and that the only difference between my son and them (children who have asked me) is his diagnosis...otherwise he's just like them. I was thrilled to observe that the children I explained this to were satisfied with my explanation and accepted it. In my opinion, adults have a lot to learn from these children.

Ms. McNeal, you can print what you'd like because the First Amendment allows you to do so (which I thank the American soldiers and their families who have fought and are still

fighting to give you that right), but remember this: "God did not need to create you, but he chose to create you for his own enjoyment. You exist for his benefit, his glory, his purpose, and his delight" (*The Purpose-Driven Life*). God meant the disabled people too.

Kimberly Carpenter
The Mother of a Special-Needs Child
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Induced Vomiting

I just wanted to say that the article about Down syndrome made me sick to my stomach ("Let the World See Your Pretty Face," February 23). I don't know how you could write something like that. I thought the article was insulting and utterly rude. You must not have any brains. Why would you write an article and scare women about having a child with Down syndrome? I work for an agency that supports people with all kinds of disabilities. You should have done your homework before writing an article like that. Maybe you should have talked to a parent who has a child with a disability. I'm really sad to see how *dumb* and uneducated some people are.

Tiffany Caronna
via e-mail

Too Bad For Them

As much as I appreciate Ms. Danielle Boyd's correction of my missing *e* (Letters, February 23), I must point out, once again, that "re-naming" a food item which was erroneously named from the beginning through ignorance and hatred is the stupidest thing I have ever heard. Likewise "hating" inanimate objects, refusing to eat them because they have had the word "French" attached to them??? Refusing to teach your children French? *Tant pis pour eux!* Too bad for them. *Vive la difference!!!*

Kari Nansen
via e-mail

Ollie's So Weird

I just wanted to let you know Ollie's column ("Remote Control King") is always so funny. Thank you so much for providing us with such great entertainment. He's a great writer. He's so weird, but he's so funny.

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Even if the proper soil is used, things can go wrong. "People want to have nice, pretty plants, so they turn on their sprinklers and forget about their house. They'll call me and say, 'Oh my goodness, my walls are dissolving,' and I say, 'Turn your sprinklers away from your house!' If you build your home [out of adobe] and you've got a good overhanging roof [which offers some protection for the walls], I'll say that house is going to last you a hundred years. My walls are already 20 years old."

According to oldhouseweb.com, the same methods for making adobe are used today as were used in the 16th Century. "Because adobe bricks are not fired in a kiln as are clay bricks, they do not permanently harden, but remain unstable — they shrink and swell constantly with their changing water content. Their strength also fluctuates with their water content: the higher the water content, the lower the strength."

"Adobe is a porous, breathing thermal mass," says Friend, who is adamant that adobe is the best material for building. "It is a wall made out of earth, but it stores the heat of the sun, and through its porosity, it breathes. When the temperature of the interior of the house drops, warmth is released from the walls into the interior. Wood rots. Homes out here rot. They get termites; they burn down. An adobe home has no termites; it won't burn."

Friend was recently asked to restore the Santa Margarita Ranch House Chapel and Bunkhouse at Camp Pendleton, a structure that was originally built in the 1860s. "It took a long time to get the money for those," Friend says of the federal government grants that paid for the restoration.

"I made whitewash from the original formula used to protect those adobe earthen bricks. People only used the best clay soils that were on site, and water. Any moisture would melt it. So we stucco the walls with lime whitewash, and that would protect them. Latex paints today are like a rubber skin — it has no porosity, and that's the virtue of the lime whitewash. It is the closest porous, breathable, and compatible product to go against earthen brick." Friend offers this "Original Formula White Wash" at \$125



for five gallons.

"Our choices should be for maintaining harmony with our mother, the earth. Her health is our health. I am out there like a warrior saying, 'Please, people — will you understand that what you're standing on is your building materials?'" Friend is a member of the Native American tribe Tigwa. "We lived along the Rio Grande River, pueblo style, and our people were farmers. They scraped up river mud and made the bricks. My mother's family, my grandmother and great-grandmother, told me stories about brick manufacturing in the back yard because when a new baby was born, another room was added to the basic unit. The stories were told to me to keep the culture alive."

If an adobe structure is to last, it is imperative to keep it dry. If the material is not properly dried after a few days of rain, water damage can accelerate deterioration and lead to the collapse of the structure. Wind can also have an erosive effect, as can vegetation, insects, and vermin. It's possible for seeds encapsulated in the adobe to ger-

minate and grow. According to oldhouseweb.com, "The possibility of termite infestation should not be overlooked, since termites can travel through adobe walls as they do through natural soil."

Friend insists that if an adobe structure is properly cared for it can last for a lifetime or longer, as in the case of the structures she helps to restore. "Adobe has been used all over the world since the beginning of time. There were people housing themselves before Home Depot."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

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: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

El Consorcio in Concert, Friday, March 10, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). \$50 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

San Felipe 250 off-road race for all kinds of vehicles takes place Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, starting at 6 a.m. each day. Routes: 011-52-617-177-1865. (SAN FELIPE)

"Call and Response," artist Wick Alexander exhibits new paintings using fluorescent paint on patterned

African fabric illuminated by ultraviolet light at Sortilegio (Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #10050-B, in Zona Río). Exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m., continues through Saturday, April 15. 011-52-664-232-8830. (TIJUANA)

Clearwater Revisited, head to Estadio Casas Geo for concert by Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Saturday, March 11. Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$50 U.S. 011-52-686-567-3854. (MEXICALI)

Biathlon for All Ages, with two 2.5k runs bracketing a 15k bike ride, is Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m., at Malecón, Playas de Tijuana. Registration: \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-0932. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Bullfighting by matadors Jorge Gutiérrez and Alejandro Amaya, Sunday, March 12, 3 p.m., at Plaza Calafia. 011-52-686-557-1417. (MEXICALI)

"Imágenes de la Patria," Enrique Florescano discusses his new book on Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *Lions, Fuerzas de la Naturaleza, Oasis Marino*.

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

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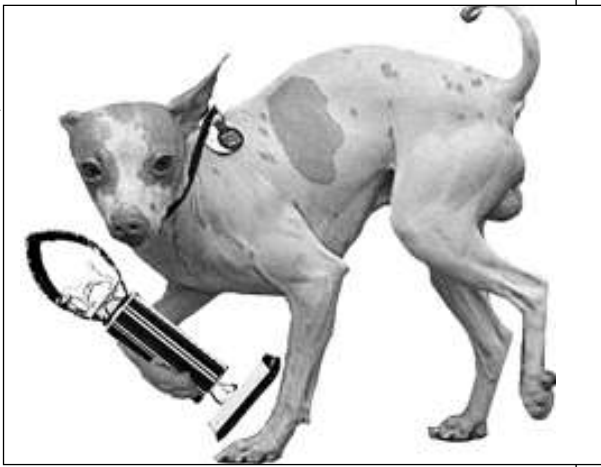
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OUT & ABOUT

WHO'S THE UGLIEST?

Ugly dog contest, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, March 12.

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just recently, but the almost record-breaking sunshine a month ago was intense enough to trigger the early emergence of bright green leaves on sycamore, liquidambar, and other decorative deciduous trees around San Diego. Cruise down 163 through Balboa Park to appreciate the vernal splendor of the sycamores growing in the landscaped center divider, where construction crews are putting the final touches on a safety and landscaping improvement project. Walk across the El Prado bridge and look down upon the same landscaped median.

African Daisies are bursting into bloom around San Diego, especially along the freeway embankments. The name refers to a wide variety of species belonging to the genera *Arctotis*, *Dimorphotheca*, and *Osteospermum*, with flowers ranging in color from yellow, orange, and white to purple. These hardy ground covers require little water except when in active growth and help to hold soil in place during heavy rains.

A "Reasonably High Tide" should encourage numerous waterfowl to reveal themselves when Audubon Society birders head to San Elijo Lagoon on Saturday, March 11, 8 a.m. Meet group at end of street near barricade on Rios Avenue. Bring scope, water. Easy hiking. 619-280-7710. Free. (SOLANA BEACH)

Beachcombing and Dinner in P.B., outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 11, 1–7 p.m., promises beachdrift and tidepool exploration, then dinner at Joe's Crab Shack. \$79 fee includes dinner, van transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK, PACIFIC BEACH)

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

Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up lit-

ter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

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

Trail Hike and Beach Cleanup in Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. Hike the trails and pick up trash at same time with Coastwalk and I Love a Clean San Diego. Free. Directions: 800-550-6854 x5. (POINT LOMA)

Explore Encinitas Ranch with NC Walkers, Saturday, March 11. Six-mile, moderate-plus walk starts at 9 a.m. in northwest parking lot of Encinitas Ranch Golf Course (1275 Quail Gardens Drive North). Bring your own water. Free. 760-942-1396. (ENCINITAS)

Hike Along Shores of Lake Hodges during nature hike on Saturday, March 11, 9:30 a.m., led by San Dieguito River Park guide. Learn of native plants, their use by early Native Americans. Free. Directions, registration: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

"Catching Fish in the Desert," archaeologists Eric White and Joan Schneider plan lecture and field program exploring "mystery of fishing techniques used along the shorelines of ancient Lake Cahuilla" for Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Easy hiking; wear boots. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Cabrillo Dubbed It San Miguel, and tiki-style hotels were rampant in 1950s — explore Point Loma during Urban Safari walking tour led by Patty Fares, Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. Reservations: 619-944-9255. \$10. (EAST VILLAGE)

Oceanside Beach Cleanup, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, on south side of Oceanside Pier. Gloves, bags, refreshments provided. Free. 760-435-5807. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Wildflowers Abound in Mission Trails Regional Park. See some during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, March 11, 12, 15, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

"Shore Birds — Whatever Flies In" is theme for nature walk, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Discover and Identify Track and Sign from many animals when tracking team at Mission Trails Regional Park leads guided nature walk, Sunday, March 12,

8:30 a.m., starting at entrance kiosk at One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. Canceled for rain. (SAN CARLOS)

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

Moonlight Hike planned by naturalist Rita Ospelt in Daley Ranch, Monday, March 13. Six-mile moderate to strenuous hike starts in daylight at 5:30 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive, continues past sunset. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Tuesday's Full Moon (Tuesday, March 14) is set to rise dramatically over the East County horizon around the time of sunset, weather permitting. Wednesday evening's moon, just one day past full, may be even more brilliant and impressive as it clears the horizon in deep twilight. Subsequent full moonrises, April through August, may well be obscured by the usual evening low clouds near the coast — so enjoy the show now. As appropriate for the forthcoming spring season, the full moon of March has been variously referred to in folklore as the "Lenten moon," "moon of winds," "plow moon," "sap moon," and "seed moon."

Explore El Prado and Spanish Village with Walkabout walkers, Wednesday, March 15. Flat one-hour walk begins at 8:45 a.m. at Bal-

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(free), dance to live music by Old Twine String Band and calling by Graham Hempel at 7 p.m. (\$5). 619-422-1584. (BALBOA PARK)

Easy Dances taught at recent workshops reviewed, led by Kin Ho on Saturday, March 11, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Regular request program starts at 8:30 p.m. \$8. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on second Saturday of every month, including March 11, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Sunday Zapateado planned Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Ballet Folklorico en Aztlan performs dances from Oaxaca, Mexico. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Swing Club hosts West Coast swing dance party every Sunday, 3–7 p.m., at La Mesa Women's Club (5220 Wilson Avenue). Beginner's lesson: 3–4 p.m. \$7. 858-274-6422. (LA MESA)

DANCE

Virgina Reel Takes Center Stage on Friday, March 10, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. Beginner friendly. (BALBOA PARK)

Kenny Maynard the Cajun Crooner from Louisiana performs for Cajun/zydeco dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club in Recital Hall, Saturday, March 11. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7:10:30 p.m. Recital Hall is located on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard. \$12. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Fling contradance workshop and party hosted by Cabrillo International Folk Dancers, Saturday, March 11, 3–10:30 p.m., at Balboa Park Club. Contradance basics workshop at 3 p.m. (free), music and song jam with San Diego Folk Heritage at 5:30 p.m.

Time to Tango, Florentino and Isabelle demonstrate tango on Sunday, March 12, at Turquoise Cafe-Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). "Intro to Tango" at 5 p.m.; ongoing beginner's fundamentals at 6 p.m. \$10 per class. 858-453-9680. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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

Elegant Lines, Puckish Humor, Dazzling Speed — Leigh Warren and Dancers take stage in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD on Tuesday, March 14, 8 p.m. Program includes *Quick Brown Fox*. Tickets: \$30, \$34. 858-534-8497. (LA JOLLA)

Moreton Bay Fig Morris Dancers meet to practice traditional English dancing from the Cotswolds, Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Free. 858-689-8947. (BALBOA PARK)

Luna Flamenco performs Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Featured dancer and artistic director is Lakshmi Basile, along with performers Richard Chavez, Jesus Montoya, Jeff Basile, Gabriel Osuna, Joaquin Gallegos, John Martin III. \$25. 619-446-8642. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Bellydance Showcase featuring Dilek, Rose, Theresa, and Jyanti, live music by John Bilezikjian, Thursday, March 16, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

Films By, For, and About Women showcased when Lunafest screens at CSU San Marcos

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

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. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Japanese Film *Twilight Samurai* screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, March 10. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Japanese with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

"Pure Punk Rock" by local 20-year-old filmmaker Lewis Ingraham screens on Sunday, March 12, 7 p.m., at Black Wax in Parkway Plaza (415 Parkway Plaza). Video includes interviews, music videos, live concert footage of ten nationally known punk bands including Casualties, Defiance, Lower Class Brats. Free. 619-820-3322. (EL CAJON)

The Silent-Era Film *Siren of the Tropics*, starring Josephine Baker, screens with live music at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Music by Sue Palmer (piano), Sharon Shufelt (drums), and Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

The New Zealand Film *Rain* by Christine Jeffs screens for Film Fo-



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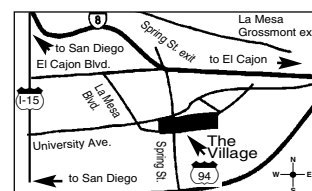
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"Coastal Clash," documentary examining "the struggle for California's coastlines" screens Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

"Period: The End of Menstruation?" Giovanni Chesler's film examines trend in birth control that allows females to stop their periods for years at a time. Film screens Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Treasury" screened and Irish genealogical problems attacked during Irish interest class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, March 15, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

The "Director's Label" Program on offer on Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Program includes Romanekian, NotNa, short film by

Sednaoui, "taped commentaries from U2's Bono, the late Kurt Cobain," others. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Shadow Factory," new 30-minute silent film by UCSD student Rodrigo Reyes premieres with live music on Thursday, March 16, 9 p.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Musical ensemble includes Theremins, Moog synthesizers, ritual percussion instruments, orchestral instruments, electric guitar. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Greece: Secrets of the Past; Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration* (through March). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Fascism in America: Can It Happen Here?" Ponder idea during discussion on Thursday, March 9, immediately following performance of *The Magic Fire*. Panelists include Michael Mufson, Pat Larmer, Phil De Barros, Carlos von Son, cast and crew of *Fire*. Discussion starts at 7 p.m. in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Two Fulbright Scholars visit MiraCosta College to present lectures this week. Shagufta Iqbal pre-

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sents "Using U.S. Teaching Methods for Female Education in Pakistan," Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m., in room 201 of MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). 760-944-4449 x7806. (CARDIFF)

"Women, Islam, and Politics in the Arab World" offered by Ibtesam al-Atiyat, Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., in Aztlan B at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-795-6897. (OCEANSIDE)

"American Ceramics" discussed by museum registrar John Dige-sare for Insight Gallery Talks on Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, March 12, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Serious About Becoming a Successful Author? King Author's Court meetings for poten-

tial authors, Thursday, March 9 and 16, 7 p.m., at National University (1875 West Bernardo Drive). Free. 858-490-1411. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Nepalese Devotional Art" examined by curator Sonya Quintanilla on Friday, March 10, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Digital Advantages in Capturing Nature Photographs" presented by professional photographer George Lepp for Visions lecture series, Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. Registration: 619-255-0203. Booksigning follows. (BALBOA PARK)

"Reviving the Encaustic Technique" offered by Saul Castro from Oaxaca, Mexico, in conjunction with Arte Latino, Saturday,

March 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Castro reveals formula for preparing, applying encaustic, "personal concepts of value, harmony, and aesthetic." \$20. Supply list, registration: 619-230-1938 x101. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Fundamentals of Numerology" explained when Adrienne Abeyta presents workshop for California Institute for Open Studies (formerly Cadent Cross Institute), Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Prayers for Peace Park (29455 Pamoosa Lane). \$55. Registration: 619-299-2897. (VALLEY CENTER)

Watercolor Painting demonstration by Joan Hansen promised when Clairemont Art Guild meets on Saturday, March 11, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

"Intro to GPS" offered on Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). \$55 for nonmembers. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Beginner and Refresher Genealogy Class planned for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Follow-up tour of genealogy department, Monday, March 13, 7 p.m. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Lessons from the Trenches: Getting Your First Book Published" chronicled when lawyer Debra Garfinkle speaks for Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m., in room 106A of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). Garfinkle recently sold her first novel, *Storky: How I Lost My Nickname and Won the Girl*. \$9. 858-485-8151. (LINDA VISTA)

Create an Art Quilt in Wool Felt when Jane LaFazio leads class, Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). \$70 fee includes materials. Registration: 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Noted Assemblage Artist Flavia Gilmore plans artist's talk on Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m., in conjunction with her current exhibition at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Write a Novel in 30 Days after Palomar College creative writing instructor Madison Cooper speaks Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m., at Book Nook (129 East Hawthorne Street). It is possible to banish the inner critic! Free. 760-731-2665. (FALLBROOK)

"Death With Dignity: The Dutch Experience" explored when Dr. Rob Jonquiere of Netherlands speaks for End-of-Life Choices, Sunday, March 12, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Commu-

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"The Making of the Messiah: Christianity and Resentment" discussed by author Robert Sheaffer when Humanist Fellowship gathers, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

"Search-Tool Websites" examined by Stephen Morse when Jewish Historical Society meets on Sunday, March 12, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$10. Reservations: 619-583-0826. (LA JOLLA)

"Environmental Sustainability in Faith Communities" explored by Reverend Katherine Jesch — "an expert in making faith communities greener" — Sunday, March 12, at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Vegetarian lunch at 12:30 p.m. (\$4), program 1:30-4:30 p.m. (\$15). 619-293-0724. (HILLCREST)

Third-Generation Bulb Grower Brent Heath focuses on "The Tropical Paradise Garden with Summer Bulbs" for San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Heath is co-owner of Brent and Becky's Bulbs. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues when V'ann Cornelius presents "Origami: Craft Becomes Art," Monday, March 13, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). Cornelius established OrigamiUSA. Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The Power of Public Space examined by Fred Kent, founder of Project for Public Spaces, Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at UCSD's Institute of the Americas. "Creating a Sense of Space" is free. 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

Genealogy Librarian Mary Van Orsdol discusses "The Carlsbad Library Online Catalog, Access to the Library Wireless Internet, and Inter-Library Loan" for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, March 14, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-744-7530. (CARLSBAD)

"Big Mind" Workshop presented by American Zen master Dennis Genpo Merzel, Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Church of the Brethren (3850 Westgate Place). Process "combines Genpo Roshi's 35 years as a Zen teacher and the insights of western psychology." \$10. 619-477-0390. (SAN DIEGO)

Computer Security discussed by Aubrey Stewart for Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, March 14, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Donation: \$5. 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

"Art Czar: The Rise and Fall of Clement Greenberg" illuminated by Alice Marquis for San Diego Independent Scholars, Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Greenberg is still considered by many to be "most influential art critic of the 20th Century." 619-224-5664. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"What's in Your Fridge?" Chef Gavin Kaysen of El Bizcocho shines light on items hidden in back of your refrigerator and how to use them on entrées and desserts on Wednesday, March 15, at Macy's School of Cooking (Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$25. Time, cost: 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Word Nerds Then and Now" — celebration of SD/Professional Editors Network slated for Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Panelists include Terry Anderson, Jackie Estrada, Kathi George, Kittie Kuhns. Free. 858-451-3266. (ENCINITAS)

"Composting — For the Health of Your Soil," master composter Whitney Duenetz speaks for Solana Center on Wednesday, March 15, 6 p.m., at Poway Library (13137 Poway Road). Free. 760-436-7986 x211. (POWAY)

"Irish Echoes," expect Irish stories, music, and dancing on Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m., at Coronado Library (640 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-522-7390. (CORONADO)

Artists from Carmen participate in Artists' Round Table — an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, March 16, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$5. 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Art, Architecture, Ecology: Reviving Our Social Environment" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series. University of Pennsylvania associate professor Anuradha Mathur speaks Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Myths of Style & Nationalism: American Art Potter at the Turn of the Century" examined when historian, author, Tiffany glass and art nouveau authority Martin Ei-

delberg speaks for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, March 16. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Car Culture — A Historical Perspective of Lowriding" offered by Victor Ochoa and Rigo Reyes for Third Thursday series at San Diego Automotive Museum, March 16, 6 p.m. Both have been influential in local art and cultural environment. \$5. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

Trekking Pole Seminar planned Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Learn to adjust poles correctly and efficiently, common mistakes, achieving optimum benefits. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

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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)

New York City Jazz Musicians Marvin Stamm (trumpet) and Bill Mays (piano) perform with SDSU

Jazz Ensemble #1 on Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. \$12 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

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)

Talk to the Animals! Tommy Tune stars in and directs *Dr. Dolittle*, through March 12 at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 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)

"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)

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Elana James and Her HotHot Trio take stage for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Friday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The Expression of Faith through “multimedia fine art” performances with painting, poetry, singing, dancing, acting, food, music, video promised Friday, March 10, 7 p.m., at the Rock Church (3554 Ruffin Road). Requested donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. 619-280-4235. (MISSION VILLAGE)

“Truth Fest 2006” — Christian music concert boasting “some of Southern California’s best Christian bands,” benefiting Koinonia Foster Homes, Friday, March 10, 7 p.m., at San Ysidro High School (5353 Airway Road). \$5. 619-710-2350. (SAN YSIDRO)

The Folk Duo of Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen perform for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Saturday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

Enjoy Sunset and Ocean View and meet David Jebb, author of *The 13th Time Zone*, Saturday, March 11, 5 p.m., at Torrey Pines Gliderport (2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive). Free. 858-452-9858. (LA JOLLA)

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Hiking length: 1.3 miles

Hiking difficulty: Easy

road). Continue diagonally across the road and pick up the remainder of the trail, harder to follow now, but basically paralleling Ortega Highway. After meandering through a grove of planted “Penny Pines” — Coulter pines, plus some oak and

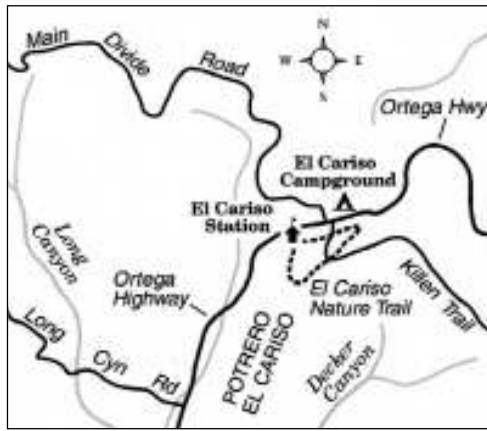
pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



Planted pines, El Cariso Nature Trail

and next, monkeyflower, blue-eyed grass, nightshade, and other vivid-hued annual flowers compete for attention, while the blooms of wild peony nod circumspectly close to the ground. Amid the tangled branches of the shrubs look for the spiny, green fruits of the wild cucumber.

At the start of the trail, miner’s lettuce coats the shady ground almost like a manicured lawn. There’s a brief passage under some oaks, then the trail begins winding moderately upward on a chaparral- and sage-covered slope. The view to the west is of rolling country dotted with small houses on large lots (the area around El Cariso is a patchwork of national-forest and private lands).



The Spanish Harlem Orchestra — dedicated to “preserving the vital history of classic Latin dance orchestras” and playing new music as well — performs Saturday, March 11, for La Jolla Chamber Music Society. Concert begins at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20–\$55. 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

“Fine Beauty of the Island” presented by Celtic harpist, storyteller Patrick Ball for World Music Series, Saturday, March 11,

7:30 p.m., in Oceanside Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

The San Diego GirlBoy Choir, consisting of 14 boys and girls in grades 4–6, plans “mini-tour” of four venues around the county on Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Location details: 619-889-6594. (LA JOLLA, SAN DIEGO, BALBOA PARK)

Island Rhythms concert, Saturday, March 11, noon–3:30 p.m., at MiraCosta College soccer field (One Barnard Drive). \$8 general. 760-505-1380. (OCEANSIDE)

“Keep the Camp Fires Burning,” stand-up comedy fundraiser for Campfire USA, Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$25. 760-415-0550. (CARLSBAD)

“How to Make a Living as a Poet,” author Gary Mex Glazner reads from his work, Sunday, March 12, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Free. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Chicago Five performs at 1:30 p.m. for party hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego (JAG), Sunday, March 12, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). \$12. 619-561-1518. (MISSION VALLEY)

Gospel Music and Spirituals promised when Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs on Sunday, March 12, 6 p.m., at North Park Baptist Church (3810 Bancroft Street). Free. 619-585-0782. (NORTH PARK)

Thriller Author Thomas Perry signs *Nightlife*, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Clean Comedy Night with Paul Aldrich, Fishes and Loaves improv group, emcee “Uncle” Steve Verret the Cajun Comedian, Sunday, March 12, 6 p.m., at Christian Church of Lemon Grove (6970 San Miguel Avenue). \$15 general, \$5 for kids. 619-465-1888. (LEMON GROVE)

Fingerstyle Guitarist Tom Boyer presents concert, Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Admission by donation; dinner from Flying Bridge: \$6.50 general. 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

It’s Magic! All-star stage revue celebrates 50th anniversary with performance, Sunday, March 12, 3 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$30–\$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Singing for a Cause, series continues with A.J. Peacock, Andrea Reschke, Ben Henry, and Heather Baker on Sunday, March 12, 4–7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Tickets: \$3, benefiting Ten Points Coalition. 760-747-1882. (ESCONDIDO)

Spirituals Festival 2006 continues with concert on Sunday, March 12. Performers Michael Morgan (bass), Debra McLaren (soprano), John West (organist), and others begin singing at 6 p.m. at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). \$10. 619-846-0361, 858-715-1864. (MIDTOWN)

“Langston Hughes’s Ask Your Mama: Twelve Moods for Jazz” — multimedia concert is Hughes’s “homage in verse and music to the struggle for artistic and social freedom at home and abroad” presented by McCurdy/Wright Consort, Monday, March 13, 2:30 p.m., in Arts 111 at

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Conquer Triskaidekaphobia and head out for San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, March 13, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Participate by slamming, judging, or vocal support. Donation for spectators, \$5 for poets. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune” by Terrence McNally presented during staged reading by Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Poets “Old and New” beckoned to open-mike poetry night, Monday, March 13, 8 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Pre-St. Patrick’s Day Show presented by Comedy Grill, with comics Claude Shires, Tim Palmer, Mario Lefiti, Charlie Ayers, sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction, Tuesday, March 14, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe’s Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Author Steven Hotze discusses, signs *Hormones, Health, and Happiness*, Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., at Whole Foods Market (711 University Avenue). Free; required reservations: 619-294-2800. (HILLCREST)

Jazz Standards promised when Point Loma Nazarene University Jazz Band and Jazz Combo perform Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

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). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

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)

SF Jazz Collective pays tribute to “genius of Herbie Hancock” and performs new works on Wednesday, March 15, 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. \$32, \$36. 858-534-8497. (LA JOLLA)

Alice’s Restaurant Massacre Tour — Arlo Guthrie and company celebrate 40th anniversary of the song in concert, Thursday, March 16, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340

North Escondido Boulevard). He’s joined by Abe Guthrie, Gordon Titcomb, Massacre Band. Tickets: \$30–\$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Adventurer and Author Graham Mackintosh plans slide-illustrated program on his extensive Baja California travels, Thursday, March 16, 10:30 a.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Library (17040 Avenida de Acacias). Free. 858-756-4780. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Jazz and Latin Music sung in English, Spanish, and Portuguese by Coral MacFarland, accompanied by pianist Kamau Kenyatta, Thursday, March 16, 12:30 p.m., during Concert Hour series in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

“Elevated” poetry reading showcases Bennie Herron on Thursday, March 16, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

“Grease” Is the Word at Mount Carmel High School (9550 Carmel Mountain Road), with productions planned at 7 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)

“The Music Man” is current production for Young Actors Theater, with performances at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through March 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)

“The Beatles Experience” performed by Rain, Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Music is performed live, with no pre-recorded 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

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)

First 4 Elite Division 1 Men’s Lacrosse Invitational takes place March 10 and 11 at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). See competitive matchups among “some of the best lacrosse players from local high schools to Division 1 schools” from across nation. Games begin at 3, 5, and 7 p.m. on Friday; from 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Tickets: \$35, \$40 general. 818-344-6195 x119. (LINDA VISTA)

Miramar Dam Ride led by Bicycle Touring Society, Saturday, March 11. Outing starts at 8:45 a.m. in De Anza Cove parking lot on East Mission Bay Drive. Free. 619-255-4194. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Runnin' of the Green, 26th annual St. Patrick's Day 10K run, 2- and 4-mile fun run/walks, Saturday, March 11, 7:30 a.m., in Mission Bay Park. Award to best "Irish" running costume. Registration: 6 a.m. south of Hilton Hotel (on East Mission Bay Drive). 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

San Diego Siege professional women's basketball team hosts San Francisco Legacy on Saturday, March 11, 7 p.m.; and Colorado Chill on Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m., in Harry West Gymnasium at San Diego City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students. 619-398-8399. (DOWNTOWN)

Scrum Time, 23rd annual Champagne Classic 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)

ISF High School State Championship Surf Competition runs Saturday–Monday, March 11–13, 7 a.m.–4 p.m., at Oceanside Harbor's south jetty. Free for spectators. 760-931-1450. (OCEANSIDE)

It's Legal! Total Combat mixed martial-arts event, Saturday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Twenty cage fighters display their skills. Tickets: \$40, \$55, \$75. 619-392-4660. (DEL MAR)

The Fresno Falcons meet up with San Diego Gulls for ice hockey, Sunday, March 12, 5:05 p.m., at iPayOne Center. Tickets: \$12–\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Checkmate, bring a chess set if you'd like for bike ride hosted by Knickerbikers, Sunday, March 12. The 30-miler starts at 9 a.m. at Costa Verde Center (8650 Genesee Avenue); riders proceed downhill via Rose Canyon bike path and Mission Bay Park to Shelter Island, then to NTC Promenade to check on United States Chess Championship.

Poetry | BIBLE, KING JAMES VERSION, JOHN 1

- [1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- [2] The same was in the beginning with God.
- [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- [4] In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- [5] And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- [6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- [7] The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
- [8] He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- [9] That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- [10] He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- [11] He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
- [12] But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
- [13] Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- [14] And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- [15] John bore witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
- [16] And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
- [17] For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
- [18] No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
- [19] And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
- [20] And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- [21] And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.
- [22] Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
- [23] He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.
- [24] And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.
- [25] And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?
- [26] John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;
- [27] He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.
- [28] These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.
- [29] The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- [30] This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.



King James

- [31] And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.
- [32] And John bore record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.
- [33] And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
- [34] And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.
- [35] Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;
- [36] And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!
- [37] And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.
- [38] Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
- [39] He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.
- [40] One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- [41] He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
- [42] And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.
- [43] The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
- [44] Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
- [45] Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
- [46] And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.
- [47] Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!
- [48] Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.
- [49] Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.
- [50] Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.
- [51] And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Bring money for lunch at Zanzibar Cafe. 858-272-4710. (LA JOLLA)

North County Sunday Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, March 12. Socially paced ride, about 25-miles long, starts at 9 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). Free. 619-583-3261. (DEL MAR)

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)

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U.S. Chess Championship, featuring 64 of "nation's best chess players" competing for prizes through March 12, 1–5 p.m., at

NTC Promenade (2801 Rosecrans). Meet players, expert commentary during matches. Free for spectators. 619-226-1491 x108. (POINT LOMA)

Ghost Tours led by "ghost hunter" Michael Brown around Old Town, Thursday through Sunday each week, 9–10:30 p.m. Stories "based on research and photos"; sites include Schillers Bookstore, Jolly Boy Saloon, Casa Machado, Whaley House, Seeley Stables, more. \$19. 619-297-3100 x20. (OLD TOWN)

Luck o' the Irish, Val Hardie performs with Raggle Taggle, and there will be Irish step dancing too, during "Entre Nous Showcase," Friday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Series highlights "hidden talents of librarians and other library staff members." Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Craftsman and Spanish Revival Weekend hosted by Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), March 10–12, headquartered at Naval

Training Center (2751 Roosevelt Road). Home tours, lectures, workshops, authors, architectural tours, vendors, more. Fees, reservations, times: 619-297-9327. (POINT LOMA)

Gem Faire, over 85 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, March 10–12, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 for adults, free for those 11 and younger. 503-252-8300. (DEL MAR)

Lexus Golf Fest, interactive golf expo featuring many exhibitors, presentations and stage shows, clinics, seminars, hitting cages, and more, runs March 10–12 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$10 for adults, kids 12 and under free. 858-586-1202. (DEL MAR)

Ever Made Adobe? Learn how simple adobe-making process "can form the basis of complex architecture" and participate in creating bricks during activities on Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Dress for "mud on the menu"! Requested donation: \$10. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

Art Twogether, Africa Aid art auction takes place on Saturday, March 11, 6 p.m., in Great Hall at UCSD (at corner of North Scholars Drive and Pangea Drive). Work offered by African artisans, local San Diego artists; entertainment by Benson Deng, and traditional West African drumming. \$25. 858-405-4665. (LA JOLLA)

Civil War Re-Enactment at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum is Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Hundreds of uniformed combatants "from the North and South clash in raging battles"; encampment of historians, entertainers, food vendors, merchants.

Find museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 for kids 11 and under, free under 5; parking \$2. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

INXS Flyball Racing Team Dog Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 619-420-0169. (DEL MAR)

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club convenes its annual show and sale on March 11 and 12 at Army National Guard Armory (304 Park Avenue). Dealers selling rough rock, finished stones, jewelry, tools, rock-related products. Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$2 general. 760-855-3707. (ESCONDIDO)

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Reading

My Fundamentalist Education: A Memoir of a Divine Girlhood



Christine Rosen

By Christine Rosen
PublicAffairs, 2005; \$24; 231 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

A touching, funny memoir of growing up in St. Petersburg, Florida, in a household, school, and town of flourishing Biblical literalism.

When Christine Rosen started kindergarten, her ABCs included the Apocalypse, the Bible, and Christ. At Keswick Christian School “the Bible was our textbook,” God the guide, and after entering the school gates, nothing was ever quite the same again. Christine learned creation science,

dreamed of becoming a missionary to exotic countries, worried about the souls of Jews and Mormons, and experienced unusual methods of sex education. With the threat of nuclear annihilation at the hands of atheistic Russians looming, she also frequently prayed for rapture.

At home, Florida life seemed happily to confirm several literal truths: the story of Moses, with its plagues that afflicted the Egyptians — from lice, to rivers of stinking dead fish, to hordes of frogs — might have been describing Christine’s back yard.

My Fundamentalist Education is a brilliant, affectionate, child’s-eye journey to Rosen’s home, school and small town. Set in a time and place when the Living Bible outsold *The Joy of Sex*, during a girlhood lived as

the Lord intended, among the tropical flora and fauna of Florida, its televangelists, irascible elderly, and itinerant preachers, Christine Rosen and her sister, Cathy, uncover the not always godly but surely divine secrets of a Hallelujah-ya sisterhood.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Rosen (*Preaching Eugenics*), a fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, knows her King James Bible backward and forward. For this she thanks the fundamentalist school she attended from kindergarten until eighth grade, when her parents finally figured out “what we were learning about television, and movies, and, most important, about men and women.” In many respects Keswick Christian School in the 1980s was like fabled Catholic schools of the 1950s: misbehaving students were paddled, girls forced to kneel on the floor to check skirt lengths, boys and girls required to keep a respectful six-inch distance from one another. But to Keswick students, Catholics and even some Protestants weren’t true Christians, and it was incumbent upon the children to learn “strict morals and Bible belief”

and then to “witness” to playmates and families. Alas, writes Rosen, “by the dose of third grade, I found I’d not yet converted a single living soul.” While young Christine was absorbing an ascetic worldview, her erratic mother was discovering — and unsuccessfully trying to interest her daughter in — Pentecostal fervor. Although today Rosen lives “an entirely secular life,” her tone is affectionate rather than critical, and her subtle humor and ironically accurate descriptions will appeal to others with stringent religious backgrounds.

From *Booklist*: Rosen speaks frankly about her growing disenchantment with patriarchal doctrines that ultimately contributed to her break with Fundamentalism, and she allows that, as a pre-teen girl, “perhaps I would have done better hearing more about Darwin and less about harlotry.” Still, she speaks with moving appreciation about her religious education’s great rewards, and as she pursues direct questions about belief — “How enduring is childhood faith?” — she makes sharp observations about the experience of childhood and how young people learn about the world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Christine Rosen, born in 1973 in Florida, is the author of *Preaching Eugenics: Religious Leaders and the American Eugenics Movement* and a fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. She has a Ph.D. in History from Emory University, and her opinion pieces and essays have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *National Review*, *Weekly Standard*, *Commentary*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, and other publications. She is also a frequent contributor to radio and television shows. She lives in Washington, D.C., and is married to lawyer Jeffrey Rosen.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

I asked Ms. Rosen about the title:

“I just wanted the title to be a straightforward description of what the book is describing, and that’s a fundamentalist education. I use the word ‘my,’ because it really is just my view of how that experience was. I know it’s not a view that’s going to be shared by everyone who had that kind of education. As for the divine girlhood I guess that came out of conversations with friends and

family and my editor, who felt after reading early drafts of the book that much of what was interesting about it is that daily life seemed divine in the context of going to the school. Because we read the Bible so frequently and because we tried to live it, it really made everyday occurrences have a sort of divine overlay, if you will.

“The education gave me a sense of meaning, even as a very young child. That’s what I was trying to capture with that title.”

The author lived most of her early years in Florida. “St. Petersburg is a suburban feeling town, a beach town, a tourist town and fairly tropical most of the year. So there are no obvious seasonal changes. It’s usually just hot. Growing up as a native in Florida you notice all the retirees and the tourists. There’s a constant influx of new types of people. Being in such an enclosed and tiny community at this fundamentalist school, the contrast with Florida was always great.

“I took one trip to Ohio when I was a child to visit relatives, but other than that, I hadn’t been out of the state much. The idea of people who lived in unusual loca-

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“Perhaps I would have done better hearing more about Darwin and less about harlotry.”

Hooleyfest, outdoor St. Patrick’s music festival with food, live music, and beer garden, Saturday, March 11, 5 p.m.–midnight, at Hooley’s Irish Bar and Grill (2955 Jamacha Road). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 619-670-7468. (EL CAJON)

Herb Festival & Tomatomania! Tenth annual festival and spring plant sale, along “with celebration of all things tomato,” Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Roster includes over 20 speakers, many demonstrations, herb walks, herbal products on offer. \$8 general. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Open Studio/Life Drawing and Painting offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring oil paints, acrylics, charcoal, pencils to work with live model. Sessions begin with a few short poses, followed by one or two long poses. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

The 26th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade is Saturday, March 11.

The parade — boasting floats, marching bands, Irish step dancers, Irish bands, and more — steps off at 11 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street, proceeds to Sixth and Laurel Street.

Parade concludes with festival at Sixth Avenue and Laurel: Celtic Irish Village, Irish music and dancing, food, craft booths, kids’ area, more (10 a.m.–5 p.m.). Free. 858-268-9111. (BALBOA PARK)

House of Ireland hosts lawn program at International Cottages on Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. Songs and dances of Ireland. Admission is free; Irish refreshments for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Who’s the Ugliest? Eleventh Annual Ugly Dog Contest, Sunday, March 12, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Many dogs expected to compete in 14 categories including ugliest dog, best mutt, cutest pup, best trick, best St. Patrick’s Day costume, others. Tickets: \$7 general, \$2 for those 12 and under; competing canines charged \$6 per category. 858-755-5913. (DEL MAR)

“I Almighty — If You Were God What Would You Change?” Make some declarations during discussion on Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Fred Hall’s Fishing Tackle, Boat, and Travel Show runs March 15–19 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to see boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors’ booths, and seminars. Hours: 1–9 p.m. Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$10 general, free for those under 15. 805-389-3339. (DEL MAR)

Local Jewelry Designers on hand to offer beading and jewelry-making advice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5–7 p.m., at South Sun Products (8601 Aero Drive). Happy hour every weeknight, 5–7 p.m. Free. 858-309-5050. (SERRA MESA)

Play Duplicate Bridge every day of week except Thursday and Sunday, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). \$2 per play. 619-296-4274. (BALBOA PARK)

T’ai Chi Chih for beginners taught by Pam Towne beginning Thursday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. or 5 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Learn “gentle movements” promoting “health, serenity, and longevity.” Fee is \$50 for five weeks. 760-944-9544. (ENCINITAS)

“Urban Trees 2,” 30 colorful and imaginative tree sculptures are on exhibit through March along one-mile stretch of pedestrian promenade from Hawthorn Street to Broadway Pier. Free. 619-686-6388. (DOWNTOWN)

Witness the Gray 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

“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 on 10:30 a.m., 2, and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$15, \$21, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

“Pinocchio” presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, March 12, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Irish Lullabies* presented by Big Joe Productions, March 15–19.

Show hours: Wednesday–Friday, 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

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 through March 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 chil-

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BLONDE to the BONE

MIKE JOHNSON

A NOVEL

Reading

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tions like Michigan was exciting. My grandparents lived in a trailer park on Sanibel Island, where 'snowbirds,' as they called them, came for the winter. We got to meet people from these other parts of the country and that too seemed exciting."

"How do you explain the difference between Protestant fundamentalists and Pentecostals and Evangelicals?"

"With fundamentalists, the most important thing is that fundamentalists believe in the inerrancy of scripture and they do take the King James Version Bible as the literal word of God. Evangelicals are a little more accommodating of modern translations of the Bible; they do not insist upon the inerrancy of scripture with the same strength as the fundamentalists do. And then the Pentecostals, like the fundamentalists, have a lot of restrictions on things, such as dancing or drinking alcohol. But the difference there is that they place much more emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit."

"The gifts of the Spirit?"

"The gifts of the Spirit — exactly. So things such as speaking in tongues and faith healing, those are the things that fundamentalists don't do but the Pentecostals do. I think the big difference is that fundamentalists

are the most strict about the Word, the text, the King James Version of the bible is the literal word of God, and so it must be taken as such. Whereas, I think both with Pentecostals and with Evangelicals there's more flexibility on that."

"From what arm of the larger Protestant church did fundamentalists come?"

"In the early 20th Century, they came from several different traditions. Our school was linked most closely to the Southern Baptist tradition. So that would be the denomination that we were closest to."

"How did your parents decide that that's how they would school you?"

"They felt that the public school option for us, the school that we were zoned for, was not a good option. It was in a dangerous part of town, it was not well ranked, there were a lot of problems. So, they started to look for alternatives. There weren't that many choices. There were Catholic schools, and since we weren't Catholic, that was off the list. We were vaguely Protestant so they looked at some of the Protestant schools and Keswick Christian School to them I think was the most appealing because it had the most rigorous academic curriculum. There was a non-Christian, secular private school in town. It was a little more expensive than Keswick

and they were less strict on the behavioral stuff; there were kids there who caused trouble often and they just felt that it wasn't quite as safe an environment for three girls as Keswick would be.

"My parents attended a nondenominational church off and on. But they were certainly not fundamentalists. They were, I would say, 'mildly Protestant,' but not necessarily practicing Protestant."

Keswick, I said, gave Ms. Rosen a good, basic 3Rs education.

"True. Especially when I think back to the foundational things that you learn as a kid in elementary school. How to write, how to read, how to spell, how to appreciate music and literature. All of those were things that I learned at Keswick. I had excellent teachers there. Devoted teachers. We had small classroom sizes so we were able to get a lot of hands-on instruction from our teachers. These were teachers that were making less money than they would have been had they taught in public school. So, most were there because they were dedicated to Christian education."

"Have any of the Keswick people seen your book?"

"I'm not sure if they've read it yet. I'm in touch with the current headmaster of the school, and I'm sending him a copy of the book. I did, while I was writing the book, go back to the

school and talk to some of the teachers, some of whom had been my teachers, and then some new teachers who are there now and some of the current administrators."

"Are you still a churchgoer?"

"No, I'm not. I'm not. I'm entirely secular now. My husband is Jewish and so we celebrate Christmas and Passover every year. But I don't go to church. In part, because I have not found a church that I'm comfortable in. I read my Bible often and study it. But as to churches I find that either there's too much fundamentalist in me for the evangelical churches and they do things with the Bible that I think are taking too many liberties, and yet since I'm no longer a fundamentalist, there are other churches that are stricter that have views about women, for example, that I can't stomach either. So, it's difficult to find a home."

As a child, said Ms. Rosen, "I took it personally. I felt I knew Jesus personally. And that feeling doesn't necessarily leave. One thing that education gave me was a confidence in knowing that I can always turn to the bible if I need it, and I can always read the bible and study it. I don't need necessarily to do that in a church. Also, I would be going by myself. My husband is not a Christian. So, that challenge is another reason why my faith has

“Pat Robertson has gone off the deep end. Some time ago I think he did. It’s irresponsible that he is claiming to speak for Christians.”

become a pretty personal thing and not something that I practice at a church."

"What happens that causes you to turn to your Bible?"

"It's like picking up one of your favorite stories from childhood. It's comforting, in the way that only childhood talismans can be. I still have the same Bible that I used as a child. Every time I pick it up it's just a rush of memory and good feelings about how I was brought up and the education I received."

"I just read it, portions here and there. I wish more people read the bible just simply as a document of civilization. Biblical literacy is in steep decline these days; that's unfortunate because, like Shakespeare, you cannot understand Western culture without a knowledge of the bible."

"The King James Version bible is gorgeously written. It's wonderful language. I think it's a shame that too few people

read it in the original King James Version. That was the version that we always used and never questioned why that was the version. It simply was the version."

"Your school was supportive of missionaries."

"Missionaries had an elevated social status. They were treated with great respect and often brought before us as examples of the finest kind of Christian you could be. These were people who sacrificed their lives and comforts and went to dangerous places to bring Christianity and the Bible to the unsaved. The great thing about how we were presented with missionary work, though, was that it was always an adventure. It was considered appealing, especially when you're young — the idea of going to Africa and saving masses of unbelievers was just dramatically exciting."

"Missionaries came every year and talked to us about their

dren 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 Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. For kids seven and older. \$5 adults, \$3 for those under 18. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

"The Fool of the World" — Russian folktale presented by Patio Playhouse Youtheatre, Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (studio 1 at

California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). Also on tap: Irish dancing, search for "pot of gold." \$4. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

Rossini's Overture from The Barber of Seville and Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 4" promised when San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents family concert, Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Pianist Chu-Huang is featured. Commentary provided in English and Spanish. \$5. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Make Puff Gliders during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, March 11, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"El Ojo Fino/The Exquisite Eye" family open studio event is Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Participants create works of art to take home; materials provided. Free. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. All ages. (LA COSTA)

"Jamarama Kids' Fest" hits Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway) on Sunday, March 12. Doors open at 1 p.m. for karaoke, storytelling, coloring floor, face painting, more. Main stage performances at 2 p.m. by Dan Zanes and Friends, Milkshake, others. \$25 per person; four-person rates offered, through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

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

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

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

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

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

made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of

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"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)

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)

Spoletto 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)

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)

The London Philharmonic and conductor Kurt Masur perform Britten's "Simple Symphony," "Symphony No. 1" by Mahler, and Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony" for La Jolla Music Society's Celebrity Series on Friday, March 10, 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

Violin and Viola Students of János Négysy and Päivikki Nykter perform Friday, March 10, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Mini-Drama and Madrigals" — a "dramatic *enselada* by Da Flecha" and madrigals from France and Italy promised when English vocal ensemble I Fagiolini performs for San Diego Early Music Society on Saturday, March 11. Music begins at

8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). \$20. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

Rossini's Overture from *The Barber of Seville* and Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 4" are promised when San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents family concert, Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Pianist Chu-Huang is featured; commentary provided in English and Spanish. \$5. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Small Opera of San Diego performs arias by Rossini, Mozart, Mascagni, Puccini and others, Saturday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: \$12. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

The Borealis String Quartet performs works by Mozart, Beethoven, and Ravel for chamber concert series on Sunday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$30. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Organist Chelsea Chen plans concert on Sunday, March 12, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). 619-232-7513. Offering. (DOWNTOWN)

"Peter Gach and Friends" — former Palomar music students who are now professionals join classical pianist Gach in concert, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Gach is celebrating 25 years as member of Palomar's music faculty. \$10. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Juilliard Orchestra 100th Anniversary Concert — with pieces by Schumann, Beethoven, and Bartók — Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15-\$58. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The Piano and Cello Duo of Edith Orloff and John Walz performs selections by Couperin, Martinu, Ravel, and Franck for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society on Sunday, March 12, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

Romanian State Philharmonic Orchestra performs works by Mozart, Shostakovich, Beethoven, and Barber, Sunday, March 12, 3 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Lane). \$35 general, \$10 youths. 760-451-8644. (FALLBROOK)

Hymn Festival planned by choirs of Pacific Beach United Methodist and St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 12, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 619-276-5300, 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Haydn's "Mass in Time of War" (a.k.a. the "Tympani Mass"), performed by UCSD Chamber Orchestra, Sunday, March 12, 3 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Orchestra joined by 100-voice UCSD Concert Choir, soloists. Also promised: romantic favorites by Glazunov, Fauré. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Haydn and Mendelssohn played by Emma Rubenstein (violin), Thomas

Stauffer (cello), Cynthia Darby (piano) on Sunday, March 12, 2:30 p.m., for concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

John Rutter's "Requiem" may be heard when St. James Choir and Chamber Orchestra perform on Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Piece is made up of selection of texts from ancient Requiem mass, Old Testament, 1662 Book of Common Prayer. \$25. 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

The Gennaro Trio performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, March 13, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Standard Classical and Romantic Music for intimate ensembles performed by students of Päivikki Nykter and János Négysy, Monday, March 13, 8 p.m., in recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Ninth Annual South Bay Benefit Concert offered by Sweetwater Union High School District Symphonic Orchestra, Sweetwater High chorus, and local musicians, Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (on campus of EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway). \$10. 619-267-5141. (CHULA VISTA)

Cypress String Quartet performs Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene Uni-

versity (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Music by Welsh, Scottish, Irish, English composers promised when UCSD Wind Ensemble presents St. Patrick's Day-inspired concert, Thursday, March 16, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

ART LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after March 16.

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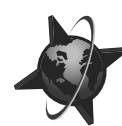
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“Arte Latino 2006” exhibit, in conjunction with San Diego Latino Film Festival, opens with reception on Friday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., at Barrio Haus Building (1616 National Avenue). Art by many artists featured, along with glass installation by Hugo Heredia, visit by Saul Castro. RSVP: 619-230-1938 X101. (SAN DIEGO)

“Possible Moments in Improbable Worlds” explored in show of digital photographs by Greg Klamt on view through Saturday, April 8, in BorrelliSpace Gallery (second floor, 4411 Park Boulevard). Reception for Klamt is Friday, March 10, 6 p.m. 619-299-0754. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“Seascapes,” open studio event hosted by artists Ann Lynott and Ellie Havel Wagoner, Saturday, March 11, 5:30 p.m., in studio F at Artisan’s Gallery and More (224 East Grand Avenue). Seascape painting demonstration during reception. 760-602-0140. (ESCONDIDO)

Polish Printmaker Joanna Sztencel makes U.S. debut with solo show of linoleum-block and plate prints, opening on Saturday, March 11, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Closes Thursday, April 6. 619-523-1903. (NORTH PARK)

“56th Annual Awards Show” hosted by Carlsbad Oceanside Art League is on view through Sunday, April 2, at C.O.A.L. Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101). Awards reception is Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. 760-434-8497. (CARLSBAD)

“Sincerely,” exhibit of panel and canvas paintings by Leslie Nemour

opens with reception on Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College’s Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). 760-795-6657. Closes Thursday, April 13. (OCEANSIDE)

“Landscape and City-Space” — exhibit of work by photographers John D. Clark and Robert Barry opens with reception on Thursday, March 16, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Through Saturday, April 15. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective “The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino.” Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery, throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time. Closes Sunday, March 19.

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

View “Art of Adornment — Jewelry from Five Continents” through August. “Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago” includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments,

household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament” is “latest project by this prolific writer, composer, performer, and visual artist.” The piece comprises two interrelated parts, a print portfolio and a woodcut motion picture. Each of the pieces in exhibit, closing Sunday, April 30, demonstrates Bolotin’s “continued interest in weaving Judeo-Christian creation stories and personal mythologies as a means to better understand the human condition.”

“Cerca Series: James Drake: City of Tells” continues through April. For this monumental drawing, Drake composed a Renaissance tableau, incorporating portraits of his family and friends, as well as diverse historical and contemporary influences (Diego Rivera, Dante, Bruce Nauman, Homer, Herman Melville, Sherrie Levin).

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

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

“La Dolce Vita: Selections from the Ruth and Murray Gribin Collection,” continuing through Sunday, May 7, features a broad range of works by Southern California artists including John Altoon, Baldessari, Vija Celmins, Robert Therrien, Irwin, and “a seminal 1958 painting by Ed Ruscha.”

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

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

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

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

“John Gutmann’s Century,” also on view through May 7, features the German-born photographer’s focus on “America’s joie de vivre, its parades, billboards, cars, and sports” during the 1930s.

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

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, “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” instal-

lation. 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.

“American Ceramics 1884–1972” demonstrates depth of museum’s holdings, with examples from key firms associated with American Art Pottery movement, such as Rookwood, Newcomb, Grueby, Van Briggles. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

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

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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Name That Fiend

Mikaela's Fiend returns to San Diego this week for the first time since their November recording fiasco

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that involved a Santee record producer. The producer, whom the band did not want to name, owed a lot of money to their record label, Strictly Amateur Films; he agreed to record the band's new album to cancel the debt.

"We were supposed to record the first night [we got to San Diego]," guitarist Chris Ando says. "[The producer] called and said... 'Let's just do it tomorrow.' That set us back a day. We went in the next day. [He] was supposed to be there at noon. He ended up not showing up until 2 a.m. that night.... When he did get there, we just set up and put up mikes."

What was supposed to be a three-day recording process turned into five days. For

much of the time, the two members of Mikaela's Fiend were left to fend for themselves at the producer's band's practice space.

"There was not one time that he was on time," Ando says. "We were just watching movies all day when we should [have been] recording. He didn't really

get the fact that we came from Seattle to record down there.... Sometimes he would



MAKAEALA'S FIEND CLIMBS WALLS

sleep while he was recording us. He would complain about recording us to our faces."

When recording finished, Mikaela's Fiend had one usable track, in part because

the producer had tried to master the songs before they were mixed properly. Strictly Amateur Films owner Matt Driscoll had to fund another recording session in Seattle, which Ando says turned out much better. The cost of that session will come out of the band's royalties. The album was supposed to be done in time for the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas, which begins tomorrow, but due to the foul-ups, the disc won't be out until May 30. The band's not sure what'll happen if the producer shows up to see them.

"I don't know what it'll be like," says Ando, "but, on our CD, we put 'Boycott [producer's name].'"

Mikaela's Fiend plays the Ché Café on March 13, with Australia's Grey Daturas, New Zealand's Die! Die! Die! and the Duchesses, which features a member of the now-defunct Business Lady.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Take This to the Bank

Three million copies of the *Walk the Line* DVD were sold on February 28, the first day of its release. Record companies have released at least seven box-set compilations of Johnny Cash music. Business has been good for the local bands that incorporated Cash's name into their band name.

On the February 24 episode of local-music show

Fox Rox, host Troy Johnson introduced Cash'd Out by saying it was the only Johnny Cash tribute band that had the blessing of the Cash estate. Cash'd Out is a tribute



JOHNNY CASH AND BASTARD SON STUART

band that plays only Johnny Cash songs. Lead singer Doug Benson sounds like Cash.

Then there is the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash, a local country-rock band that has released three CDs of original songs.

"We aren't a tribute band," says founder/frontman Marc Stuart. "We never set out to be a tribute band." Yet, the recent European release of *Walk the Line* helped the Bastard Sons book a 30-date European tour. "We leave for five weeks next week," says Stuart. "We're going to Switzerland, Austria, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Ireland, Scotland, and England."

Are the Bastard Sons endorsed by the Cash estate?

"We weren't endorsed by the Cash estate," says Stuart. "We were endorsed by Cash himself.... I met him at the House of Blues in Los Angeles in 1998. We were invited to his house in Hendersonville, Tennessee,

where we recorded songs for our first record. He told us he would be honored if we were his bastard sons."

Regarding the Cash-estate endorsement comment on *Fox Rox*, Cash'd Out band manager Jason Butcher says, "That is not true. We have to get [*Fox Rox*] to correct that."

— Ken Leighton

Brass-Knuckle Belt Buckle Blues

On Super Bowl Sunday, registered nurse Morgan Mieras had an altercation with a woman in an Oceanside bar.

"She was kicked out of the bar," says Mieras. "She kept trying to get back in.... I shoved her out to where she was supposed to be [on the sidewalk]. She talked shit to me and I talked shit to her. Then she came up and sucker-punched the bouncer. She hit me six times."

When police arrived, says Mieras, "They asked me if I wanted to press charges." Mieras declined the offer, the police left the bar, and the situation cooled until the lady's husband showed up.

"He said he had a .45 and he'd put a slug in us," says Mieras. "When he reached for the handle of his car, the bouncer laid him out.... He was unconscious. I stayed there and tried to give the guy medical attention. The guy's wife said, 'Stay the fuck away.' But I stayed at the scene until the ambulance arrived."

When police returned, Mieras says, "Someone

pointed to me and said, 'She was there.'... The cops searched me and found my belt buckle [that was in Mieras's pocket]. It was in the shape of brass knuckles. You see it on every little 15-year-old emo kid.... [But] it was aluminum. It had an extra loop for the belt and a hook on it where you hook the other side."

Mieras was arrested and charged with two felonies: assault with a deadly weapon and criminal conspiracy. Bail was set at \$25,000. She forked over \$2500 to get out of jail.



PHOTOGRAPH BY DEREK PLANK

MIERAS: WRONG PLACE, WRONG ACCESSORY

Oceanside Police Department Sgt. Leonard Mata does not dispute that Mieras was arrested immediately after the discovery of the belt buckle in her pocket. He says if she had been wearing the buckle, things might have gone differently.

Mieras says she purchased the buckle that day. "I collect

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belt buckles. I have a skull...a Cadillac emblem..."

Following her February 14 arraignment, Mieras says, "The D.A.'s office rejected the charges.... I never even had a ticket since I was 19. Now, when they pull me over and run my record it says I was charged with two felonies, but the charges were dismissed."

—Ken Leighton

Surprise, Surprise When the Black Heart Procession plays the Casbah on March



BLACK HEART PROCESSION READY FOR ROAD

12, about nine months will have gone by since the locals played their hometown. The show will be on the eve of the band's jaunt to the South by Southwest music festival (which they haven't played in over five years).

Pall Jenkins likens his band's infrequent San Diego appearances to "gourmet dining. You don't go and do it every night." Jenkins says there's a practical reason for their elusiveness.

"In the last year and a half [collaborator] Toby

Nathaniel got married and moved to Portland," Jenkins says. "Then we kinda went down a little bit and did other things while life happened. That's really the main reason. Not everyone's in town at the same moment."

Jenkins and the rest of the band spent roughly eight months writing and recording a new album (*The Spell*, due out May 9) because they had to fly back and forth between San Diego and Portland. Jenkins says his other band, Three Mile Pilot, has begun to write material for their first new album since their 1999 singles collection, *Songs from an Old Town We Once Knew*. The album, which members will work on between Pinback and Black Heart tours, is due out early next year on Chicago's Touch and Go Records.

Regarding Three Mile Pilot, Jenkins says, "It's not really to cash in. There's nothing to really cash in on.... When Three Mile Pilot was functioning, we weren't doing as good as we do nowadays with our other bands."

—Jeremiah Griffey

Rip-Hop "We've been together for ten years," says MC Frosty. "No San Diego hip-hop group has been around as long as us." Frosty and producer/MC Sketch are

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original members of the Icons. DJ/producer Demon has been an Icon for seven years.

After getting burned a couple of times, Frosty says a pending record deal with L.A. indie label Avatar will be consummated "...once the loot is in my hand. Avatar is big on soundtracks. They did the soundtrack for the [HBO series] *Oz*." Frosty says Avatar has agreed to give his group a cash advance and press and distribute their already-recorded fourth album.

Five years ago, the Icons released "Eff U Pay Me," a song that mentioned three record distributors that Frosty claims shorted his group on royalties.

"I got every kind of runaround imaginable, from 'We'll get you a check' to 'We had personnel changes,'" says Frosty. He estimates the Icons were stiffed for more than \$8000, the cost of the 12-inch singles that were fronted to distributors.

A worse injustice occurred at the hands of a Seattle T-shirt company that allegedly parlayed their logo. The Icons' name was derived from a graphic they created

that depicts four hip-hop icons (a microphone, a record needle, a spray-paint can, and a break dancer) in rounded boxes. Frosty claims that the owner of the T-shirt company got an Icons sticker at the 1998 Action Sports Retail trade show in San Diego; the company then mass produced the logo on T-shirts and sold them throughout the western U.S.

"That is not completely resolved," says Frosty. "We want more than what [the small company's owner is] willing to settle for. Dealing with him is not like dealing with Nike, where they have books and accounting. It's hard to deal with someone like this who is not much bigger than you are. But he did back off [from] using our logo."

Frosty says the Icons have never been about gangster rap. "Gangster is the dominant music genre in San Diego...but gangster rap keeps you out of the clubs." The group's new strategy is to sell a lot of records here in order to attract the attention of a major label.

"I need to sell 10,000 copies here. We want to stamp San Diego hard. Once

you sell 5000 or 7000 in one city, it will take you to other places."

The Icons appear at the House of Blues March 26.

—Ken Leighton

Yes, "Stairway to Heaven"

Thirty-one years ago tomorrow (3/10/75), Led Zeppelin — on tour behind their *Physical Graffiti* album — played a 14-song set at the Sports Arena. No band opened for them. Doors for the sold-out concert opened at 3 p.m., and seating was unreserved. No chairs were set up on the floor. (When the band returned to the venue two years later, Robert Plant would comment from the stage, "I see you've finally found your seats.") The band took the stage at 9 p.m., an hour later than scheduled.

As captured on the bootleg album *Symphony in a Thousand Parts*, after the opening medley of "Rock and Roll" and "Sick Again," Robert Plant implored the unruly crowd to "shut right

up" and "step back," as patrons pressed toward the stage. The drum solo in "Moby Dick" ran just under a half hour in length, and female attendees reportedly showered the stage with lingerie during the opening



WHEN ROBERT PLANT SANG FOR BRASSIERES

strains of "Stairway to Heaven." The bootleg album does not include the final encore, "Heartbreaker."

—Jay Allen Sanford

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"The Aztec Coffeehouse at San Diego State. I went for a high note, they suddenly turned [the mike] down...I never recovered. It's funny how something can go wrong and ruin the whole experience. Sometimes it works to drop your defenses, and great things are allowed to happen, but not in this case. I screwed up songs I had known for years, and I was ignored, which I can't stand. I tend to avoid

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Scott Wilson

“My Alvarez 5088C acoustic guitar cost about \$650 in 1993. I’ve written at least a hundred songs on it, and it’s starting to show its age. I like the way it plays, but it’s hit or miss through the P.A. Sometimes it sounds amazing.... The next time,

"I've always been a big *Simpsons* fan, although this year it seems to be taking a dive...it's kind of funny that the only real political humor that we're getting right now is from prime-time cartoons. There used to be shows like *Politically Incorrect*, but this does not seem to be the time and place to be putting your ass on the line for matters politic." ■

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FRIDAY

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Minus the Bear [198]: The Casbah, Friday, March 10, 2501 Kettner 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. 619-303-8176.

SATURDAY

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, Elephant, and the Morning After Girls: House of Blues, Saturday, March 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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.

SUNDAY

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.

The Crimson Jazz Trio: Dizzy's, Sunday, March 12, 344 Seventh Avenue, San Diego. 858-270-7467.

The Black Heart Procession [232]: The Casbah, Sunday, March 12, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

MONDAY

Opeth and Devildriver: House of Blues, Monday, March 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Korn [265] and Mudvayne: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

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 Syn: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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. 619-303-8176.

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, 866-468-3399.

Cesaria Evora [885]: 4th & B, Sunday, March 19, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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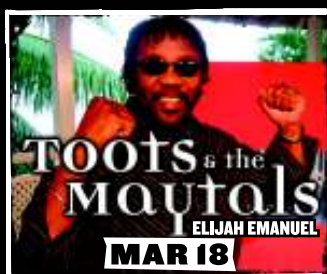
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Burt Bacharach [608]: Pala Events Center, Sunday, March 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, March 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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

Guster [282]: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Kem: 4th & B, Thursday, March 23,
345 B Street, 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.

The Waybacks: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, March 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Chuck Pyle: 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.

RBD: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, March 25, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Steel Pulse [730]: 4th & B,
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Particle: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Ghostface Killah: House of Blues, Sunday, March 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Eyed Peas [533] and the **Pussycat Dolls**: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, March 26, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Botti [689] and **David Sanborn:** Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, March 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Jon Secada: Viejas Casino
DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday,
March 26, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine.
619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Samite: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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

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 619-220-8497.

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.

Chamillionaire: House of Blues, Thursday, March 30, 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, 866-468-3399.

Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern,
Thursday, March 30, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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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.

Fall Out Boy, the All-American Rejects, and Hawthorne Heights: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 1, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Queen and Paul Rodgers: Cox Arena, Saturday, April 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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

Peter Frampton [523]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, April 6, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: House of Blues, Friday, April 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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

Taking Back Sunday [553]: 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.

John Pizzarelli: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Sunday, April 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Umphey's McGee: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Vanessa Williams: Rincon Casino, Thursday, April 13, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

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.

Yellowcard: Cox Arena, Tuesday, April 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie [476]: Soma, Friday, April 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield [529]: House of Blues, Friday, April 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 21, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 22, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Yonder Mountain Sting Band: House of Blues, Sunday, April 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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 619-220-8497.

Avenged Sevenfold [561]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-220-8497.

Joe Louis Walker [953]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, April 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Cheap Trick: Rincon Casino, Saturday, April 29, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

MAY

Jaguaires [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

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Used to be, a would-be saxophone virtuoso would try to "slay" one of the legends, living or dead, of jazz sax's past, by surprising the audience (and fellow musicians) with the ingenuity of his improvisations. In some circles this is still known as head cutting. Legions of young sax players posthumously took on the big guns of jazz — Coltrane, Adderley, Parker, people like that. You could hear it in their music and see it in their dress. Call it musical one-upmanship, but it was really a means of paying homage and serving an apprenticeship. For the savvy listener, it was even a way of sizing up a player, through the transparency of his influences. The bigger the names, the better. **Fermin Rivero** chose a mentor who not only revital-

ized jazz sax but one whose name also became synonymous with a new jazz format: Grover Washington Jr.

By the late '70s, a new jazz subculture was taking shape. Bored with commercial radio and mainstream jazz alike, it became an audience in search of the pop format known today as smooth jazz. Grover Washington Jr. emerged as one of smooth jazz's earliest stars. His gift was to link traditional jazz values with pop through beguiling saxophone simplicity coupled with macho, sexy, often dramatic overtones.

Granted, Rivero is more smooth than traditional. A transplant from the Canary Islands, he spent years in the UK club scene before settling here. If he lacks Washington's subtlety, he at least has the late sax man's rubbery tone and authoritative feel, plus a little more: Think Tom Scott's brassy attitude and Gato Barbieri's power blow, minus some of the concussion. Add Latino warmth and a straight-ahead jazz men-



FERMIN RIVERO

tal, colored with vivid club rhythms. Still, Rivero performs with an understanding of the foundation laid down by his mentors. It makes him a standout from the rest of the pack of bleeding-heart sax players who peddled their souls to the smooth-jazz devil.

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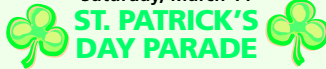


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Opeth: House of Blues
The Parker Theory [264]: Soma
Patient Zero: Blind Melons
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Satisfaction: Soma
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The Ben Taylor Band [278]: House of Blues
This Is the Hospital: Epicentre
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Stephen Pearcy: Brick By Brick

Perfect Wonder: Surf N'Saddle

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When the Raveonettes got tired of being accused of ripping off the Jesus and Mary Chain, the Danish duo brought in guest stars, laid off the feedback, and instead started ripping off Phil Spector, the Everly Brothers, and other heroes of oldies radio. The resulting album, 2004's *Pretty in Black*, didn't get a lot of respect, but it's a lot of fun.

When the **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club** got tired of being compared to the Jesus and Mary Chain, the San Francisco trio split with their record label, nearly broke up, and then came back with a quieter, more roots-oriented sound. The resulting album, last year's **Howl**, didn't set the world on fire, but it's quite good.

Without waves of distortion to hide

behind, bandleaders **Robert Turner** and **Peter Hayes** were forced to tighten up their songwriting. Their voices sound great, and their songs have never been so melodic. Cynics might say that Turner and Hayes are merely trying on blues and gospel styles the way one might try on a vintage coat — certainly, there's something second- or thirdhand about the Jesus-haunted lyrics. But musically, the band has made such a leap that it seems silly to get picky about the details.

Personally, I'm a sucker for Mary Chain-style feedback, so I'm not convinced that a radical change in direction was necessary. But, as with the Raveonettes, it's done wonders for the BRMC. That brings up other exciting possibilities: What will the guys in Interpol sound like when they decide to kill off the Joy Division comparison? What will the Killers sound like when they distance themselves from



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John Scott & the Magnificents: The Calypso Cafe

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare

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

Michael Ward: Humphrey's

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John Hull: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Natasha Alexandra: Lestat's Coffeehouse

The New Acoustic Generation with Michael Tiernan: Belly Up Tavern

Kyle Phelan: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Mark Polydoris: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Lee Tyler Post: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Tristan Prettyman [882]: House of Blues

Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Derren Raser Band: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Andrea Reschke: The Metaphor Coffeehouse, Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), Milano's, The Jumping Turtle

Gary Rich: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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Dustin Shey: Lestat's Coffeehouse

The Silent Partner: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Amy Steinberg: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

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Michael Tiernan [883]: Belly Up Tavern

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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 Walkrawler, 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. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th



Album: *Twelve Days in January*, 2005

Artist: Ashley

Label: self-released

Where to buy/price: \$9.99 from Amazon, CD Baby, Apple iTunes, Tower Records.com, Lou's Records, Tower Records (La Jolla and Sunset Strip), Mojo Sounds, SpinCity.com

Songs: 1) Come into Love 2) Back to You 3) 22 4) Angel Upon My Eyes 5) Jump over the Moon 6) Life So Ordinary 7) State of Mind 8) Weight of Emotion 9) L.A. 10) Fallen in Front of You

Band: Ashley, vocals, rhythm guitar; Darian Cowgill, lead guitar, vocals; Joe K, drums, percussion; Corey McCormick, bass

Website: www.themusicashley.com

Ashley's music is light, poppy rock similar to the Rembrandts (*Friends* theme song), Deep Blue Something ("Breakfast at

Tiffany's"), and the Goo Goo Dolls (buckets of vanilla pabulum). It's safe and khaki and sentimental, which has its place. I like soft rock when the

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 '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam

Atom, and Diskroid. 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.

mood strikes, and Ashley is about as soft as it gets. He's average in the Average Rock genre. Ashley's voice is high, lilting, and his power-through moments sound as though he's lamenting a hole in his favorite sweater.

Track 3, "22," has nice rhythm and is a bit more garage and rocky than the rest of the album...which is to say, not much at all, but to show he's serious, a canned sound effect of a pistol shot is added to the end of the song as an afterthought.

The lyrics are emotional and trite: "I will jump over the moon / Just to be with you" goes "Jump Over the Moon." "Angel Upon My Eyes" is, well, about an angel and eyes and not much else. In "Weight of Emotion" Ashley's intentions become clear: "Can't decide which one of the two you'd rather be with then just



Ashley

generally fall asleep." Don't mind if I do.

(To hear a sample from *Twelve Days in January*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4618.)

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Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., Andrea Reschke, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Derren Raser Band, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., Lee Tyler Post, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., Terry Matsuoka, pop.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, Misty & the Mobys, alternative rock. Saturday, Special Forces, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, Billy Watson, blues. Friday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Saturday, Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak, blues. Sunday, Candye Kane, blues. Monday, John Scott & the Magnificents, jazz. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Middle Earth.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, Crystal Sage, classic rock/blues.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Torpedo Betty, R&B, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Fish and the Seaweeds, classic rock, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., David Beldock, folk/rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Bordertown, rock/blues/folk, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Blue Largo, jazz/blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Citizen Band.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the North County Cowboys, country.

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, Triple Shot, blues. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, As We Speak, alternative.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, the Feeling Machine. Friday, Novastellar, Elora, and Red Ribbon Army. Saturday, call club for information. Monday, the Iron Workers Local 69, blues. Tuesday, Andrea Reschke, Little World,

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Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Lexington*, rock. Saturday, *the Shooters and Flight Risk*, rock. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., *the LeperKhanz* and *Suffer the Heat*, Irish fiddle jams/punk.

Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill, 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G7, Del Mar. 858-792-2226. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Blue Shades*, soulful rock.

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.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

North Coast United Methodist Church, 1501 Kelly Street, Oceanside. 760-439-4099. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, acoustic.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit*

Union. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Material Witness*, 10 p.m., DJ event, '80s hits. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the M-80s*, rock, 10 p.m., *DJ Hustle*. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

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, *Perfect Wonder*, rock. Saturday, *Concord*, 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 & 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 and 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 standards.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Patient Zero* and *the*

Camarillo Blues Triangle, rock/blues. Friday, *Bargain Music and the Wagon*, rock. Saturday, *Higher Minder*, rocks. Sunday, *DJ Greendub*, *Young Chavez*, and *Irie Eyes*, reggae. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Wednesday, *Reward Drive System*, *Your Favorite Band*, *Every Breath*, and *Idle Discourse*, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Emerald City*, *Big Backyard*, *Half Empty*, and *Meld*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Boy Toy Jesse* and *DJ Buddha*. Wednesday, *the Tim Terry Experience*, *On the One*, and *LaTanya Lockett*.

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. 858-488-4438. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Roots to Rockets*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *the Richter*, *Emmitt Kelly*, *Candelabra*, *Crescendo*, and *Rosecranes*. Saturday, *Right Above the Platypus*, 24E, *Polarstate*, and *the Fumes*. Sunday, *Root Regiment Hi Fi*, reggae.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and

Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant and Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Thursday and Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Trade Roots*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, 9 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, rock. Saturday, *Split Finger*, 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.

Milano's, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0121. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, folk.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, 10 p.m., *the Disco Pimps*.

Pacific Beach Bar & 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.

Qwiigs Bar & Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Thursday and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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, *Secret Samurai*, rock. Saturday, *Roxy Monoxide*, 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.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Shoestring Strap*, bluegrass. Friday, *Those Dang Robinsons* and *Adopted Prophets*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Ravens*, blues, 9 p.m., *Cash'd Out* and *Married by Elvis*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Ghetto Sage* and *Genius of Soul*, soul/R&B/funk/hip-hop. Wednesday, call club for information.

SAN DIEGO

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

The Bean Bar, 3111 Hancock Street, Point Loma. 619-299-3241. Saturday, 6:30 p.m., *Brilliant Red Lights*, *Irradio*, *Spell Toronto*, and *Fever Sleeves*, indie rock/progressive.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *John Bosley*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *FM Revolver*, *Fallen Away*, *Unset*, *Conflict*

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *the Fire Restart*, *This Is the Hospital*, *the Remedy*, and *New London*. Friday, *Darkest Hour*, *Himsa*, *the Acacia Strain*, and *Dead to Fall*. Saturday, *the Elected*. Tuesday, *Animal Collective* and *Barr*.

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Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

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Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Scott Wilson*, modern rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *5 O'Clock Shadow*, classic rock, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Quinazo*,

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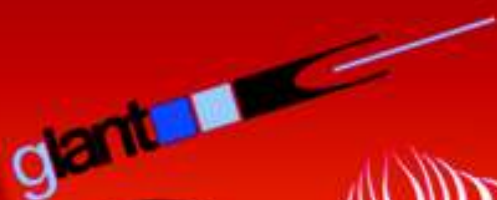
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In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

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, live blues/rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live rock/alternative bands. Call club for information.

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Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Silent Partner* and *Mark Polydoris*. Friday, *the Martin Storrow Band*, *Kim DiVincenzo*, and *Amy Steinberg*. Saturday, *Triple Cobra* and *Impulse*, alternative. Sunday, *Rachael Sage*, *Natasha Alexandra*, and *4-Way Free*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *John Hull*, *Kyle Phelan*, and *Dustin Shey*.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday,

8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

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, 8 p.m., *Arroyo* and *420 Blackbirdz*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Controlling the Famous*, *the Holy Fire*, *Operatic*, and *A Scribe Amongst the Lions*, alternative rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *VIII Fraud*, *Hyde*, and *Unwynd*, hard rock/punk/metal. Wednesday, *Mike McGill*, *John Bonnet*, *Christopher Cash*, *the Derren Raser Band*, and *the Dirty Kings*, acoustic/rock.

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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.

The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, San Diego. 619-224-4835. Friday, 10 p.m., *Buckley's Ghost*, hard rock.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday, classic rock. Friday, reggae. Saturday, house/hip-hop. Wednesday, *the Stiletos*, 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.

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Shenanigans Irish Pub, 7030 University Avenue, La Mesa. 668-1256. Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Big Rig Deluxe*, country/rockabilly.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *the Moving Units* and *the Standard*. Saturday, *the Parker Theory*, *Satisfaction*, and *One Republic*. Sunday, *Saves the Day*, *Circa Survive*, *Moneen*, and *Pistolita*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Rip Carson*, swing. Friday, *the Working Cowboy Band*, country. Saturday, *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

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., *Eddie Anthony*, *Erik Vice*, *Kevin Danzig*, and *Laura Kuebel*. Friday, *Alicia Champion*, *Brett Vogel*, *Dave Yaden*, *Jamie Robb*, and *Lauren DeRose*. Saturday, *Joe Cardillo*, *Kerri Kristina Bennett*, *Tiamo*, and *Tim Mudd*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*.

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I enjoy food — all kinds of food — for its sensual pleasures. I also understand that some foods are better for our bodies than others. But not until I read the recent series in the *New York Times* on obesity and diabetes did I fully realize the impact that our food choices can have on our lives. Obesity has become an epidemic in the industrialized world, and diabetes — a debilitating and life-threatening loss of the body's ability to process sugar — is following in lockstep.

Current science suggests that the quickest way to lose weight is through a restricted-carbohydrate diet, similar to that recommended for diabetics. In that respect, the hunger-free South Beach Diet and French Diet — both of which allow some fat and ample protein and distinguish between “good” and “bad” carbs — are likely to be the next big thing for today's bigger people. Unfortunately, sugar is the top taboo as the worst carb — and it's the one that many of us crave most.

If this means you, then Indulgence Sugar-Free Bakery and Café may be the destination of your dreams. When Tom Reise, then dining-room manager at Terra Restaurant in Hillcrest, discovered that his partner, Fritz Katz, had developed type 2 diabetes, Reise started making sugar-free pastries for his sweet-toothed pal. Soon friends urged him to take his gift to the public — and two years ago, he opened Indulgence Sugar-Free Bakery. “There's a tremendous growth of diabetes and obesity, and no one was really catering to that,” Reise told the *U-T*. “From a business point of view, it was attractive, but from a human point of view, it's a tragedy.”

At first, Indulgence concentrated on low-carb, sugar-free sweets, but within a few months, Reise decided to expand into serving three relatively healthy meals a day. He called on local cooking teacher/food historian Arlyn Hackett (who writes the “Slices of History” column in the *U-T*'s Wednesday food section) to devise the recipes. Today, the kitchen's headed by Brian Kelly (“Don't call me a chef — I'm not there yet. I'm humble”), who learned his chops at Barbarella in La Jolla, Parallel 33, and Bertrand at Mr. A's, among others.

The menu is based on the principle of glycemic indexes. (Hey, you, wake up and read this! It's — probably — good for you!) Simple



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carbohydrates (starches and sugars) that are easily converted by the body into glucose (the simplest, most digestible form of sugar) have a high glycemic index. After you eat them, the amount of sugar in your blood soars rapidly. Not only is this dangerous for diabetics, but it can lead to weight gain for anybody. An hour after the “sugar rush,” you're hungry again — the *real* Chinese Restaurant Syndrome, arising from downing all that white rice and cornstarch. Refined starches such as white flour and white rice, along with sugar, high-fructose corn syrup (which is present in just about every packaged food at the supermarket, including whole-wheat bread), and, alas, potatoes and mangoes, raisins and fruit juices — all these, and a pitiful lot more, fall into the category of high-glycemic-index foods, a.k.a. “bad carbs.” Unrefined starches such as whole-wheat flour, brown rice, lentils, beans, and sweet potatoes, and raw fruits with high fiber content (e.g., unpeeled apples) convert to glucose slowly — so they're “good carbs” when consumed in moderation.

At Indulgence, the cooking centers on “better carbs,” suitable for slimmed-down diabetics and for the post-weight-loss “maintenance” phase of the South Beach and French Diets (but not, consistently, for their weight-loss phases).

All bread products (including pizza, quiche, and pie crusts) are made of 100 percent whole-wheat flour. For sweetness, they use barley malt, fructose, fruit juices, and

Splenda, an artificial sweetener. Most of the fats are heart-healthy (e.g., canola-olive oil blend), but dishes that call for cream or full-fat cheese do get them. Fats may play a part in plumping people up (without fat reserves, humans would have never survived the first famine or Ice Age), but they don't affect blood-sugar levels — and in small amounts, they're valuable to dieters because they give a feeling of fullness that lasts much longer than a quick sugar fix. Of course, any sort of rabbit food (leafy vegetables, eggplant, summer squashes, peppers, unpeeled apples, etc.) is fine. Just about any weight-loss or “healthy” diet you try, you must eat shoots and leaves.

You're wondering, then, how does the food

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Healthy cuisine designed for diabetic and low-carbohydrate diets, including sugar-free sweets. Torani sugar-free sodas, small-brand sugar-free soft drinks, juices, tea, and coffee drinks; no alcohol.

PICK HITS: Vegetable lasagna; “spicy” pizza; chili-bean soup; Key lime bars.

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REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

taste? (As Hamlet said, “Aye, there's the rub...”) We called on our health-conscious buddy Hank to join us for dinner. Hank is watching his blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol — doctor's orders. (Yes, this is the same Hank who eats with our Tin Fork.) First things to reach the table were sugar-free whole-wheat-sunflower-seed dinner rolls (which, like all the breads here, are made by Charlie's Best Bread in Pacific Beach). For health-food rolls, they were light and pleasing. They came with something I thought was butter. Now, since the age of five, I've known the difference between butter and margarine (these days usually labeled “spread”). Whenever somebody has tried to palm off a “spread,” I've snarled,

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"I can't believe that you believe that I'll believe that horrible *gunk* is butter!" But this one actually fooled me. An organic, trans-fat-free vegan margarine sold under the Earth Balance label, it lacks that greasy off-taste of every other wannabe brand I've tasted. It passes the test — at least when spread on whole wheat.

The menu lists all the items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner under a single jacket — kinda like Denny's. There are no appetizers (just several side dishes), so we started by splitting a "Reduced-Carb Pizza" (ranging from 16 to 30 carb grams for the whole ten-inch pie). We chose the "spicy" model and loved the topping of caramelized onions, spicy chicken-apple sausage, roasted red bell pepper, sweet-tasting roasted veggie purée, and a generous pouf of genuine whole-milk mozzarella, as gooey and gushy as you could want. This was Hank's first pizza in over a year, and he was grateful for it — but even he shunned the crust, which resembled a thin, tough health-food cracker. After a bite, we scooped up the topping with our forks. The quiches and pie-crusts are made in-house along the same model, stemming from the early '70s when hippies were turning from hashish to health food. Abounding in the "wheaty goodness" that builds

strong muscles — in one's jaws — such crusts are best appreciated whilst in the throes of the Blind Munchies.

Dinner entrées come with a cup of soup or a house tossed salad. One of the day's soups was a chili-bean beef, and it was super, thick with veggies, pinto and black beans and, best of all, honest diced beef (not hamburger meat), just like real Texas chili. The seasoning was good, too. A bowl at lunchtime could be...lunch. Another soup du jour was cream of mushroom. It was soothing and pleasant and included the needed splash of cream. The salad (red-leaf lettuce, cuke, tomato) came with a balsamic vinaigrette of a grayish cast, thanks to apple juice and Dijon mustard. To my palate (I want *nothing* sweet on my raw rabbit food), the apple juice spoiled it. But if you ask, they'll bring you straight vinegar and olive oil to make your own mixture.

My partner's entrée, a pasta-free vegetable lasagna, turned out terrific. Layers of eggplant, zucchini, tomato, yellow squash, onion, mushroom, and roasted garlic were topped with Parmesan, provolone cheese, and pesto cream sauce — a fluffy emulsion of cream, basil, and oil. Light on the garlic, it was still delicious — although it lost its looks as it cooled, when the oil separated out from the sauce. But we enjoyed the veggies' lush textures, the tickling froth of pesto, and the varying flavors of the cheeses. It ain't mamma mia's, but it'll do just fine.

Barbecue sauce is usually a no-no on restricted-carb diets. Most versions include ketchup — *verboden* because it's loaded with high-fructose corn syrup. Not Smokin' Joe Jones's sugar-free sauce, served here with your choice of house-cooked chicken or salmon, or sandwiches of Joe's own smoked beef brisket or pulled pork. The sauce, surprisingly pleasant, is light-textured, smooth, and smoky and noticeably less cloying than supermarket brands. The pulled pork isn't actually pulled but sliced, and it's a little fatty — as it should be. (That's the haps with pork shoulder butt, any good barbecuer's favorite piece of pig.) The sandwich is served open-faced, with meat on one half of a hamburger bun, lettuce and tomato on the other, and a side of coleslaw to spoon on — all pure Memphis-style. What kept me from making a sandwich of it was the whole-wheat-sunflower seed hamburger bun — as dry and chewy as hardtack. That's a carb I'll gladly skip. The sour coleslaw (vinegar, sesame oil, and caraway seed) is sweetened with fructose, but I'd prefer the shredded raw carrots I've enjoyed in Memphis — sweeter and more interesting. ('Course, many Memphis cooks put raisins in, too — banned from low-glycemic diets.) Also along were a heap of baked sweet potato "fries."

Hank, ever virtuous, went for the curried steamed/wokked veggies, to which you can add grilled chicken breast, tofu, or salmon for a few extra dollars. Hank chose salmon. A scoop of

brown rice pilaf sits in the middle of the plate, to mix in or shun as your diet indicates. The sauce is a stab at Thai-style green curry, which the menu calls "medium" and I call "where's the curry?" I wasn't impressed by the farm-raised salmon either. Hank sorta-kind liked it, but I found the flavors over-sweet and muddy — bad old days' hippie chow.

Soon after this first visit, my partner and I popped in for a late lunch. I was tempted by a breakfast called "Create Your Own Eggs," which offers three scrambled eggs (or whites or Egg Beaters) with your choice of one protein, two veggies, a cheese, and a bread. Instead, I chose chicken satay — two skewers of breast, not overcooked (thank you!), and glazed with a smooth, spicy peanut sauce. The chicken is served alongside a sparkling salad of red bell pepper, cuke, and cilantro. The brown rice pilaf works well in this faux Southeast Asian context — its chewy texture recalls the sticky rice of northern Thailand.

My partner got the "Bistro steak" sandwich — Meyers Angus Prime roasted tri-tip, sliced thin and reheated on the grill (so you can't get it rare). A little dry solo, it's moistened by sweet caramelized onions, melted provolone, chopped lettuce, and diced tomato. Wary of the bread, we chose a reduced-carb tortilla wrap — way to go! The thin, high-quality whole-wheat flour tortilla has a richer flavor than the more common white-flour types.

But dessert, above all, is what you come here for. Indulgence bakes a full range of chiffon cakes (low-flour soufflé cakes raised by beaten egg whites), pies, cookies, muffins, bars, brownies, and cobbles. Almost every item in the bakery case is annotated by a small card giving complete nutritional information. Despite their lowered carbs, most sweets here are high in calories — they're treats, not daily sustenance.

I was knocked out by the virtuous Key lime bar — an alluring fluff of citrus curd atop a soft, toothsome whole-wheat cookie. (With only 8 carb grams and about 200 calories — like buttered whole-wheat toast — it'd be a dynamite breakfast for dieters dying for a Danish.) I liked it much better than its cousin, Key lime pie, which had that hippie-dippie crust and was further besmirched by a pouf of dead-bland unsweetened meringue. A fudge brownie (low-carb but 400 calories) was dry but had a decent chocolate flavor. The chocolate chiffon cake, too, proved dry and grainy with whole-wheat flour. I took home a rightly named "tower" of Atkins-friendly cheesecake, with just one carb gram but an ungodly amount of fat and 500 calories. The crumbly texture resembles a New York Jewish cheesecake with a tang of sour cream. Barely sweet, it's topped with whipped cream and set atop a ground-walnut crust. At second bite, I feared instant addiction, but a single portion stretched into three days'

breakfasts — you fill up fast on fat.

One of the hardest losses for dieters is chocolate. But it turns out that a little dark chocolate is actually good for you — it's just the sugar in it that piles on the pounds. Indulgence's outsourced sugar-free chocolate truffles are the chocoholic's relief, at just 15 calories and 1.5 carb grams each. They'd be fantastic if only their chocolate were better. It's dark enough, but not a premium growth: The quality resembles See's, hinting of gums or waxes. The blending of flavors is masterful, though, and I was taken with the mocha version. If you're more chocolate addict than snob, you'll love these confections.

The café is plain but pleasant, with modern canvases by local artists hanging on the walls (each with price tag attached, like Nashville comedienne Minnie Pearl's hats). The bakery case runs nearly the length of one side. Near the back, there's a set of pantry shelves where you can pick up whole-wheat pastas, flaxseed granola and crackers, Torani syrups, sugar-free condiments, and low-everything cinnamon twists to dunk guilt-free in your morning java.

A restaurant like this can't be rated with stars. But at the end of our dinner, Hank had the final verdict. "I'd definitely come back here," he said. "I can eat most of this food without worrying — and the prices are right so that I can eat here as often as I like. Anybody want that last bite of brownie?" ■

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I Miss the Guilt

“‘And lo, da boid is on da wing.’ Let’s eat.”

I’ll say this for Hank. His rabbit habit — nuts and twigs — sometimes takes us to new heights. Half the time I try to fight it. Put in a word for ye good olde burger and *pommes frites*. But today, like, this evening, actually, he wasn’t taking no...he would brook no opposition. Put it that way. He was driving.

So we’re heading west on Adams, turning south onto Park. Ah. Bet I know where he’s going. That cute little place...Café Caspian. That was it. Persian. Healthy. Haven’t been for a couple of years.

Two minutes later — *whack!* — there it isn’t. Something else is taking its space.

“No worries,” says Hank. He does a 180 and, across the road, pulls up beside a woody, patio-out-front place with carpets swooping along the rafters to form sun shelters, and, wow, long, colorful, wooden benches with pillows. Coo-ol.

Sign in front says “Soltan Banoo.”

We walk up wooden steps to the deck. I instantly plonk myself down on a big, Persian-looking bench-couch. Tall, slim, pale Caucasian gal with really short hair comes up.

“So what happened to that Caspian joint?” I ask.

“Café Caspian? It moved over here. The old space was too small. It’s the same people, though, Mahi and her two daughters, Roxanne and Sanam.”

Café Caspian, I remember now, started as a

tea shop with gifts and crafts and then they began to serve food. It was tiny, arty, clunky, with wild colors, lots of bumping shoulders, hip collisions. Loved it. The new location certainly has more room. It’s more woody, less colorful. Still,

I like it. Arches decorated with blue-and-white mosaic protect the inside dining room, and there are green lanterns, weathered bits of carved wood I bet they got from a market in Tehran, and those “flying” carpets for shade. Can’t help thinking of that great Persian linesmith, Omar Khayyam.

“Awake! For Morning in the Bowl of Night / Has flung the stone that puts the stars to flight / And lo, the hunter of the east has caught / The sultan’s turret in a noose of light.”

“Hey, dude, you some communist or something?” mutters Hank when I babble it all out. He’s kidding. He knows my dad drummed those poems into us kids.

“No, dude, but Omar Khayyam, that old tent-maker, he knew how to enjoy life. This was Persia, what? 1100 A.D.? ‘Come, fill the cup, and in the fire of spring / The winter garment of repentance fling...’ The *Rubayyat*, dude.”

“I know, I know. You’ve bleated it a thousand times. ‘The bird of time has but a little way / To fly...and lo, da boid is on da wing.’ Let’s eat!”

So, hey, we do — even though I discover I’ve got only four bucks. Hank moans and digs into his wallet, comes up with, wow. Maybe thirty. So I get a hummus wrap (\$5.50). Yeah, I know. Fu-

sion food like a hundred other places, but I can tell you that *this* is just so d’lish. Pile of stuff wrapped in a brownish pita: green and red lettuce, olives, avocado, feta cheese, bit of bulgur wheat, plus crisp tortilla triangles on the side, and a soy-ginger dressing. And it comes on this beautiful blue-and-white plate. And with a really quenching glass of lemon water.

Hank gets something grander. A \$9.95 *fesenjoon* chicken. That means pomegranate stew, a “bewildering dish,” as the menu confesses, chicken drowned in a puréed mess of walnuts and pomegranate with basmati rice. I trade a slice off of my wrap for a chunk of his chicken. It has that sweet thing Persians love. Next to the stew, he’s got another oval plate loaded with cucumber salad, and in between the two, there are piled-up red sumac berries to put on the chicken. I mean, this is sophisticated stuff.

I’m pretty okay with my wrap, but now Hank has the bit between his teeth. He’s getting a vegan salad (\$5.95, with smoked tofu, avo, and soy-ginger dressing), and hey, then the man blithely orders up a plate of *baba ghanoush* (baked eggplant, tahini, and garlic, \$5.95).

“Dude,” he says, as I watch him turn from plate to plate, “when you get something good,

you go for it, right?”

While Hank’s still eating, I head inside to pay the bill. It’s his money flapping in my hand. Mahi, the owner, is there serving the dozen customers chowing away among old Persian paintings, lamps of beaten copper, and an ancient-looking parchment with a protection prayer from the Koran.

“We had to leave Café Caspian,” she says. “It was too, too small.”

And this new name?

“‘Soltan Banoo’? It is the name of my grandmother, whom I love very much.”

Nice. I check the menu again as we go out. ‘Course now I see that on Saturdays they have a lamb stew (*abgousht*, \$7.95) and also a *ghalieh mahi*, which isn’t mahimahi but a salmon in a tamarind sauce with some curry in it (\$10.95). Definitely sounds interesting.

Then we’re back in the West, out on the street. It’s already dark.

“Thanks, man,” I say. “You know, you’re getting better at this — I mean, I don’t even notice that this stuff’s healthy. There’s only one problem.”

“What’s that?” says Hank.

“I miss the guilt.” ■

The Place: Soltan Banoo, 4645 Park Boulevard, University Heights (619-298-2801)

Type of Food: Persian

Prices: hummus wrap (pita wrapped around green and red lettuce, olives, avocado, feta cheese, bulgur wheat), with crisp tortilla pieces, soy-ginger dressing, \$5.50; fesenjoon chicken (pomegranate stew of chicken in puréed walnuts and pomegranate with basmati rice, cucumber salad), \$9.95; vegan salad (with smoked tofu, avo, and soy-ginger dressing), \$5.95; baba ghanoush (baked eggplant, tahini and garlic), \$5.95; Saturdays, abgousht (lamb stew), \$7.95; Fridays, Saturdays, ghalieh mahi (salmon in tamarind sauce), \$10.95; prices cheaper at lunch

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Fermenting a Dream

"It's amazing — we get phone calls almost every day."

It started, as these things often seem to do, in France. "We took a one-month trip to France in 1995 or 1996," recalls Kim Hargett, who owns Mahogany Mountain Vineyard and Winery in Ramona with her husband Michael. "We fell in love with the Loire Valley and started visiting all the wineries." The Loire is not Bordeaux or Burgundy, but perhaps because of that, "The people were really nice to us. We would be the only ones tasting their wines, and they would take us down into their underground cellars. We became very interested in growing grapes — we had a lot of land and didn't know what to do with it." Michael had proposed Christmas trees, but Kim thought vines "more beautiful, and very romantic."

"In France," says Michael, "we saw these kind of family home operations. They had their home, and a little winery next to the home. They made their own wine, for themselves, plus a little to sell. The ground was really stony, just like it is around here."

A trip to Tuscany in '99 stoked the fire. "The weather, especially, was just like Ramona," says Kim. "A few old stone buildings, some cypress and olive trees, and this could be Tuscany right here."

By then, Kim had already joined the San Diego Amateur Winemakers Association and had started making wine under the tutelage of local guru Lum Eisenman. "He had a mentorship program — me and two other guys, plus my husband. We learned everything, from making wine to tasting wine to

judging wine. For two years, I basically shadowed him. We used his equipment — we didn't have a crusher yet, or a press. I wasn't sure about testing acids accurately by myself, so I would drop them off at his house, and he would call and tell me his results. He even came out here and told us maybe where we should put a vineyard." (These days, the two get double-checks on their tests from their son, a biology major at UC Irvine.)

They started giving wine away to family and friends and fending off requests to sell the

stuff — they didn't have a license. "What really got me excited," says Kim, "was in 2001, when I made a Zinfandel Port that won something like three blue ribbons at the Del Mar Fair." For guidance on the business end, as well as help starting a vineyard, the two turned to a more proximate mentor: John Schwaesdall of Ramona's Schwaesdall Winery.

"John Schwaesdall is like the grandpappy of the whole thing," says Michael. "He's where everybody wants to get — nice vineyards, nice setup, micro-winery, tasting room, everything." "He really wants the rest of us to get major-use permits, because he wants Ramona to become a wine destination," adds Kim. Schwaesdall helped them get their licenses, he gave them all sorts of vineyard management advice, and he also provided them with cuttings from his vineyards. So far, the Hargetts have planted Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Syrah, and even Mourve-

dre. The two bought Schwaesdall's old equipment as his own operation grew, much of it hand-operated, though they did rig a motor onto the crusher. "He's very generous," says Kim.

He's also something of a rare breed, vine-wise. "This is one of the only places in the world where you can still grow French varietals on their own roots," says Michael. "John is on straight rootstock, and so are we. Everywhere else, French varietals are on American rootstock. We're kind of old-school."

There's a good reason why most of the world is using American rootstock — it is impervious to the phylloxera root louse, the critter that nearly put the French wine industry in the grave after it came over from America. But so far, the bug doesn't seem to have discovered Ramona, and the Hargetts are hoping it stays that way. "I know phylloxera exists; I know it's not just a myth. But so far, we seem to be isolated, and we only get our cuttings locally."

If the roots are French, however, the finished wine is all American. Stylistically, the Hargetts favor the kind of richness that comes from long fermentations, high extractions, and ripe, ripe fruit — "between 24 and 25 brix," says Kim. "We learned from Schwaesdall that you've got to have nerves of steel," says Michael. "You've got to hang on as the grapes are getting ripe, let the birds and the bees take their share of the harvest." That was especially hard in the years after the fires. "The fire burnt every oak tree around for miles. There's just nothing for the wildlife to eat, so they really hit our vineyards. But what's left is really, really high quality."

So far, production is tiny — around 100 cases from about three acres, with more being planted this year. "We just planted the vineyards in between all the rock outcroppings. We decided to go with the terrain as much as we could, leave it

as natural as possible." Michael opted for wide spacing — nine or ten feet between rows (to make room for his tractor) and eight feet between vines. "We want more land around for them to pull water and nutrients. It's pretty dry here, but we haven't had to water them much at all." With 45 acres, he can afford to spread out; unlike so many other wine regions, space is not yet at a premium in Ramona.

Someday, they'd like to get to 300 cases, maybe even 1000. But by that size, they'd need employees, or one of them would have to quit the day job. For now, says Kim, "We have day jobs in order to pay for our hobby." And they would need Michael to finish construction on the bigger winery building he's been working on; the current space is starting to feel cramped. In the meantime, they're selling everything they make, even at \$25-\$35 a bottle. "Our prices are somewhat significant, I would say, but I think it's worth it. We figured out our standard cost to produce a bottle of wine with our homegrown family operation, and then we just add a modest profit margin." Starting a winery, notes Kim, "is a high-capital investment."

And the price hasn't stopped them from developing a fan base — "It's kind of like a cult following," laughs Kim. "It's amazing — we get phone calls almost every day." (Ramona's being awarded its own AVA hasn't hurt business any either.) "Right now, we sell mainly to people ordering for weddings. We did one wedding last year, and because of that one wedding, we sold a whole bunch through word-of-mouth. People want to have something unique, and there aren't too many wines from Ramona, and there aren't too many made by people they know. All the ladies in my aerobics class ordered large quantities from me. They tell me, 'Your wine is so good. After a bad day, I sit down with your bottle of wine, and I'm all set.'" ■

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily,

lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and

the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.'s

Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting

is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — N.W. (10/04)

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker

and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Schroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bitter-sweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

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al gorgonzola is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelery," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list; half-price on Tuesday nights. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Chef Hannes Cavin turns out a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), the brick-roasted free-range chicken, and whatever "fruit creation" is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for week-end dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — *S.M. (3/04)*

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among

other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and

Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie

beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Three meals, Monday through Friday; open until 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservation suggested. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each 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. Reser-

vations 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)*

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambience carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Nathan's at Michele Coulon's 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can re-

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joyce. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele's kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: *cassoulet*, *steak au poivre*, *poulet Normande*. He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant's kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and affordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — A.M. (6/04)

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays,

dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home"

Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front

door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner and entertainment (piano or harp) nightly, closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

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 mummies' 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 muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-569-7519. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese.

Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Lee. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to

Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

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The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ

burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*
Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious 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 dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free

front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next

party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frit-tata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including New York steak or potato-crustéd Pacific red snapper. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but "charming"? This Turkish-run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranean outpost. There's plenty of surfer food (surf's a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber,

Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte*, Turkish mini-burgers in a baguette, or *lahmajun*, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch. Open daily except in winter, when it's closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompa-

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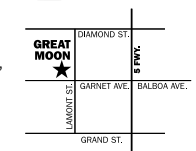
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These Bungalows 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W. (11/00)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. Other location: 534 Broadway (at H Street), Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut

drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro*

(seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Monty Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken

chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled

in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunchy-crust rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

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The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner’s mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as “Manolita,” a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you’ll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex’s Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex’s (now in the Mr. A’s building) is rightly famous for its “Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich” (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It’s, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. Closed Saturday and Sunday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is “it.” The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); “straw and hay” (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you’re that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

Berta’s Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg’s Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin’ Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known

cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta’s lengthy menu reads like a culinary “pick hits” list of each country’s best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta’s homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pot stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil’s African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Busalacchi’s Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi’s has that settled, warm feel, but it’s more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there’s the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari “steak” bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and

irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn’t be missed if it’s on the menu. There’s some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel’s outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. “Hearty Homemade Comfort Food” is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. “Matisse in Morocco,” Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don’t turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger (“aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese”) or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sand-

wich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to “extraordinary,” to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne’s incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Fifth and Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth), Banker’s Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly, and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost flawless. It’s a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a “wine dinner” that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf’s faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you’re deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don’t look for pure authenticity — you’ll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po’ boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair eleva-

tor to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town’s nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Jimmy Carter’s Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park’s lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant “napoleon,” and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake

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Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from

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Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are gener-

ous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims "New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style take-out? Way better than at the 99-cent joints, soups are based on sturdy peasant stock (Chinese mother style) and the sound sauces are made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. But don't look for fresh-picked veggies, too — it's Brooklyn, Jake. Chef Chen's menu includes Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese favorites, with a page of multi-regional "Chef's Specialties (#90-#107). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805. Open for lunch and dinner daily (except Saturdays) until 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or

fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street),

Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age

21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances.



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Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on week-ends), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — es-

pecially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only week-ends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chia-paneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple

Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

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chanchito, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or



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La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella

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Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her cafe have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or

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Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've

got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried

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Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana,

685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/02)*

La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadanas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (11/04)*

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolate mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Montezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camarón seco* is a shrimp

patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — *E.B. (2/05)*

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Vallarta 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before *El Toreo de Tijuana*), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldito tlalpeño*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The *soy hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You're going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don't want over-complicated food, Anthony's oblige. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (3/04)*

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pa-

cific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "*Il fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfi-latino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *putanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

Oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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Claudio Raygoza window-shops empty buildings. The artistic director of Ion Theatre, Raygoza stops at every “for lease” sign. He hoods his fingers over his eyes like a visitor and peers through grimy panes of glass. He looks at ceiling height, square footage. When possible, he goes inside and inspects wiring, acoustics. Could he put a stage in here? One hundred fifty seats minimum? Lighting? Outside again, he checks for available parking. If things appear promising, he calls the number on the sign. The rent demanded, however, and the costs of renovating the space send him back on his quest.

“I can’t walk anywhere with my friends,” he says. “They want to get to where we’re going. I’m looking for a place to stay.”

Ion is one of San Diego’s theater companies that have no home. Like Moxie Theatre, Mo’Olelo Performing Arts Company, and Backyard Productions, among others, Ion must produce when and where it can. These small companies do some of the most vital theater in town. It’s a wonder they produce at all.

Most days, homeless companies exist only as a phone number and a website. Since a majority of the theaters that provide rentals ask too much, the small companies move from site to site and hope audiences will follow. They can’t

plan a season, and usually can’t extend a run, if they have a hit, because their host theaters have schedules of their own.

The most recent example: Moxie staged Charles Mee’s *Limonade Tous Les Jours* at Diversionary Theatre. Were space available, this thought-provoking charmer could have run six months. Instead it lasted three weeks. “It’s heartbreaking,” says

Moxie artistic director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, “to see a show that has such potential close early due to schedule and lack of resources.” If San Diego had a 150–250-seat space for homeless hits, Moxie could have showcased itself and increased its following exponentially.

“When a theater has a home,” says Jessica John, artistic director of Backyard Productions, “it’s there: a place people walk past every day. It’s not only stable for the company, it makes for audience stability too. People know where you are, where to park. For homeless theaters, you have to add a fatigue factor. If you don’t have your own space, you have to do ten times more work.”

Theaters usually take a week to construct and dress the set, onstage, and “tech” lighting cues, costumes, etc. Since it can’t afford long rentals or preview periods, Moxie had to load in *Limonade* — “get the set in and safe for actors” — in 36 hours.

SCENE

JEFF SMITH



Claudio Raygoza



Delicia Turner Sonnenberg



Seema Sueko

“Little room for error,” says Turner Sonnenberg, “and it leads to some very long nights. By the time we open, everyone’s exhausted. And yes, we have one day to get everything out after the run.”

For Raygoza’s daring production of *Marat/Sade*, that cycle repeated itself four times a week. Ion Theatre staged Peter Weiss’s difficult masterpiece at the Academy of Performing Arts, a dance studio by day. This meant Raygoza’s cast and crew had to assemble the set — a hefty configuration of risers and scaffolding — at 5:15 p.m. “Two and a half hours of setup, all on an airtight schedule. Then we had to tear it down every night” and leave no trace that a theater was ever there.

“Actors and technicians stuffed back seats and car trunks with costumes, props, lighting

equipment. They were amazing. But even after four sold-out weeks, we couldn’t have extended. We were just too tired.”

Homeless theaters also lack places to rehearse. Since rentals for such spaces are also steep, companies work at someone’s house or, weather permitting, a park or parking lot — sites not designed for a stage, or the size of the one they will use. Small companies and their families, says Calvin Manson, “are always imposing on the kindness and courtesy of others.”

“My wife comes home from work to living room furniture rearranged and a house full of actors,” says Manson, artistic director of the Ira Aldridge Players. “My daughter comes in from school: no TV relax time before she does her homework; she’s behind closed doors, waiting for rehearsal to be over.” Manson, who is al-

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ways looking for rehearsal space, says his group has used churches and “cold garages, everyone layered with sweaters.”

Claudio Raygoza planned his production of *A Raisin in the Sun* many months in advance. He secured the expensive Lyceum Stage for a brief run, and contracted for a large rehearsal area at a community center. Two weeks before opening night, a clerical error evicted Ion Theatre on Labor Day weekend. They had nowhere to turn.

After “jumping through 5000 hoops, begging and borrowing space in a hotel, a backyard, and a high school classroom,” and having to move everything every time, they almost had to cancel: “The sense of panic was overwhelming. Our *Raisin* did make it on stage — and on time — but in such a circumstance you realize what it means to be truly homeless.”

“Father Joe says, ‘Give me your cars, your trucks, your planes,’ ” says Jessica John. “You want to help San Diego’s small theaters? Donate one — or a rehearsal hall or, just as necessary, a storage space.”

“My back seat’s full of press kits,” says John, “piles of

scripts, mailers, production photos, even a small chair I still need to return.” John gave a “beautiful couch” to another company because she had no place to keep it.

When a homeless production closes, because the companies have no storage, sets and handcrafted props get dismantled. Furniture, on permanent loan, gets returned. If the small theaters had a collective storage space, they could share a much-needed sofa, or period dress, or pantaloons. Such a site would instantly reduce some costs and scratch a big one off their list of myriad worries.

Being portable has advantages, says Seema Sueko, artistic director of Mo’Olelo Performing Arts Company. Sueko, who prefers “gypsy” to “homeless,” takes her theater into the community, producing at site-specific locales. She staged *A Piece of My Heart*, a Vietnam drama with music, at the historically rich Veterans Museum near Naval Hospital. “The space was ‘home’ to the veteran community.” Many saw live theater for the first time.

After a performance, a man cornered Sueko: “I’m retired Army, a sergeant. And let me tell you, sergeants don’t go to plays. But I’m ordering everyone I know to see this one!”

For a theater community to thrive, it needs the full spectrum: from Civic Light Operas

to experimental groups, from small and midsize to the big houses. Right now, San Diego is more recognized nationally than locally: over 20 shows have gone to Broadway in the last 15 years, winning numerous Tony Awards. But, as Sueko points out, “The larger companies need to fill so many more seats. That often leads to commercial work, stuff you can see in any city. In the major theater centers like Chicago, Minneapolis, and Seattle, it’s the small and midsize companies — Stephenwolf, Theatre de la Jeune Lune, Mixed Blood, Empty Space, all of which perform in venues of 250 or less — that develop the artistic voice of their city.”

Sueko also knows the disadvantages of a gypsy theater: “When you don’t have access to a space 24/7, it impacts everything from scheduling auditions and meetings to rehearsing. Much of your time and resources go into finding a rental space, which reduces the amount of programming you can do in any given year.”

In 2005, San Diego’s homeless theaters became more so. Two venues that rented to small and midsize groups — the Adams Avenue Studio and St. Cecilia’s Playhouse — closed. And last December, San Diego also lost a popular homeless company as well.

In 2004, George Flint directed Rosina Reynolds in



A Body of Water

Shirley Valentine, and Flint’s Renaissance Theatre Company had the makings of a monster hit. The show sold out at 6th@Penn, but scheduling forced closure. In its final week, Flint had to turn audiences away at the door. Months later, he secured a short reprise at the North Coast Rep. By the time word of mouth got around, however, the run had ended.

Renaissance Theatre Company is now no more. It has performed, often to critical praise, in various local venues. “It’s difficult to fill a 290-seat theater,” Flint says, looking back, “and you can’t cover expenses with the gross of a 49-seat house. All of the above are partial factors motivating my move to Chicago around May 1.”

The San Diego theater community mourns the loss of the Renaissance Theatre Company. Jennifer Kraus, marketing director of Moxie: “It’s frustrating to watch small companies, both new and old, receive awards and be adored by their patrons and watch the city’s reputation as a leader in the performing arts grow and yet see so little commitment

on the part of private developers and city officials to foster this growth.

“Space has to be made available for small theater companies — and not just by individual donors or fundraising parties that cost a theater more to put on than they make — but by the city and for the city. If this step doesn’t happen, these companies will be forced to close their doors. Homeless companies have short life spans because if you don’t have a theater, you *don’t have a theater.*” ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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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.

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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

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Dancing at Lughnasa
OnStage Playhouse presents Brian Friel's drama about Irish sisters, "of times long ago," and their ro-

mantic longings and anxieties. Carla Nell directed.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, MARCH 10, THROUGH APRIL 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

The Dating Pool
Girl Next Year Theatre presents Jennie Olsen's original piece about dating, "from the first date to your 'first time,'" based on interviews with San Diegans. Tisha Tumangan directed.
THE HOLE, 2820 LYTTON STREET, POINT LOMA, THROUGH MARCH 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-645-1158.

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."
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THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 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 Superstar? — 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. Slick-haired 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, THROUGH APRIL 2; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

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Into The Woods

tended the run of *Into the Woods*.)

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The Lion in Winter

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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.

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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, THROUGH MARCH 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY AT 4:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150 X2453.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a

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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.

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The Thirteenth

If recent history is any indicator, there are certain to be some plums in the pie.

When I got a new Macintosh four years and four months ago, or more accurately when I was given one by my publisher under orders to join the 21st Century, I felt I was all set. The World Wide Web, E-mail, Internet Movie Database, infinite cyberspace at my fingertips.

What I realize now I ought to have felt was something more like I feel after filling up my tank with gas. All set for the next little while. I am sure the warning signals were several, but the one that first got my attention cropped up on my regular weekly visit to encoretv.com, where I go to find out chiefly what's on Western Wednesday, but where I suddenly ran smack into a stop sign that read, "Upgrade required. Viewing this site requires one of the following browser versions or higher: Internet Explorer 6.0 or greater. Netscape 7.0 or greater." Huh? Or as they used to say in the comics of my youth, *Whaaa?* The links to download either of these browsers (new word for the day, meaning something other than casual shoppers) led me to a classic Catch-22 whereby, if the computer is old enough to require an

upgrade, it is too old to be able to download the upgrade. My Mac, it would seem, is so-o-o-o 2001.

To make a short story shorter, a new Mac Mini is presently on the way, but it has not gotten here soon enough to help me preview the 13th Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival,

which will open tonight, March 9, at the Ultrastar Mission Valley 7 in Hazard Center, and run through Sunday the 19th. I had blithely waved off the publicist's offer to rush me the hard copy of the festival catalogue, assuring her instead that I could just as easily go to the website. What I should have said was that once upon a time I could have gone to the website. Could, and did. Still today, the colorful home page of sdlatinofilm.com comes up on the screen nicely, but any attempt to go further, such as into Films or Schedule or Press, will be greeted with, "Sorry, this website can not [two words, for added sting] be viewed in Microsoft Internet Explorer if you are using a Macintosh. If you are using Mac OS 9 [otherwise known as Model T Mac], please use the following browser: Netscape Navigator 7.0 or later."

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Ask the Dust

Later, greater, higher — whatever. And there's that same Catch-22 again. The upshot is that, by the time I went crawling back to the publicist to request the previously offered rush job, I had lost a lot of study hours. So let me simply say that if recent history is any indicator, there are certain to be some plums in the pie, and I encourage you

and your thumb to visit the website in hunt of them if your browser is up to the task. I did have a moment to notice something new, by the name of *Amor Idiota*, from the Catalan director Ventura Pons, whose *Food of Love* a couple of years back interested me without exactly impressing me.

I have so far seen two of the new

films in the festival. *Ask the Dust*, by the non-Latino filmmaker Robert Towne, is a Depression-period romance in a largely dark, nocturnal, unsunny Southern California, a star-crossed affair between a gringo and a Chicana, or more disparagingly a "dago" and a "spic," an impoverished young novelist taken under the wing, at long



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Aquamarine — Pallid mermaid comedy aimed at tween girls or lower. Two representatives of that group, unnaturally perky, advise a more mature mermaid on the do's and don'ts of the mating game as played on dry land. No reason why that shouldn't have been fun (and educational) for all. With Emma Roberts, Joanna "Jojo" Levesque, Sara Paxton, Jake McDormann; directed by Elizabeth Allen. 2006.

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Ask the Dust — Reviewed this issue. With Colin Farrell, Salma Hayek, Idina Menzel, Jeremy Crutchley, Donald Sutherland, and Eileen Atkins; written and directed by Robert Towne.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/15, 7:30 P.M.)

The Boys of Baraka — Heidi Ewing's and Rachel Grady's documentary on an educational program sending inner-city Baltimore youths to school in Kenya.

(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/10)

Brokeback Mountain — Here's fulfillment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite de-

nials ("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 time-skipping follow-through. The greater detail and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrastingly, their first reunion, a clinch of 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. 2005.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILL CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

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 long-ago 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. 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

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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, THROUGH 3/9)

Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood*. Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the 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 viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller. 2005.

★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe — The mythic children's book by C.S. Lewis makes for a good children's film, better, to pick a couple of nearby co-ordinates, than any of

the Harry Potters, better than any third of *The Lord of the Rings*, albeit still rather longish at two hours and twenty minutes. In the first place, and in spite of the existence of six other books in the Narnia series, it has a beginning, a middle, and an end — and all in one film! (What a concept!) In that respect, it calls to mind the original *Star Wars*, not the original trilogy, much less the following trilogy, but the single, solitary film. The stand-alone film. The ending of *Narnia* in particular, with all its triumphal pomp and circumstance, calls that film to mind. The beginning, on the other hand, calls to mind an even better children's film, *The Secret Garden* (the 1993 version at any rate), with four parentless children packed off during the London Blitz to a gloomy mansion of rigid rules ("No improper use of the dumbwaiter," etc.), where they soon discover, at the back of the wardrobe in the spare room, a portal to the alternative universe of Narnia, populated by talking animals and a messianic lion named Aslan. (The transitions between the two worlds are dreamily seamless.) A prophecy, they further discover, has foretold of their coming as well as their overthrow of the reigning Wicked White Witch, wonderfully visualized — an icicle crown, frozen-stiff hair, snowman's lump-of-coal eyes, clammy, oystery skin — and commandingly played by Tilda Swinton. The narrative incidents unfold smoothly and swiftly and at times quite excitingly. And the execution of Aslan, in an atmosphere that reeks of a witches' Sabbath, is about as brutal as it could be without becoming as sadistic as *The Passion of the Christ*. His immediate resurrection, although the logic of it had been withheld from us, and although the Christian allegory of it cannot be ignored, is nevertheless easier to swallow than, subsequently, the prowess of the children on the battlefield or the wholesale resurrection of casualties on that field. The lesson in courage at that point, or those points, gets a bit muddled. 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 monkey-shines, 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 *Scary Movie*, a witless collection of references to, thefts from, and spoofs of, assorted romantic comedies, nonromantic comedies, non-comedies, 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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Dave Chappelle's Block Party — The titular comedian hosts a hip-hop concert on a rainy September day in Brooklyn (Kanye West, Mos Def, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, the Fugees), and beforehand rounds up extra partygoers in his stamping ground of Dayton, Ohio, including the entire marching band of Central State U., to be bused to the event. Chronology never imposes itself, and the concert gets chopped up into little bits — probably, as an anti-monotony measure, a blessing. The sub-standard video image, meanwhile, is an unrelieved curse. Directed by Michel Gondry. 2006.

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Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands — Jorge Amado's story about the ghost of an insatiable Don Juan who comes back to haunt his widow, now remarried to a respectable dullard, somewhat resembles a 1930s Thorne Smith confection, except with a grittier texture to its ambience, its

sex play, and its naughty jokes. The authentic sensuousness of the female star, Sonia Braga, shines through the overall coarseness. Directed by Bruno Barreto. 1978.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/10, 7:30 P.M.)

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 — forty-two 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 life-line in her teeth, is breath-stopping. There is also, in their months of aloneness, one moment guaranteed to make you jump out 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 (pusses 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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Failure to Launch — Romantic comedy with Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Bates, and Terry Bradshaw, directed by Tom Dey.

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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.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.

● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Four Days in September — Largely lifeless re-creation of a microscopic piece of recent history, the abduction of the American ambassador by a group of Brazilian radicals in Rio in 1969; a bit like a de-energized Costa-Gavras film of that period. Various factions and individuals are represented fairly, noninflammatorily, but flatly. The average viewer is apt to feel the need, if not the urge, for further investigation. With Pedro Cardoso, Fernanda Torres, Claudia Abreu, and Alan Arkin; directed by Bruno Barreto. 1997.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/11, 2:30 P.M.)

Freedomland — From a novel and 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, Aunjanue Ellis, William Forsythe. 2006.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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)

Glorious 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 Western (today, UTEP) sent out five blacks for the opening tip against the “basketball royalty” of the all-white Kentucky Wildcats. This story, within a larger story of sports in America as an agency of social change and collective consciousness-raising, is such an intrinsically good one (what took so long to get to it?) that it cannot really benefit from dramatization, or more particularly, Disneyfication. Nor can it benefit from its transformation into a visual accompaniment for a double-disc collection of golden oldies. 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)

The Hills Have Eyes — Alexandre Aja’s remake of the 1977 horror film by Wes Craven, with Aaron Stanford, Vinessa Shaw, Kathleen Quinlan, Ted Levine. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

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In preparation for the celebration of Latino cinema and culture that begins here this week, I suggest the following DVDs. *El Crimen del Padre Amaro* introduced the world to a new actress, Ana Claudia Talancón, and won an Oscar nomination for its director, Carlos Carrera. Ana’s in two films at this year’s festival, *Ladies’ Night* and *The Virgin of Juarez*. Carrera will attend with his new film, *Cero y Van Cuatro*.

Frida is worth checking out for multiple reasons. Salma Hayek, who played Frida, can be seen at this year’s festival in Robert Towne’s new film, *Ask the Dusk*. *Frida* also features such amazing singers as Chavela Vargas and Lila Downs, who are spotlighted in the incredible new documentary celebrating Mexican women singers, *Hasta el Ultimo Trago*.

EL CRIMEN DEL PADRE AMARO (Mexico) 2002, Columbia/Tristar
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Joyeux Noël — A pretty dream, inspired by fact, of brotherhood on the WWI battlefield, with the French, the Scots, and the Germans all laying down their arms on Christmas Eve, 1914, and celebrating the holiday together. (Big treat for everyone: Diane Kruger, as a Danish diva, visits her lover in the trenches and lip-synchs to the voice of Nathalie Dessay.) The preludial groundwork — children of different lands parroting chauvinistic jingles in the class-

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In preparation for the festival, I found myself munching on an eclectic mix of Spanish-language GLBT films. I suggest three tasty morsels as appetizers. With zero calories, try the chick flick *My Mother Likes Women*. Leonor Watling’s neurotic comedic performance brings to life a daughter that could only be described as the love child of Pedro Almodóvar and Woody Allen.

For something with more bite, revisit Javier Bardem’s Oscar-nominated portrayal of Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas in *Before Night Falls*; the perfect bookend to the inventive “doc” of Arenas appearing as part of Cine Gay at this year’s festival.

For something rich and creamy, try *Testosterone*. This soft-core comic noir flick doesn’t suffer from studly David Sutcliffe but is certainly stolen by Jennifer Coolidge and Sonia Braga. *Bien appe!*

MY MOTHER LIKES WOMEN (Spain) 2002, Wolfe Video
List price: \$24.98

BEFORE NIGHT FALLS (USA) 2002, New Line Home Video
List price: \$19.98

TESTOSTERONE (Argentina) 2003, Strand Home Video
List price: \$24.99

room — is very strong, but the rest of the work is like an overelaboration of a single vignette from *A Midnight Clear*, and at this length it can hardly help but become pious and preachy. With Guillaume Canet, Benno Furmann, Gary Lewis, and Daniel Bruhl; written and directed by Christian Carion. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/10)

The Libertine — Restoration period piece. Charles II of England (John Malkovich in a false nose) beseeches the Second Earl of Rochester (a rock-starry Johnny Depp) to quit wasting his energies on debauchery and to put them into becoming the king’s Shakespeare: “Give me a major work of literature.” What the

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The Teen Producers Project promotes community-based media, especially films related to community organizing and activism. Recently, independent media centers and festivals across the country have released powerful compilations of community work. *Precious Places* has almost twenty different groups contributing videos highlighting their work to preserve historic neighborhood spaces.

The Media That Matters Film Festival selected sixteen films made by youth from across the country. The films are humorous and thought-provoking in dealing with serious topics, and prove that the youth of America are in touch with the issues we face as a nation.

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sovereign is given instead is off-off-off-Broadway smut. Only when the rotter starts rotting literally (syphilitically) does he start thinking of redemption. Salaciousness aside, a dull costume party in a sickly green monochrome. With Samantha Morton, Tom Hollander, Rupert Friend, Paul Ritter, and Rosamund Pike; adapted from his own stage play by Stephen Jeffreys; directed by Laurence Dunmore. 2005.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/10)

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make a contribution,” but led by happenstance into the British upper class, into the affections of a sweet-natured, uncomplicated heiress (Emily Mortimer), into the family business, into a pact, if you will, with Mephistopheles, and into a bit of a sticky wicket. His prospective brother-in-law’s American fiancée (Scarlett Johansson), a struggling actress but an accomplished flirt, has a certain something that his own lady-love lacks: “Did anyone ever tell you you have extremely sensual lips?” And Jonathan Rhys-Meyers should know! These two pairs of lips appear destined to meet. The developments to this point and beyond unfold organically, efficiently, covering a lot of ground swiftly yet without hurry, in the craftsmanly manner of Golden Age Holly-

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Mira Mesa 18

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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Curious George** (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Dave Chappelle’s Block Party** (R); **Doogal** (G); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Final Destination 3** (R); **Madea’s Family Reunion** (PG-13); **Match Point** (R); **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R); **Munich** (R); **Running Scared** (R); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Libertine** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **Ultraviolet** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Tonka Tough Truck Adventures: The Biggest Show on Wheels** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 12:45; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Curious George** (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Dave Chappelle’s Block Party** (R); **Doogal** (G); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Final Destination 3** (R); **Firewall** (PG-13); **Madea’s Family Reunion** (PG-13); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **Syriana** (R); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Libertine** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **Transamerica** (R); **Ultraviolet** (PG-13); **Underworld Evolution** (R)

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; **Dave Chappelle’s 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; **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; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri. (2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:30 Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:30 Sun.

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

(12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40; **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, 2:45) 4:55, 7:05

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Night Watch (R) Fri. (4:15) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

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Garden Cabaret

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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, 7:30, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **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, 5:00, 7:00 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, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Yellowstone** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **Curious George** (G) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:05, 5:20) 7:40, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 7:40, 9:50; **Dave Chappelle’s Block Party** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50, 4:55, 5:25) 7:30, 8:00, 10:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50) 4:55, 5:25, 7:30, 8:00, 10:05, 10:35; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:00, 9:25; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 4:30) 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 4:30, 9:35; **Madea’s Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:30) Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:30; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri. (11:40, 12:00, 2:20, 2:40, 5:00, 5:20) 7:40, 8:00, 10:20, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:140, 12:00, 2:20, 2:40) 5:00, 5:20, 7:40, 8:00, 10:20, 10:40; **The Libertine** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:10, 9:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 11:55, 2:05, 2:35, 4:40, 5:10) 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20; **Ultraviolet** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:10) 7:15

Wilton. 2005.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON

PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Memoirs of a Geisha — Nipponese bodice-ripper, from the best-seller by Arthur Golden, though it plays as if it could just as well have been by Danielle Steel, a Cinderella story of the rise and fall and rise and fall and rise of a blue-eyed geisha in pre-war and postwar Japan. “A story like mine,” she starts out, meaning more than she means, “should never be told.” Nor should it be illustrated with the frenzy, flamboyance, and insufficient illumination accorded it by the razzle-dazzle director of *Chicago*, Rob Marshall. (Earlier in the gestation, it was going to be Steven Spielberg.)

LA MESA

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16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:40, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 2:15) 5:05, 7:30, 9:40; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; **The Libertine** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:45, 7:20, 9:35; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:20; **Ultraviolet** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 9:55

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Rancho San Diego 15

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16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:25, 10:20; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:30; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 4:50); **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55, 5:10) 7:35, 10:10; **Dave Chappelle’s Block Party** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:25) 8:05, 10:35; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 4:05) 7:05, 10:00; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15) 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15; **Madea’s Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45) 7:50, 10:35; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 12:55, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20) 7:15, 8:00, 9:55, 10:40; **The Libertine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:10, 4:45) 12:35, 6:45, 7:30, 9:20, 10:05; **Ultraviolet** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

16 Blocks (PG-13); **Eight Below** (PG); **Firewall** (PG-13); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:30) 6:00, 8:15; **Dave Chappelle’s Block Party** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 3:45, 10:30; **Madea’s Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (3:00

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MOVIES

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)

The New World — Two-and-a-quarter-hour history lesson, trimmed down from two and a half after its initial release, on John Smith and Pocahontas, and the latter's marriage to another, John Rolfe, and her intended sojourn in England which became instead her eternal rest. Terrence Malick's account is not a love story, or not just ("Love — shall we deny it when it visits us?"), but rather a vision of utopian idealism ("I shall make a new start, a fresh beginning") and the ineluctable progress of America from its native innocence ("They are gentle, loving, faithful, lacking in all guile or trickery") to its imported corruption ("Lord, they're gone away from You, they have not hearkened to Your voice"). No one could deny that Malick has a vision, or at the very least a favorite shot: a solitary person adrift in a sea of tall grass or grain, engulfed by nature, enraptured in a state of

childlike wonder, wandering around confusedly as if trying to remember where he might have mislaid his script. Large chunks of the words in a very sparse screenplay have been dubbed onto the soundtrack later, in murmurous, barely audible voice-overs from more than one narrator. (Most, if not all, of the parenthetical quotations above come from these first-person ruminations.) The employment of multiple narrators is of course a modernist storytelling device which Malick seized upon in *The Thin Red Line* — an advance on the solo, subliterate female narrators of his *Badlands* and *Days of Heaven* — and it sounds all the more anachronistic, all the more 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, O'orianka Kilcher, Christian Bale, Christopher Plummer, David Thewlis. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Night Watch — Manichean fantasy made in Russia (by Timur Bekmambetov) but infused with a universal underground-comic sensibility. It may therefore 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 soliders 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



The Shaggy Dog

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. Konstantin Khabensky, Vladimir Menshov, Valery Zolotukhin, Maria Poroshina. 2005. ★ (KEN)

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 bro-

ken 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 half-hearted 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 welcome. 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. 2006.

★ (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 VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author's mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Domino* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It's a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Rain — Family holiday on the New Zealand coast in the early Seventies. Mom drinks, and has the hots for a fancy-free bachelor with a boat. Dad drinks, too, but stays cool, almost comatose. (Nice still-lives of the arrangement alongside the lawn chair: bottle of booze, bowl of lemon wedges, plate of squeezed lemons, ashtray.) Blossoming young Janey (the unactressy Alicia Fulford-Wierzbicki, not a name tai-

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lored to a theater marquee) is supposed to be looking after little Jimmy, but is looking at many other things around her as well. Christine Jeffs, the first-time filmmaker, has something of her compatriot Jane Campion’s frank and nonpartisan fascination with female sexuality, and the whole thing is frightfully grown-up if not frightfully professional: stunted no doubt by the low, low budget. The meager, muted background sounds and the breathing-in-your-ear voices give the film a bit of the audio quality of a postsynchronized cheapie *circa* 1965. This imbalance in favor of the voices does not necessarily make the accents intelligible. With Sarah Peirse, Marton Csokas, Alistair Browning. 2002. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/13, 6:30 P.M.)

Running Scared — Writer and director Wayne Kramer’s indie breakthrough, *The Cooler*, was really lousy. Phony-baloney, showy, schmalty, second-hand. This, his subsequent excursion into the mainstream (with an all-purpose and oft-used title), is lousier. Phonier-baloney, showier, maybe not schmaltzier but still (in the end) schmalty, and third- or fourth-hand. Plus a fashion-conscious makeover in matters of style (desaturated color, spasmic camera-work, frenetic cutting), so pumped-up, so preening, as to dissociate itself sociopathically from the characters and their plight. 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 (Vera Farmiga), 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, Inárritu, 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 abundant 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. Cameron Bright, Chazz Palminteri. 2006. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Shaggy Dog — Tim Allen seems to have his opportunities — wolfman transformations into an itch-scratching, stick-fetching, cat-chasing canine — but the circumstances are strained to a point of discomfort: an abducted Tibetan holy dog, animal experimentation, mixed-species mutations. With Kristin Davis, Robert Downey, Jr., and Danny Glover; directed by Brian Robbins. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; 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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/10)

16 Blocks — The title specifies 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 the hour-and-a-half duration approximates the time limit allotted to get him there. Overextended even at that tidy length, essentially lazy, mediocre, and incredible, the film is nevertheless not devoid of humanity. 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, little 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 whiskey and his gun, is your sign to get serious about the movie. David Morse, Jenna Stern. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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)

Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnections, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same “realistic” conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspensus interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who’s who, it’s still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 3/10)

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada — Tommy Lee Jones directs himself in a slight variation on the last act of *Lonesome Dove*, once more hauling the carcass of a close friend on horseback to his chosen resting place. This time he has the unwilling help of the friend’s killer, a carpetbagging Border Patrolman from Cincinnati, who is made as unsympathetic as possible, brutalizing Mexican illegals, reading *Hustler* on the job, forcing himself on his wife from behind when she’s trying to fix dinner and watch her favorite soap. The story is told nonsequentially and a touch incoherently, but Jones has a knowing eye for Tex-Mex squalor and ugliness, and he sniffs out some pungent gruesome details: e.g., setting the corpse’s head on fire to beat back an attack of ants. With Barry Pepper, Julio Cedillo, Dwight Yoakam, January Jones, Melissa Leo. 2005. ★ (ESCONDIDO 16; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; 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 Dun-

can 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; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story — 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 *8½*.) 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 Breton 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. With Rob Brydon, Naomie Harris, Kelly Macdonald, Jeremy Northam, Ian Hart, and Gillian Anderson. 2006. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Ultraviolet — Ultraviolet vision of the future, where a more virulent strain of HIV (labelled HGV) has touched off the Blood Wars between humans and hemophages

(a/k/a vampires). A live-action cartoon, or anyway partly live-action, built around Milla Jovovich as a martial-arts superheroine with a computer-airbrushed face. It gives a chill. Not a pleasant chill. With Nick Chinlund and Cameron Bright; written and directed by Kurt Wimmer. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Underworld Evolution — Kate Beckinsale, back again in the blue-hued sequel as the black-leather vampiress and werewolf-slayer, demonstrates fidelity if not taste: the director, Len Wiseman, is her hubby. Fidelity in this case could indicate no taste as well. With Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Steven Mackintosh, and Bill Nighy. 2006. ● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year’s *Ray*, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix’s impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective “uncanny” to the noun “likeness.” Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breastroker’s air-gulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn’t help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon’s June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash’s cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 7)

When a Stranger Calls — Simon West’s remake of a decent little well-structured somber thriller, vintage 1979, indelicately 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. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14; 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 admirably (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, THROUGH 3/9)

The World’s Fastest Indian — Roger Donaldson’s indulgent, ingratiating character sketch of New Zealander Burt Munro (an oddly cast Anthony Hopkins, feigning extroversion), on a mid-Sixties pilgrimage to the hallowed ground of the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, where, battling a bad heart and a bad prostate, he hopes to set a land-speed record on his retooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feel-goody, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005. ★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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Diario San Diego

Una de las notas más resonantes de la semana fue la condena a 20 años de prisión de un agente de la Patrulla Fronteriza de Estados Unidos por haber permitido el libre paso a los traficantes de marihuana y de cocaína por los puestos de control del Sur de Texas. Su hermano fue sentenciado a 17 años y medio de prisión.

El agente Juan Álvarez, de 36 años, y su hermano, José

Guadalupe Álvarez, de 39 años, ambos naturales de Laredo, Texas, se declararon culpables en mayo de haber planeado sobornar a un funcionario público y de haber portado con la intención de distribuir más de mil kilogramos de marihuana y más de cinco kilos de cocaína, dijo el fiscal Chuck Rosenberg.

Al leer la sentencia, el juez George P. Kazen señaló que entre junio del 2003 y abril del 2005, los hermanos Al-

várez obtuvieron unos 1.5 millones de dólares en sobornos de los traficantes de drogas para que garantizaran el libre paso de más de 30 mil kilogramos de marihuana a través de puestos de la Patrulla Fronteriza.

Juan Álvarez estaba a cargo de un puesto de control en la autopista a 100 kilómetros de la frontera con México. El promedio de estadía en estas instalaciones carcelarias es de 22 días.



miércoles

Pega tormenta

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

La primera tormenta del año dejó un saldo de 177 accidentes en las carreteras del condado de San Diego.

Usualmente, en un día sin lluvia esta agencia registra un promedio de 50 accidentes.

“La gente siempre dice que por causa de la lluvia hay accidentes, pero en realidad los conductores son los responsables, no manejan con precaución y por eso hay más incidentes que los normales”, dijo John Nevares, oficial de la Patrulla de Caminos de California.

Durante un recorrido por las calles y autopistas de la ciudad, Diario San Diego se percató de un sinnúmero de accidentes, autos averiados, encharcamientos e inundaciones que dieron como resultado el cierre temporal de varias arterias viales.

Tal es el caso de la ya acostumbrada inundación en el área de Fashion Valley debido al desbordamiento del Río San Diego que cruza paralelo a la avenida Camino de la Reina entre los centros comerciales

de Misión y Fashion Valley.

En esa área se cerró la calle Avenida del Río en la intersección de Camino de la Reina debido a que es la parte más baja del río que se desbordó causando una seria inundación en esa área.

Por su parte en la ciudad de Tijuana se registraron un total de 27 accidentes automovilísticos, uno de ellos con una víctima fatal.

La lluvia provocó encharcamientos de leves a moderados en algunas de la ciudad. Uno de ellos le costó la vida al subdirector de Mantenimiento Urbano, arquitecto José Guadalupe Morales Muñoz, cuando su auto oficial derrapó cuando transitaba por la vía rápida Poniente.



jueves



Ganan con apuros

Diario San Diego

La selección mexicana de fútbol venció 1-0 a su similar de Ghana en un duelo amistoso que se jugó en la ciudad de Frisco, Texas; el gol del equipo Tricolor fue anotado por Guillermo Franco.

El partido se jugó en la media cancha, con ambos equipos cuidando celosamente sus respectivos arcos.

Hubo pocas llegas de peligro hasta que Franco, un argentino naturalizado que juega con el Villarreal español, cambió el panorama.

Franco recibió un centro de Alonso Sandoval y cabeceó al palo derecho del portero George Owu para el único gol del partido.

México jugará en el grupo D de la Copa del Mundo con Irán, Angola y Portugal, mientras que Ghana está en el grupo E con Italia, Estados Unidos y República Checa.

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Insensible asesinato

Nelly Cervantes E.

Diario San Diego

Dos jóvenes, una norteamericana y un iraquí, fueron asesinados tras un asalto a mano armada en su lugar de empleo.

La licorería Granada Liquor ubicada en el 930 de la calle Broadway, en el área de El Cajón, fue el escenario del crimen.

Las víctimas fueron baleadas en el estómago y parte trasera de la cabeza, ambos

fueron encontrados muertos por oficiales policíacos.

El delito consternó a la comunidad del área pero residentes aseguraron que los robos de licorerías son cosas que pasan a menudo

“Todos los días hay asaltos a establecimientos, el problema es que la gente no los reporta y el público nunca se enterar mas que cuando ocurren casos como este”, comentó Auday P. Arabo, presidente de la organización de propietarios

de tiendas independientes de California (IGCS).

Decenas de personas se congregaron frente al negocio donde fueron asesinados los jóvenes para realizar una vigilia en su memoria.

El lunes seis de marzo se llevaron a cabo los funerales de las víctimas mientras la policía sigue investigando el caso para dar con el paradero de la persona o las personas que cometieron el crimen.



“Crash” en los Oscars

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La película “Crash” obtuvo el Oscar a la Mejor Película en la 78 edición de los premios de la Academia de Artes y Ciencias Cinematográficas de Hollywood, lo que la convirtió así en la gran sorpresa de los galardones más prestigiosos del cine.

“Crash” consiguió tres estatuillas (mejor película, mejor guión original y mejor montaje), el mismo número que “Brokeback Mountain”, que partía como gran favorita, con ocho candidaturas, pero que tuvo que conformarse con el Oscar al mejor director, mejor guión adaptado y mejor banda sonora original.

El director de “Crash”, Paul Haggis, y la productora Cathy Schulman, recibieron el galardón de manos del actor Jack Nicholson.

Schulman agradeció el trabajo de todos los que participaron en la película y el apoyo de su marido por “todos estos años sensacionales”.

El triunfo de “Crash” dejó sin galardón a “Capote”; “Brokeback Mountain”; “Good night, and good luck” y “Munich”.

“Crash”, una producción estadounidense independiente, cuyo rodaje costó 7.5 millones de dólares, nació de la mente del canadiense Haggis tras sufrir en 1991 en Los Ángeles un atraco, durante el que le robaron el automóvil.

Su victoria vino acompañada

de gritos de sorpresa y aplausos de felicitación al quedarse con el que se esperaba que fuera un premio para “Brokeback Mountain”.

El latino que brilló en la noche de los fue el argentino Oscars Gustavo Santaolalla quien ganó el premio por la mejor banda sonora de la película Brokeback Mountain

Lista completa de ganadores de la 78 edición de los premios Oscar de la Academia de Artes y Ciencias Cinematográficas de Hollywood:

- PELÍCULA: “Crash”
- DIRECTOR: Ang Lee, por “Brokeback Mountain”
- ACTOR: Philip Seymour Hoffman, por “Capote”
- ACTOR SECUNDARIO: George Clooney, por “Syriana”
- ACTRIZ: Reese Witherspoon, por “Walk the Line”
- ACTRIZ SECUNDARIA: Rachel Weisz, por “The Constant Gardener”
- PELÍCULA EN LENGUA EXTRANJERA: “Tsotsi” (Sudáfrica).
- PELÍCULA DE ANIMACIÓN: “Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit”.
- DIRECCIÓN DE ARTE: “Memoirs of a Geisha”
- FOTOGRAFÍA: “Memoirs of a Geisha”
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- DOCUMENTAL: “March of the Penguins”
- CORTOMETRAJE DOCUMENTAL: “A Note of Triumph: the

Golden Age of Norman Corwin”.

- MONTAJE: “Crash”
- MAQUILLAJE: “The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”
- BANDA SONORA: Gustavo Santaolalla, por “Brokeback Mountain”
- CANCIÓN: “It’s Hard Out Here for a Pimp” (“Hustle & Flow”)
- CORTOMETRAJE DE ANIMACIÓN: “The Moon and the Son: an Imagined Conversation”
- CORTOMETRAJE: “Six Shooter”
- MONTAJE SONORO: “King Kong”
- MEZCLA DE SONIDO: “King Kong”
- EFECTOS VISUALES: “King Kong”
- GUION ADAPTADO: “Brokeback Mountain”
- GUION ORIGINAL: “Crash”.

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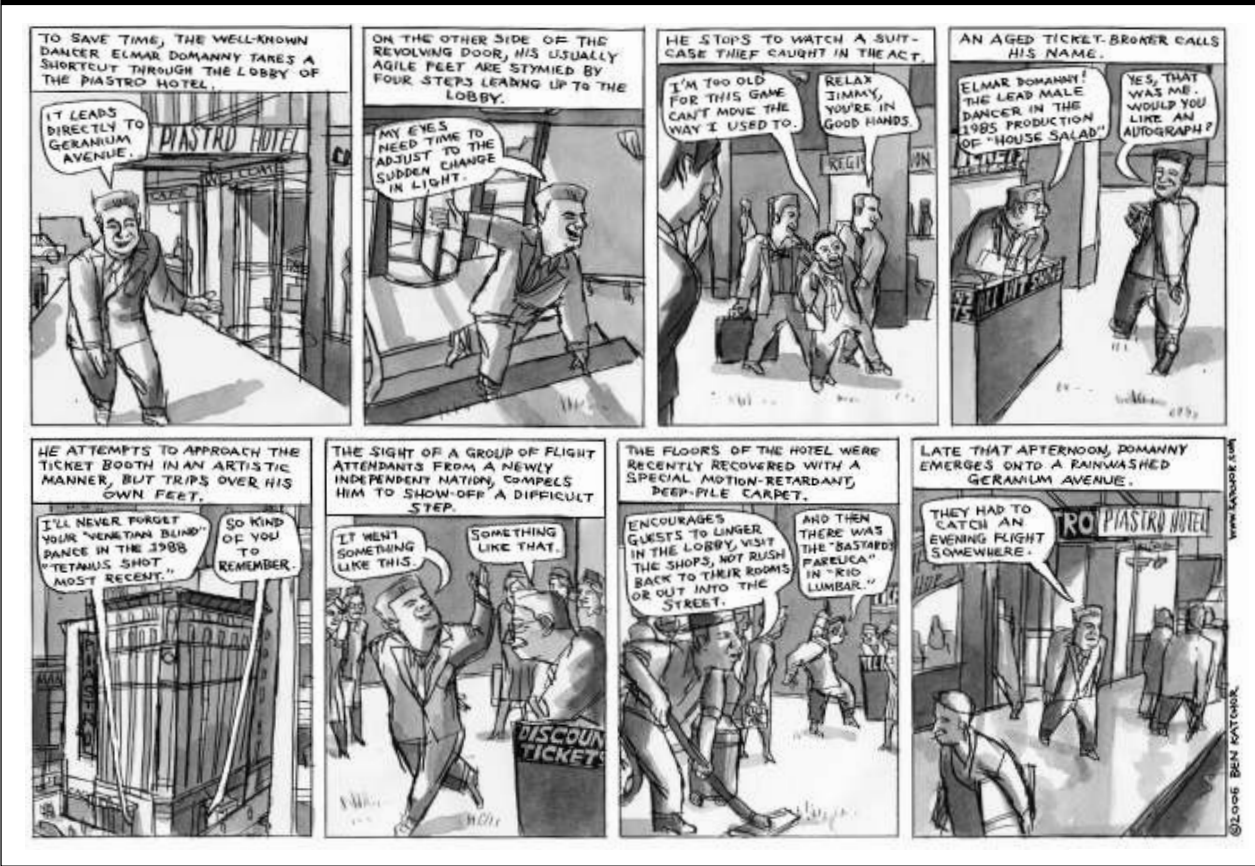
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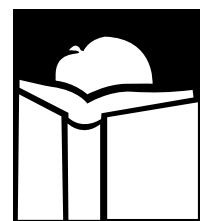
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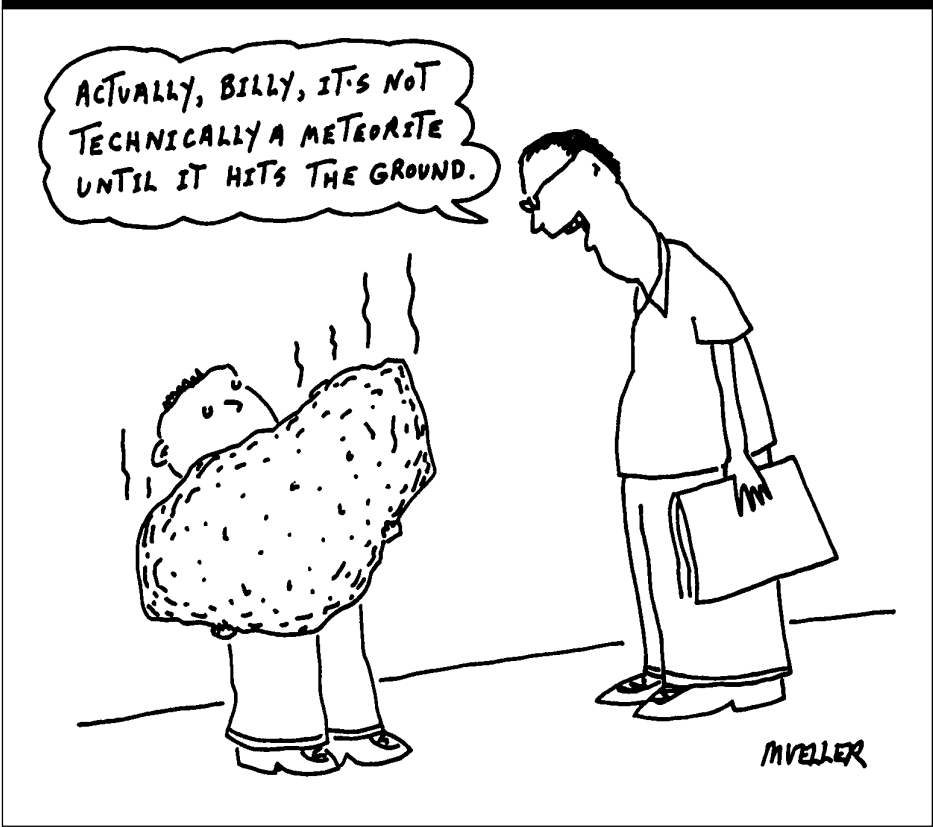
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- Fresh
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- Top billing recipient (or a punny clue for 66-Across)
- Clinton's Attorney General
- Fashion inits.
- Little character of Oz?
- Beethoven's "____ Joy"
- Kind of number
- More than enjoyed
- Request for permission
- Arrives on horseback, perhaps
- Bitter
- Does Hamlet or Macbeth
- Accidentally reveal
- Clinton's "____ a Village"
- Think piece
- The NBA's Dampier or Strickland
- Indicate
- Sippy cup users
- Multi-CD buy
- Author Tan
- "Charlotte's Web" boy
- Rite answer
- "____ Charlotte Simmons" (Tom Wolfe book)
- Outlaws
- 1980s TV drama about bounty hunter Colt Seavers (or a punny clue for 66-Across)
- Suffix with switch or smack
- Sitarist Shankar
- Opportunities, so to speak
- Spacek's Oscar-winning role
- This puzzle's subject
- Jack who ate no fat

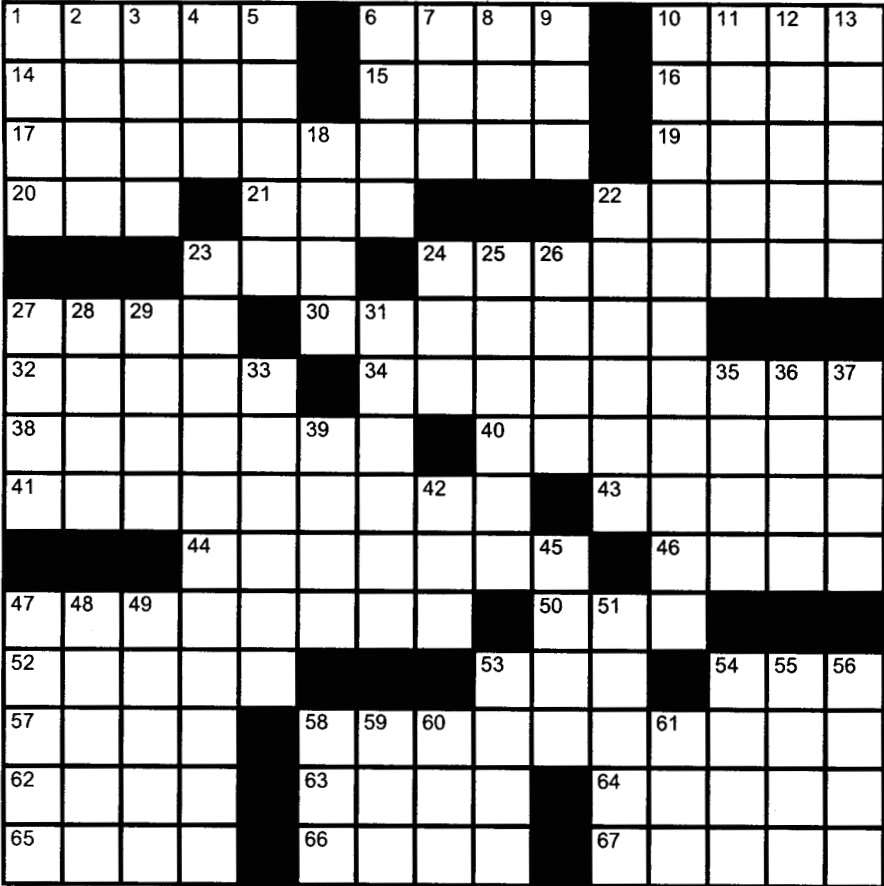
Down

- The "O" in SRO
- Tony winner Caldwell and others
- NASCAR track
- Homer's TV neighbor
- "My Fair Lady" lady
- One for the books?
- Crest rival
- Nutrition fig.
- "Jeopardy!" millionaire Jennings
- 1922 Katherine Mansfield short story, with "The" (or a punny clue for 66-Across)
- On ____-to-know basis
- Language group including Zulu

- Posture problem
- On deck
- Narcotic
- I, e.g. (or a punny clue for 66-Across)
- Place: Abbr.
- Famous Hun
- "You there!"
- Alpha ____
- Breezed through
- Himalayan beast
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- ____ Mary
- Sony founder Morita
- Four-sided fig.
- Admonishing sounds
- Tennessee's state flower
- Part of a collect call number, perhaps
- "Look what I did!"
- Genesis city
- Egg producer
- Element #54
- Shapes
- "____ not mistaken ..."
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- Taken
- Costar of Teri, Felicity, Marcia and Nicollette on "Desperate Housewives"
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by David Levinson Wilk

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ADDITION PROBLEMS? Women for Sobriety is a non-12 step self-help program meeting Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. www.womenforsobriety.org or 858-549-3533.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS. Get group support at San Diego Area meetings. Adults who grew up in alcoholic, other types of dysfunctional households. Feel better about yourself. 619-276-6232, www.adultchildren.org.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

ANXIOUS, depressed? Recovery Inc. has been holding self help mental health meetings since 1937. Many suffer from nervous symptoms, and fears. Free will offering. 619-275-0364.

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CANCER SUPPORT, group meets in Lakeside first and third Thursday monthly. Survivors and co-survivors welcome. Contact Teri 619-957-5090 or 619-659-9892.

CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT. (Association Cannabis Therapeutics.) Nonprofit. Seeking, patients in need of free assistance with personal cannabis garden. In accordance with Proposition 215. Local guidelines 619-528-0907. edzepp@yahoo.com.

CREATIVE WRITING, class. Free every Monday. 10am-1pm. Joyce Beers community center. Vermont Street near University Avenue. Hillcrest. 858-457-8477.

DIVORCE CARE is a special place of encouragement, information/sharing for those who have or are going through divorce, separation, or end of a long-term live-in relationship. Meets Sunday 9:30am, at CVCF campus, over 45 years as a support group. 619-468-0075.

DO YOU HAVE the oldest cat in San Diego? Freelance writer trying to find oldest cat, older than 23, in San Diego, e-mail pvogel@partnerfinder.com, 619-459-7254.

FLUORIDE-MERCURY Controversy, by David Kennedy DDS, free. Thursday, May 18, 7-9pm, Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation. 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove, RSVP 619-462-7600.

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FREE SUPPORT GROUPS. Grandparents and relatives raising children. Tuesdays evenings in Ocean Beach. Wednesday mornings in Clairemont. San Diego youth and community services. 619-225-9305.

GOT RAW, milk? by Mark McAfee, founder of McAfee farms. Free, Wednesday, March 22, 7-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation. 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS, 9th Annual career day. Wednesday 3/15, 9am-2pm GJ building. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission, San Marcos. 760-744-1150x2452. Industry speakers. Free.

HEALING SERVICES, weekly at 6pm beginning Wednesday, March 1. St. Francis LCC, 741 Cerro Gordo Avenue, San Diego. Directions: phone 619-239-0637 or www.stfrancislcc.com/Map.asp.

HEALTHY WEIGHT LOSS, by Dr Craig Ditzler, DC, free. Thursday, March 16, 7-9pm. Price Pottenger Nutrition Foundation, 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

HELP FOR YOUR LIFE. Lonely? Dial hope 858-277-8060. Scripture, new thought, prayer, helpful messages 858-277-2389. Sunday service, 10 a.m., Linda Vista Presbyterian Church. 2130 Ulric Street, San Diego. 92111. 858-277-0523.

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MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesdays 7:30pm, Saturdays 11:30am. Dharmia Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. 858-616-6308. or www.dharmiacenter.com.

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OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Free, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Love, Power, Serenity as Divine Attributes," March 20, 7-9pm, 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION. "Privacy and Secrecy" March 16, 7-9pm, 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, CA 92104. Open Meeting, no fee, materials available. For information, call 858-259-1880.

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP. San Diego Humane Society, March 11, 10am-12pm. Open to those age 12 and up who have recently lost a pet or are considering euthanasia. \$25/person. 5500 Gaines Street. 619-299-7012 x2311.

PRAYER WORKS, there is someone here to pray with you. Call Monday through Friday. 7am-9pm. 619-282-7609.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-dependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444. www.recovery4u.cc

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego.org.

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STEPPIN OUT, Come join Bob Lenz 4/24/06, La Mesa Calvary Chapel, 6pm 7525 El Cajon Boulevard. No cost, free

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SURVIVORS OF INCEST Anonymous. Free 12-step support groups for men and women molested as children. Call Tim, 619-282-4798; www.siawso.org.

THE BETTER BREATHERS CLUB. Support group for COPD/Emphysema. Meeting on Monday, March 20, 1pm. The American Lung Association Office. 619-297-3901.

THE CLEAN AIR CLUB, Cleaner air and end to smoking. Imagine the world without cigarettes. Cleaner, healthier world. P.O. BOX 122893, San Diego 92112-2893. WWW.YOURAIR.org.

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TOASTMASTERS, will give you the skills, you need to express yourself. Felicitia Humors Clubs meets every Tuesday 7-8:30pm. Cypress Court retirement facility, North Broadway and El Norte Parkway.

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VMAIL DEMO by www.helloworld.com/julag. Free demo of streaming video e-mail. March 9, 6:30pm, La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, 92037. Free street parking. 858-349-5332.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused and neglected children need you to serve as a Court appointed Special Advocate. Training provided. Information sessions: Wednesday, 3/8 and 4/5. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, UCSD's Doula Program needs women to help other women during labor. Be part of this special time and make a difference in a woman's lives, 619-543-6269, ext. 3, 619-543-6269.

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DAVIEBABE in Florida. Had my devil woman, an angel in white but i was stupid and left her in the middle of the night. Still crazy.

MY MIND, is like a crow, that sits on my shoulder pecking and pecking. Is peace the answer? Better believe it baby.

SPECIALNESS- My worry for you is constant, and although I am confused about many things, I know that I love you. Follow your heart. I miss you, "g".

WERE PERFECT, altogether. Everything we do is right. Our ego has another dimension of perfection. Live perfectly. Soulmate. Church P.O. Box 300365, Escondido, 92030.

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ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, down-to-earth lady, 53, wanting to share movies, dining out, walks, simple life with a special gentleman to enjoy happiness together. (3/15) 📞50773

I'M A FREE, Spirited traveling fool, that loves the great outdoors. I'm 120lbs, 5'5", 60 year old tree hugger. Come out and have some fun! (3/22) 📞50798

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, Slender, cultured young black female. Seeks a caring, mature, financially stable, 45+ gent for a mutually fulfilling friendship (race open). (3/22) 📞50797

YOUNG AT HEART, I am healthy, attractive, blonde, blue-eyed 60+ nonsmoker. I like travel, music and good communication. Dinner, wine, candles by the fire-place. (3/15) 📞50766

ARE YOU READY FOR ME? I am anxiously awaiting a new adventure. Are you my mystery man?? Let's find out! (3/15) 📞50769

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ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE, 49, East County, 5'7". Seeking healthy white male 45-55 for having fun and hanging out (dating). Nonsmoker likes movies, dinner, walks. (3/22) 📞50785

CHICAGO BORN, Longtime San Diego resident, mature, Irish German female. Active lifestyle. Wants to meet tall, Caucasian, 70+, nonsmoker male in search of female companionship. (3/15) 📞50778

ATTRACTIVE SEXY, 43, tall, great legs, romantic, passionate, loves simple things in life. Searching for gentleman 50+ for quiet intimate evenings together and more. (3/22) 📞50788

DARK CHOCOLATE BEAUTY, age 50, in quest for a black gentleman who has joy for music, travel, dinners, romance and much fun. We belong together. (3/15) 📞50784

37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47 years, for relationship. Must be presentable. (3/22) 📞50790

ME, Lovely, sexy, warm. Healthy, fun loving and Latina. You: Full of flavor, passionate, spontaneous. Us: Laughter, beach, wine/dine, dance, no games. Race open. (3/22) 📞50786

PRETTY TEACHER, Blonde/blue, 5'8", 41, slender, 2 teens part-time. Enjoys beach, concerts, boating, gym. Seeking attractive, successful, fun, fit, romantic, nonsmoker, 35-49. Exchange photos! (3/22) 📞50789

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 53-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (3/15) 📞50770

WANTED WEEKEND EXCITEMENT, North Country gal 45, brown hair, blue eyes 168lbs. Seeks guy who likes dancing, art, coffee, has sense of humor, wants excitement. (3/22) 📞50792

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) 📞50783

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. (3/22) 📞50802

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) 📞50768

SENSITIVE CUTE, Young lady, looking for honest down to earth male. I'm 20 years of age, 5'2, 106lbs, hazel eyes, tongue pierced. Petite, very sweet. (3/22) 📞50801

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) 📞50772

YOUNG 47, Jewish attractive brunette intelligent, unencumbered, slender, petite, outdoors, movies, dining, fitness, laughter. Seeking possible long term relationship with college grad, attractive, honest, 43-55. (3/22) 📞50800

SINGLE ASIAN FEMALE, 37. Seeking single Asian/Caucasian male 33-45, 5'10-6'2, tall professional, responsible, thoughtful, adventurous, good heart for date/friendship/marriage. Players don't reply. (3/22) 📞50799

HELLO AGAIN, White 32 years, attractive, outgoing, loving, caring and serious minded. Wants white male, 23-45, who is ready for relationship. No games a must. (3/22) 📞50803

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) 📞50782

ATTRACTIVE CHRISTIAN, 48, desires devoted Christian gentleman for friendship, companionship, fellowship/church attendance and possible marriage. Please be emotionally/financially secure. North County area preferred. (3/15) 📞50764

CUTE, SWEET, WHITE, Female, lives in Mira Mesa. Seeks a slender 32-35 hotrod enthusiast, tattooed, rockabilly guy for relationship. Must be financially secure and nonsmoker. (3/22) 📞50793

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) 📞50775

PHOTOS ONLINE. Attractive, smart, cheerful, affluent, Chinese, 53, 5'3, slim/toned, retired pharmacist. Seeks intelligent, flat-ab, nonsmoker male, in exploration of mutually enriching/fulling friendship. (3/22) 📞50794

UNIQUE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, intelligent, genuine, striking, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, hot figure, 48. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere single gentleman who appreciates the best. (3/15) 📞50762

CAUCASIAN EUROPEAN, Female, 57, loves life, 5'7", 125lbs. Seeks sincere gentleman for concerts, beach, walks. (3/15) 📞50781

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN LADY, Highly educated, very loving, honest, have sense humor. Seeking Caucasian gentleman, age between 45-55 nonsmoker, no drugs, handsome, highly educated. (3/15) 📞50765

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) 📞50774

BLONDE/BROWN, 53, happy, fit, spontaneous, creative, feminine-tomboy. Enjoys ocean, desert, camping, kayaking, Mexico, hiking, music, family, friends, cooking, laughter. Seeks 45-58, secure, similar interests. (3/22) 📞50804

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HISPANIC SINGLE MOM, 39. Looking for professional white male, no smoking, good humor for friendship maybe more. Enjoys good times. Are you the one? (3/15) ☎50767

PETITE, SENSITIVE, CARING female. Seeking 40s, white male, for possible relationship. Enjoy cooking, exercise, walking, hiking, biking, snow, skiing, movies. (3/15) ☎50776

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) ☎50780

COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN, attractive, intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar, gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genuine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Village. 50-70 if useful. (3/15) ☎50771

DANCE TRAMP, Seeks trampoline accomplice, lets work out together. Youngish senior with grandchildren. Seeks accomplished gentleman. Active, attractive, brunette, petite, 5'1", let's collaborate, make waves! (3/22) ☎50795

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

GOOD LOOKING WHITE, Caring, happy, healthy young looking 50s, secure. Seeking intelligent, honest, white, early 50s-late 60s for caring, sharing, friendship and/or more. (3/15) ☎50763

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North County, 46, 150lbs, 5'6", Harley rider, gentleman, outdoors-oriented, camping, beach, walks, hikes. Looking for petite lady, same interest. (3/15) ☎50130

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 185lbs. Seeking mature, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful full figured woman, respect, devotion, pleasing you. (3/22) ☎50194

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MATURE, ROMANTIC, Rancho Bernardo homeowner. Seeks attractive nonsmoking lady to 65 for fun adventure and various activities, possibly long term relationship. (3/15) ☎50151

SENIOR WOMAN WANTED, Fine gentleman, fit, slim, 5'8", kind, caring, outgoing. Seeks companionship with mature senior woman, joyful in spirit aging gracefully. (3/22) ☎50196

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) ☎50153

CAR TRAVEL USA, White, 70, retired Tech/Pro 5'11", 147lbs, excellent health. You won't be sorry!!! (3/15) ☎50140

SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN, charming and handsome, graduate degreed, wishes to make happy lady in her 30s, who is sensitive, attractive and well-educated. (3/15) ☎50085

OPEN MINDED, Down to earth. Seeking woman who's confident, smart, unencumbered. Age, race unimportant. Prefer athletic, average, shape. I'm 49, white, 5'11", 195lbs. Spiritual, articulate. (3/22) ☎50184

SUPER COOL GUY, Is just a phone call away, young looking, attractive, professional, fit, kind, humorous, 39, 5'11", 165lbs. Seeking 24-40 ladies, age, race unimportant. (3/22) ☎50171

Black Lady Sought

Chivalrous, friendly, nice-looking white male (50s), 6'2", 210, seeking mature, warm, kind-hearted black lady for committed relationship, conversation, fun. Let me spoil you. (3/15) ☎50152

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) ☎50138

YOU'RE SOMEONE SPECIAL. I am a charming and compassionate black male, 51 and fit. Seeking an affectionate lady, 37-50, slim to average, for lasting relationship. (3/22) ☎50188

Is Romance Dead?

It 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) ☎50158

Are You

40-50 years old spontaneous, energetic, active outdoorsy, witty, employed, balanced, considerate and happy. Seeking long-term relationship? Me, too. Call now! See if we "click."(3/22) ☎50175

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) ☎50137

SUPER-LOOKING WIDOWER, Tall, young looking, healthy, virile, educated, retired affluent successful, businessowner, homeowner. Seeking attractive, affectionate, shapely lady 48-65. Dates, fun, romance, dancing, trips. (3/22) ☎50164

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) ☎50160

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) ☎50146

LOOKING FOR SOME, Snuggling? I'm 6 foot, blond/brown hair, good-looking, funny and kind, you honest, pretty, snuggable and loves to laugh. (3/22) ☎50189

CAUCASIAN, 5'8", Author, teacher, medium built, 58, Psychology graduate student, transpersonal metaphysical interests. Enjoy film, music, outdoors, museums, hugging. Seeking female 40-48, similar interests. (3/22) ☎50163

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) ☎50145

TALL, SECURE, ATTRACTIVE, fit, loving, romantic, single, caring man, 50+, who likes walks, dinner, movies, sightseeing, etc. Seeking woman for relationship. (3/15) ☎50142

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Looking for a nice woman in North County, nonsmoker with good sense of humor who likes her life and herself. (3/22) ☎50162

DASHING, CONSIDERATE, 42, single white male. Seeking attractive North County woman for romance and friendship. (3/15) ☎50134

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) ☎50136

EASYGOING, 55, LOOKS 45, 5'10", 185lbs., multiple homeowner, travel, sports, concerts, movies, sport cars. You: slim, smart beauty. Don't respond, you'll never know. (3/22) ☎50178

SEARCHING FOR SLIM, Lady. Likes movies, casinos, eating out, television. 50 to 70 years. I'm single, slim, considerate and 69 years. (3/22) ☎50181

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) ☎50131

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male-fun, fit, romantic, financially stable.

Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (3/22) ☎50185

SPRING IS RIGHT Around the corner! Let's enjoy it together! College grad with many interests. You: sweet, funny and smart. (3/15) ☎50157

HARD WORKING, White male, self-employed artist 6'2" tall, 235, fit, and hot. Financially secure, motivated, looking for woman who shares same qualities 25-35. (3/15) ☎50156

PERSONABLE GENTLEMAN, 79. Likes dancing, bridge, theatre, music, some light travel. Lady must be tall, full figured, cheerful, sincere and enjoys similar interests. (3/15) ☎50154

HANDSOME, 57, ADVENTUROUS, Outdoors, motivated, kind, passionate dancer. Animal lover, gardener, spiritual, spontaneous. Wanting friend, mentally, physically ready for awesome open relationship of mutual benefit. (3/22) ☎50179

FUN, TRAVELED, ACTIVE, Spirited, 60, 5'8", 150. Ready for fun, boatsman, travel, sports, looking for a nonsmoking petite, good looker under 52. Only healthy apply. (3/22) ☎50186

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

CONSTRUCTION WORKER, 5'6", 50, loves outdoors, travel. Looking for honest, easygoing sincere lady with sense of humor for lasting relationship. Age, race not important. (3/22) ☎50177

ATTRACTIVE, GREAT, Kisses, 37, 6'1" honest, funny, loyal. Seeking attractive woman 25-35 for fun romance and possible relationship. (3/22) ☎50190

EXTREMELY SENSUAL MAN, Spiritual and romantic, wants to meet similar woman under 5'5", 125, with long dark hair for relationship of passion, intimacy, and growth. (3/22) ☎50174

HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, 52, divorced, healthy, fit. Enjoy life, travel, theater, concerts, movies, all sports. Clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with pets. (3/15) ☎50141

SEEKING LADY, 60-78, for travel, movies, dining, home life. Me healthy, trim, stable finance, no baggage, like outdoors, East County. (3/15) ☎50143

A ROSE IS RED, THE SKY maybe blue, answer this ad and I'll make dinner for two. All race welcome. 30-45, am 6'4", white male. (3/15) ☎50144

BABY-FACE 40ISH, Tall, friendly, enthusiastic, great lover. Seeking woman who is compassionate, good kisser, sexy long hair, to share great times in fun-filled San Diego. (3/22) ☎50193

THE ARROW WILL, Turn green. Me, good guy, professional and healthy (mind and body) 42, 5'10". You, warm, personable and looking for healthy relationship. (3/22) ☎50167

I AM 34, LOVE SPORTS, Football, soccer, body boarding, poker and any other sport you can think of. Looking for an Asian lady. (3/15) ☎50155

47 YEARS OLD, HONEST, Italian. Looking for nice, simple lady. Race/age open. Enjoy music, travel, romantic dinner. I am good, sense of humor. Ciao. (3/15) ☎50135

LOVER WANTED, Tall, sexy, white male, very young, 60, romantic, passionate, divorced, father. Seeks attractive, shapely average female for intimate evenings, candles, cocktails, kisses, me. (3/22) ☎50187

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. (3/22) ☎50166

LADY WHO WOULD LIKE to be treated like a queen sought by gentleman who would like to be treated like a king. Caucasian, mid-60s. (3/15) ☎50159

WELL GROOMED, Fit, Caucasian widower, 60s, 5'7", 168lbs, secure homeowner. Enjoys movies, music, glass wine, beach, walks, quiet times. Seeking compassionate stable lady 50-65, long-term-relationship. (3/22) ☎50170

WIDOWER TALL SLENDER, Secure, romantic, handsome. Seeking lady friend, companion, lover, slender or petite, share life's pleasures together, travel, sunsets, walks, dining, companionship. (3/22) ☎50180

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable, homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, friendly female. (3/22) ☎50169

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE seeking happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive, lady 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate, blue eyes, muscular, well-dressed, Catholic. (3/22) ☎50182

BOYISH, GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional. Enjoy surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+ friends first. (3/15) ☎50148

GIRLFRIEND FOR SHARING, Hiking, camping, birdwatching, nature in general, exploring the beautiful mountains, deserts as well as San Diego. Backpacking optional! Single white male, 48. (3/22) ☎50165

PRETTY ASIAN WANTED, 35/45, nonsmoker, I'm 5'11, 220lbs., muscular body, age 53, mixed Indian and Black, never



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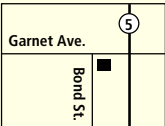
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WANTED ASIAN LADY, Age open, attractive, caring, secure, me well groomed 6', 170lbs. Nice smile, good lover, financially secure homeowner, beach, athletic, retired. (3/22) ☎50168

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COLLEGE AREA, share 3 bedroom house, private entrance, spacious, large closet, newly remodeled, fireplace, washer/dryer, fenced yard. \$800. Pets ok. Near SDSU. 858-337-7417.

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Sean Backalarski
Student
Clairemont

I'd have to say females. Not if I'm going to watch sports or something. Females can be much more stressful. There's a hundred things that can go wrong [hanging out] with a girl; hair or a smile's not right and the whole night is ruined. You have to watch what you say around women; they never forgive or forget, ever. It might not just ruin the night. You can say whatever around a guy and it'll get handled right then and there. I have an older brother and I fight with him more than any girls or guys. Girls always hold a grudge, though.



Mathew Trakochoy
Customer Service
Escondido

Female. It's pretty much [easier]; they're hot. They're funner to hang out with, I guess. [I hung out with] more guys when I was younger. Maybe, like, when I was 17, I started hanging out with more girls than guys. Guys you just chill with and girls, you know, you have to be constantly doing something. But most of my friends are kind of, like, chill. Some of them might [ask me for advice on guys], but not often. Not unless...they're a really good friend, then they're, like, "Am I, like, fat?" and I'd be, like, "Well..." But wouldn't be just, like, "You're fat."



Erica Williams
Barista
Escondido

Actually, it's split half and half, but any male friends are gay; does that make a difference? I used to have more guy friends in high school, but they all moved. [The main difference between males and females is] maturity. Guys, they tend to be more lazy. It's best to mix [guys and girls]. I think it just depends on the person, like the type of guy you hang out with. Gay guys are more open and more fun; like, they'll do anything. Gay guys, it's nothing but a sexual orientation; it has nothing to do with personality. All my gay guy friends tend to be more masculine; they're not the stereotypical gay guys. My gay friends have different style than me; they're into the "bro" style with the baggy jeans and trucker hats. The skater shoes and, like, "Hey, bro, what's up?" It's the most common style. My friend goes to Huntington High School, and a lot of people dress [in the bro style].



Laura Delza
Activist
College Area

Male. Well, I've known throughout my life that I get along better with males than females. I guess males are easier to get along with; they're more straightforward and not so emotional. I've had a couple of those [friendships with girls that didn't work out], and they come and go. They're more active, interesting, and have more opinions on things. I can be a drama queen. Most guys I come in contact with are pretty open. It's kind of easy because you know girls want to talk about boys and guys give the best advice. When you go with girls to parties, they always say, "Okay, stick with me when I'm drunk and protect me," but if you have a guy, he's gonna be there at a snap of a finger and nothing's gonna happen.



Raeshawn Daloney
Activist
College Area

Female, 'cause I love them. They're definitely too much drama; that's why you have to distance yourself sometimes. I think all women are crazy, so it's a love-hate relationship. I mean, as long as you're on the friendship level, let them have their space to do their thing. I say what's on my mind; I say, "Your butt looks fine, you have a nice butt." You can't be afraid to tell a woman what's on your mind. Guys tend to hate on me. Not all guys, but most of the guys I come into contact with every day [are haters]. It doesn't even happen at first. I hang out with them for a little while, and then, like, we'll be, like, talking to a girl and he'll be, like, "Ah, look at him, he's so short; he's short, fool." Women are sneaky, but guys are shady. I don't believe they're smarter; it's a person-to-person thing; I know some manipulative women, but they meet the right guy who can manipulate them.



Ryan Hannibal
Student
College Area

Probably male. Females, in my perspective, you can't trust them. It's easier to hang out with the same sex, rather than the opposite. You know how females are...emotions. It depends how many females there are in the area; if you have one or two, that's okay. It's when you get three or five, there's too much estrogen. A lot of guys don't like the pretty boys; they get all the girls. It's all right to hate on guys if they're taking all the women.

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COLLEGE AREA, \$925, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, carport/laundry. No pets. Available now, 619-204-6748.

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DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$950, 1 bedroom with private garage, \$850 without garage. Tropical setting, lots of tile, gated. Cat OK. Near bus. 2559 C Street. 619-994-0449.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$2000. Deposit \$2000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, fourth floor in security building. Single car parking. Valet. Pool. Laundry. Lots more! No pets. 500 West Harbor Drive, #414. Agent, 619-226-7368.

DOWNTOWN/South Harbor. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, Victorian duplex, close to freeways, 1 mile to Downtown. View of Coronado Bridge, fenced yard. \$900/month. 619-231-9569.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$785. Studio. Limited access building. Charming, quiet, residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$925. 2 bedroom apartment. 1/2 of 1917 Craftsman house. 4 blocks from water. Next to downtown. Huge kitchen. Hardwood floors. 619-297-9011.

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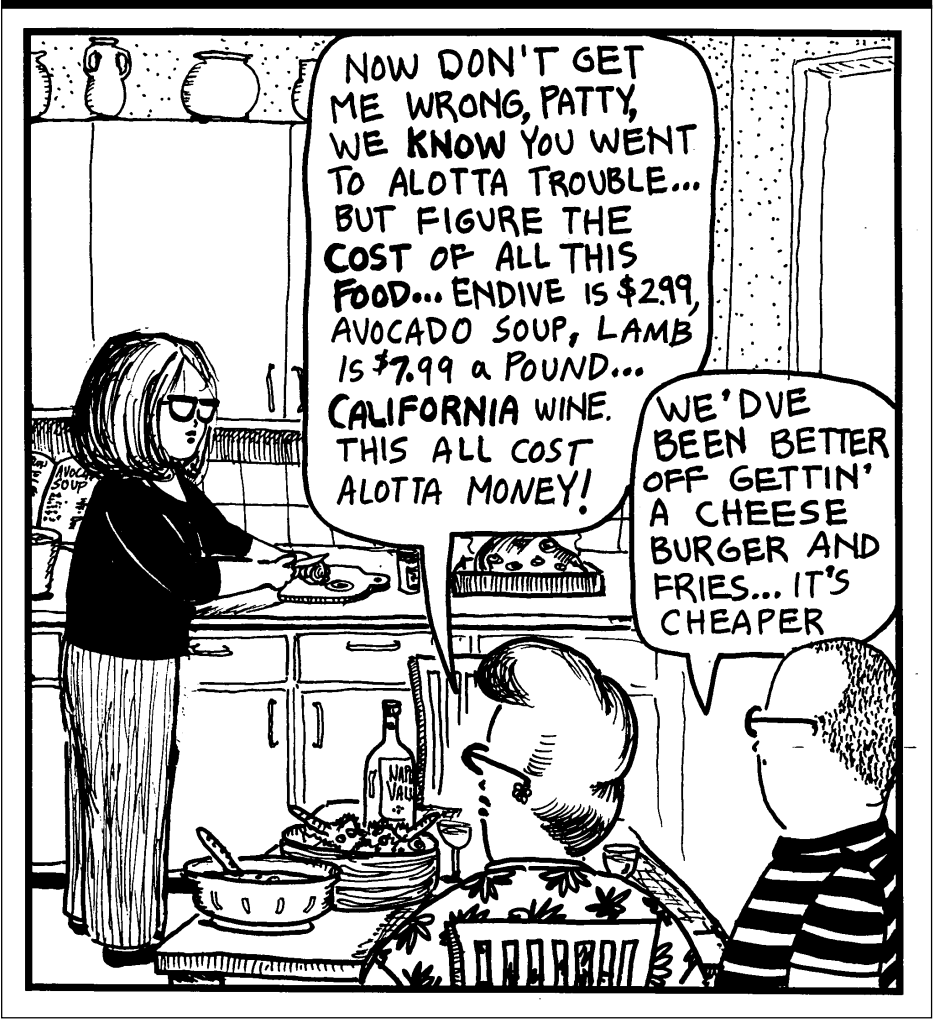
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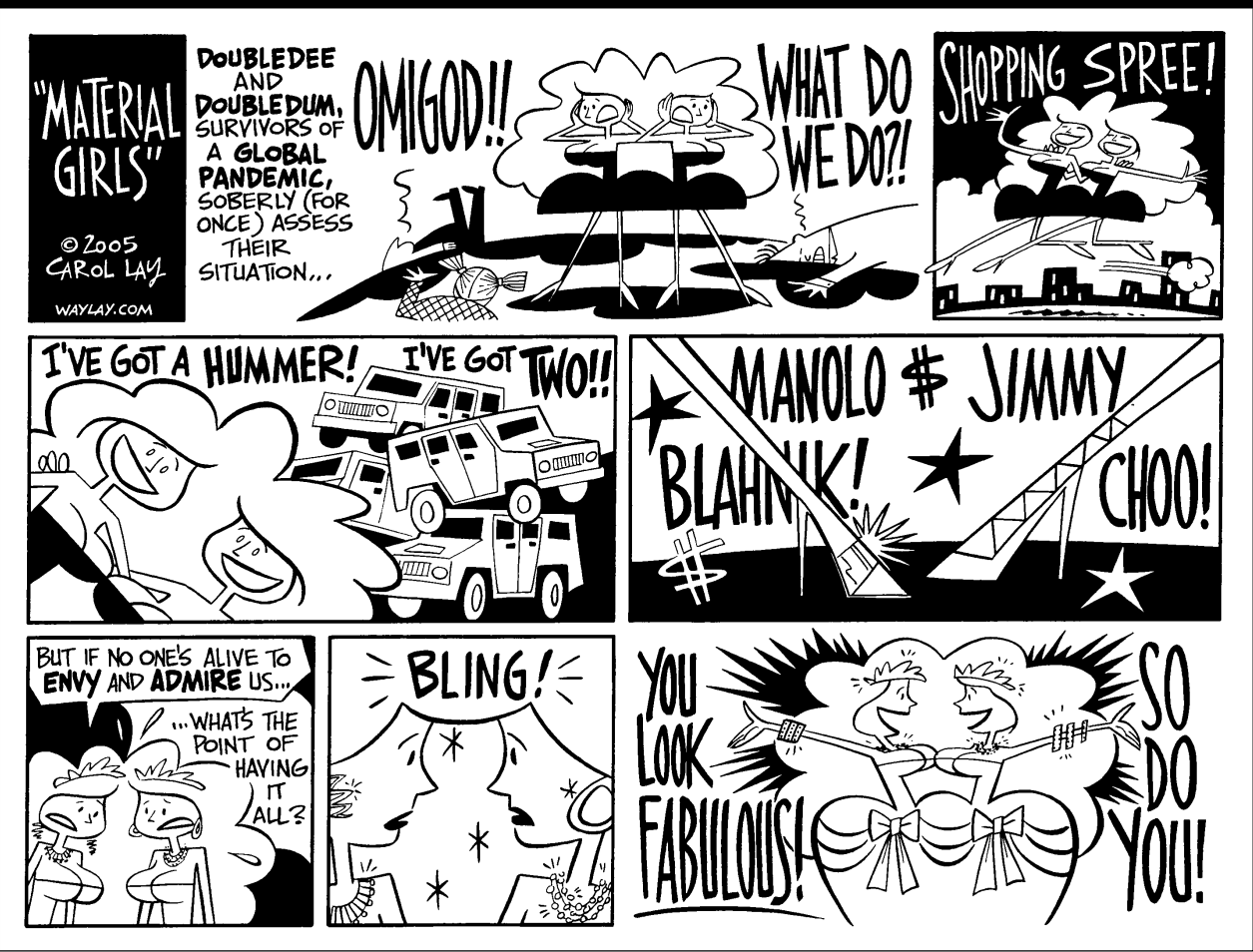
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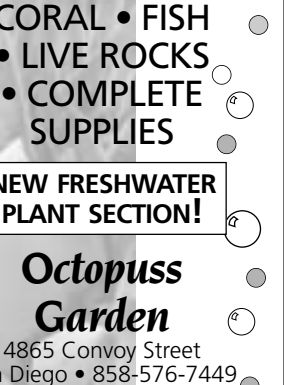
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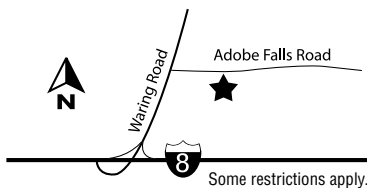
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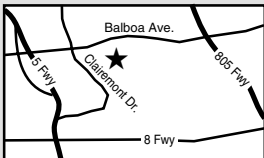
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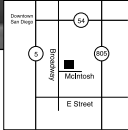
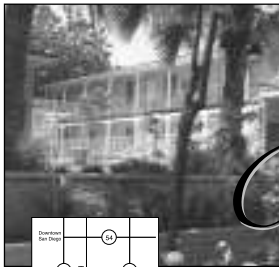
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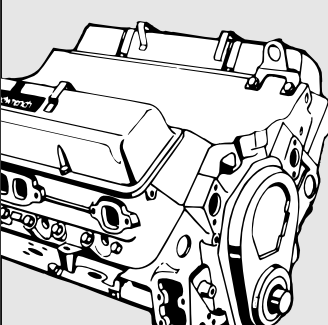
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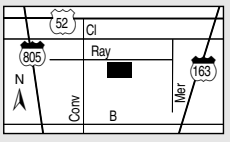
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Twenty-Five Years Ago

He was released on a Saturday morning with money to take the seven o’clock Greyhound to San Diego. Passing through Oceanside, he met a “hippie dude” who sold him a pipe and some marijuana. He was high when he arrived at the bus depot, high when he walked to Horton Plaza, high when he took the Number 3 bus to Ocean View Boulevard.

He said he spent the next few days around the house, lifting weights and watching TV. He pleased his mother by doing the dishes once or twice.

One night, with money he’d gotten for

Christmas, Stanley bought pot at Memorial Park and had somebody buy him some Mad Dog (Mogen David) wine at a liquor store. When he blazed home that night, his mother said the Man was going to send him right back to YA.

— **“A YOUNG MAN, A TROUBLED LIFE,”** Joe Applegate,
March 12, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

In the 1870s, several grizzlies weighing at least a thousand pounds were killed in the upper San Luis Rey Valley, and as late as 1877 a 1500-pound grizzly was killed near Fallbrook. In return, the grizzlies took a few men as well. Vital Clayton Reche, a resident of Temecula in the late 1800s, said in a 1937 interview that he knew of six men killed by grizzlies in one ten-year period.

— **“BRING BACK THE GRIZZLY,”** Steve Sorensen,
March 13, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

A year ago I bought a CD player for the same reason I’m about to spend a half-year’s rent on a word processor: because it’s compulsory. Technology as mass extortion: pay or be removed from the cultural map. In two shakes of a gnat’s ass they won’t be MAKING

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— **“A TALE OF TWO CDS,”** Richard Meltzer,
March 14, 1991

Ten Years Ago

The perception of boarding as being “alternative” is growing falser as the business of snowboarding takes off. And the same is true of punk rock. Skateboarding, from which boarding takes its self-image, is punk because it is truly DIY: you can buy a board (for under \$100) and ride it.

Snowboarding highlights the difference between ’77 punk rock and nouveau punk of Epitaph bands like Bad Religion and Pennywise. Punk rock used to be made by unhealthy, pale-skinned anti-jock types expressly for people like themselves. Now it’s the province of beefy, healthy, jock-types — the same people who ruined punk rock when they invaded mosh pits.

— **“MOSH SLOPES,”** Gina Arnold, March 7, 1996

Five Years Ago

Dole Foods aside, Roy Yamaguchi is the Big Kahuna of Hawaiian cooking. He was one of a few pioneers — along with Sam Choy and Peter Merriman — to envision Island cooking



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as a potentially first-class cuisine. Before these chefs, visitors to Hawaii rarely tasted “local foods.” Sure, they flocked to the ersatz week-end luaus staged at resorts. Mostly, though, *haoles* consumed fancy Frenchy dinners in their hotel dining rooms, gobbling jet-lagged Maine lobsters while spurning the fabulous fresh local fish encumbered by strange names like *opaka-paka*, *shutome*, or *ono*. When Yamaguchi opened Roy’s Restaurant in Honolulu in 1988, all that started to change.

— RESTAURANTS: **“THE KING OF HAWAII,”** Naomi Wise,
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Dear Saffron,

My maternal grandma is 84. About three years ago my mother and I had to move her to an assisted-living facility. She has health problems which make it hard for her to take care of herself, and her mind is going. Her memory's erratic, and sometimes she doesn't make sense. Mom and I support her, since Grandma has no income besides a little social security. It's a struggle to support ourselves and Grandma, too. Granny has two storage units full of possessions which Mom and I pay rent on. She hasn't looked into them for 15 years. Money is tighter than ever, and when the storage unit bills came last month Mom said she felt our money would be better spent paying for Grandma's care rather than renting storage units for belongings she is never going to use again. Five years ago, when Grandma was more in her right mind, Mom first brought up this idea of clearing out the storage units. Grandma got furious and told us

we were not allowed to touch her stuff, ever. But now bills are mounting and we have to do something. Mom says we should sort through everything, throw away what seems like junk, and keep some stuff for ourselves. I hate the idea of going against Grandma's wishes. Granny doesn't know what's what half the time, so it's not possible to consult her in a meaningful way. Is it wrong to make this move? I suggested we bring Granny a few items she might like to have in her room. Mom thinks that's a bad idea because we'd run the risk that she'd realize we closed down her storage units and go ballistic. Any advice?

SAD NATIONAL CITY GRANDDAUGHTER

Dear Sad,

It's not easy to determine what someone who's unable to communicate clearly would want and what's in the person's best interest. You and your mom have that responsibility for your grandmother now. Obviously, it's time to clean out her storage. Your mom's right — if you're forced to do economic triage, then it's more important to spend scarce funds on Grandma herself than on housing stuff she can't use anymore. It was sweet of you to think of bringing Grandma a few items she might like. Maybe bring her just one or two things at a time. If she wants to know where the items came from, you could tell her something simple like, "We had to move your storage stuff." Avoid getting into

involved explanations or discussions. If she gets upset about the new additions to her room, you can take them away, or try again another day with different former possessions. She might be glad to have some of her old treasures back. They might bring her a little joy.

Dear Saffron,

My good friend "Will" adopted a cat. After a couple of weeks, the cat, who started out frisky, seemed unhealthy and limp. When I asked why the cat seemed so bummed out and draggy, Will, who is a strict, proud vegan revealed he's making the cat be vegan too. "Meat is gross and harmful," he declared. I tried to explain that cats are carnivores, and the poor thing is miserable and probably hates Will now because he's only giving it what he eats, brown rice and broccoli. The cat is staying away from home more and more and I think this is why. Will says I am crazy and that cats are fine eating vegan. I say he is being mean. If he wants a vegan pet he should give the cat to me and get a damn rabbit. Can you referee?

MS. MEAT EATER IN SANTEE

Dear Ms. Meat Eater,

No less a vegetable advocate than the Vegetarian Society of the United Kingdom says, "Cats require certain nutrients from meat than cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts from plant foods. These include tau-

rine, arachidonic acid, vitamin A, and vitamin B12." Lack of taurine can apparently cause blindness and other serious problems. The site continues, "Cats require large amounts of protein in their diet, and this can be a problem on a vegetarian diet. Over 25 percent of a cat's diet should be protein." Another study suggests that cats on vegetarian diets do not remain healthy, even when given supplements. You could consult a veterinarian, but I'm with you. The cat wants salmon. Tofu and collard greens are not going to cut it.

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NASTY OLD BIRD

It was my aunt's truncated e-speak — in which she disregards all conventions of grammar — that informed me my maternal grandmother was dying, and I suppose that made it...blander, less impacting. There was something offhanded about it, impersonal: "...this is from your cousin ceecee, she says henrietta isnt doing so well, as she said she doesnt think shes going to make it...we'll be up there soon...things are going good here...kids are fine." It flew past me in a whirlwind of dizzying punctuation — or lack thereof — and, I suppose, I missed it.

Not that Henrietta and I are close, mind you. Nobody is close to Henrietta, except perhaps the fellow society-climbing snakes she has managed to charm along her way, and they are few and far between. Though it has been said by many a family member that she was sweet when her husband — my late grandfather — was alive, I witnessed a different woman. For about as long as I've known her, Henrietta has been a nasty old bird. As a kid, I thought she was eccentric, glamorous. She wasn't a cookie-baking Little Red Riding Hood granny; no, that was left to Meme, my good-natured and melodic-voiced paternal grandmother, who baked Latvian sweets and sang "Que Sera, Sera" to me. Henrietta was having none of that. Bake? *Why should she bake when someone could do it for her* seemed to be her prevailing attitude, and it was this that was part of the draw. Going to "Nanny's" was, for me, an adventure, one that meant sleeping in the guest room and watching fireworks out the window with my ears covered up tight. It meant the exciting neighbor girls and the dinging chimes of the doorbell and the fake fireplace in the basement bar. It meant afternoon television I didn't understand and squishy cheese that came wrapped in its own foil.

Henrietta was, in my eyes, the perfect hostess and, to her credit, she could throw an excellent party. I remember being excited to see her, jumping up and down on her flagstone step, flanked by the twin sculpted trees standing attention at the door. And then there she would be, in her lush fur coat, all four feet eleven of her, standing before us. She would smile from behind eyes that I suspect were the result of early plastic surgery and offer me candy out of tiny silver dishes. "Isn't that NICE?" she'd say. "Isn't that NICE?" At age four, I didn't know any better.

It was the year my mother died that I began to see the forest for the trees. That Thanksgiving my father, Meme, and I made the trek up to Pennsylvania and, somehow, everything had changed. The house, once so exciting and beautiful, looked twisted and dark, things lurking in hidden corners and alcoves. I remember climbing the stairs past her room, on which hung a sign that read "The madame is sleeping," fuzz from the lime green shag carpeting catching between my bare toes. I was horrified. The light in the guest room — my room — cast an eerie circular shadow on the wall, an ominous crater of collected junk in the hall. The basement bar glowed menacingly, falling off into blackness, the whole place covered in dust. The candy in the creepy silver dishes was stale.

And Henrietta had morphed. Her lips curled in smug contempt. Her voice was a croak, a growl, a bleat, and she'd become scolding and bossy, uncompromising. She never lifted a finger, instead screeching at us and her nameless, faceless cook to fetch and carry for her. Even Meme, some ten years her senior, was expected to be at her beck and call. And she'd turned on me, obviously displeased with what I was becoming. At eight, fast abandoning my cute little girl stage and edging up on my tomboy-hood, I knew from her criticisms that she would not rest until she set me right. I would not and had no desire to become

what she wanted me to be; dainty, subservient, refined, perfect, *boring*. I was angry and, moreover, disappointed. My Nanny wasn't the cool good ol' gal who let me hold her fancy handbag. She was the judgmental, berating witch who'd put my mother constantly at odds with her all the years she was alive. It was the last time I ever willingly let Henrietta



near me and, not hours later, I announced to my father my desire to escape. And escape we did.

But not forever.

Thirteen years later I am in her house once more, having been ushered in by one of my cousins. "Ceecee," she reminds me at the door, seeing my confusion. She grins wryly at me. "This is such a trip," she says, "you look just like your mother." We stand on the landing, all the cousins and I, after excited greetings — it has been years since the lot of us have been together — before sobering. The reunion comes with a price. I climb the stairs, unruly carpet under my shoes, and hover in the threshold, waiting. Ruby, the pint-sized, elderly

nurse, motions me to come in.

And it is bad — not as bad as Ceecee described, but bad enough. There is barely enough of Henrietta left to constitute a whole person; she cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Her skull seems to be rising to the surface of her face, pushing against the skin there, teeth jutting out from a mouth that cannot close. She is fetal, Gollum-like, and I can't help thinking that she might disappear into nothing. The monster she once was is, at least outwardly, quiet.

She reaches her hand to me, and I draw a breath. The divisions of her arm bones, the radius and

the ulna, make a deep channel, the fingers at the end like claws. Her mouth trembles, eyes fluttering.

"Do you know who this is?" Ceecee asks, in a voice that is loud.

The skeleton that is Henrietta nods yes, ever so slightly.

"It's Rosa," Ceecee says anyway.

The skeleton grips my hand. I want to be mad at her, but it is something else that crosses my mind, a lot of something elses: pity, fear, guilt. I clear my throat and say something I haven't said in years.

"Hi, Nanny," I say, "Hi, Nanny."

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Location: Del Rio Road and Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley

Time/Date: 12:05 p.m. on 2/28/06

Report: Deputies from the Lemon Grove Station were involved in a two-mile slow speed traffic pursuit. The



pursuit began when the white female adult driver of a white Nissan pickup truck nearly collided

with a patrol vehicle. The driver refused to pull over, but did not drive more than forty miles per hour as deputies followed her.

At approximately 12:16 p.m., the driver stopped at a red light at Jamacha and Campo Road. Deputies Dave Perapato and Gary Williams blocked the vehicle, pulled the driver from it, and arrested her for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Felony Evading.

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Time/Date: 1/20/06 — 2/16/06

Investigation: Members of the San Marcos Sheriff's Station Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving Unit (COPPS), with the assistance of ABC, Poway Sheriff's Station, and Cal State San Marcos Police, conducted several minor decoy operations targeting businesses within the city of San Marcos.

The first operation was conducted on January 20, 2006, in which two minor decoys, ages 18 and 19 years old, acted as the decoys for this operation. This operation targeted off-sale premises...liquor stores, gas stations, convenience stores, and supermarkets. While under the constant surveillance of either a sheriff's deputy, ABC Investigator, or Cal State San Marcos Officer, the decoys

entered businesses, walked to the alcohol refrigerators, and attempted to purchase a six-pack of beer. When or if the sale was made, they took the alcoholic beverage and the change from the sale from the store clerk and exited the establishment. At that time sheriff's deputies would contact the store clerk and arrest them for 25658(a) B/P. During this operation, [they] targeted fifteen different establishments. Out of the fifteen, eight sold alcoholic beverages to [the] minor decoys.

The second operation was conducted on February 6, 2006, in which one minor decoy, 18 years of age, acted [in the operation]...targeting on-sale premises...bars and restaurants. While under constant surveillance of a sheriff's deputy or ABC Investigator, the minor decoy was instructed to enter bars and restaurants and attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage. The minor decoy entered bars and restaurants and attempted to order an alcoholic beverage. During this operation [they] targeted seven establishments. Out of the seven, four sold an alcoholic beverage.

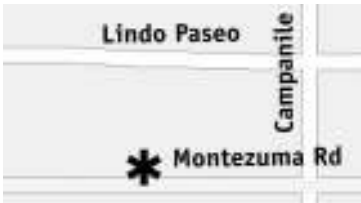
The third operation was conducted on February 16, 2006, in which four minor decoys, ages 18 to 19 years old, acted...this operation targeted both on-sale and off-sale premises within the city...the minor decoys entered bars, restaurants, liquor stores, gas stations, convenience stores, and supermarkets, and attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages. The minor decoys dressed conservatively, with no attempt to make themselves look or appear any older than they were. During this operation, thirty-three establishments were targeted. Out of the thirty-three, nine sold to [the] minor decoys.

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Location: 5700 Montezuma Road, SDSU

Time/Date: 2:00 a.m. on 12/31/05



Incident: [An] unknown suspect(s) threw a firebomb into a fraternity house, then threw a second firebomb into a second floor apartment across the street. No one was injured in either incident.

FELONY MURDER WARRANT

Location: 720 East San Ysidro, Boulevard, San Ysidro

Time/Date: 12:00 p.m. on 2/19/06



Report: U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers apprehended a U.S. citizen male with two active felony warrants. The warrants were out of Yakima, Washington, for second-degree murder, carrying a \$1 million bail, and for first-degree unlawful possession of a firearm, carrying a \$20,000 bail.

CBP officers encountered twenty-four-year-old James J., a resident of Wapato, Washington, as he entered the U.S. in a stolen 1988 Honda Civic. J. presented to primary officers an identification card from the state of Washington, belonging to another person. J.

was escorted to the secondary inspection area for further investigation where it was confirmed that the vehicle he was driving was in fact stolen. In secondary, J. then declared he was a Mexican national with no legal documents to enter the United States.

In secondary, CBP officers positively identified J. by capturing a ten-print digital image of his fingerprints. CBP officers ran his fingerprints through the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), confirming his identity, U.S. citizenship and two outstanding felony warrants.

After confirming the warrant with authorities in Yakima, J. [was transported] to the San Diego County Jail to await extradition to Washington.

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Location: 14800 Poway Road, Poway

Time/Date: 1:20 p.m. on 2/26/06



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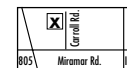
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"What I did is, I took it down to Tijuana and I had it upholstered for a couple hundred bucks, and I had it painted down there, flat black. Because, you know, I drive it,

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OUR LAST NIGHT IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, we sat in the yellow light of a Khmer restaurant and sloshed beer across the table and ate frogs. The frogs came out skewered through and giving off coal smoke. Other than being barbecued to a dark brown hue, they looked exactly like live frogs. They were lined up on the bamboo stick mouth-to-little-nubby-butt like a sizzling froggy conga line. The beer was strong on alcohol and crisp.

It wasn't long before we were staging famous scenes from movies and TV shows with our frogs. Ron put one in a crystal candleholder, removed the top slowly, and when revealing his frog he croaked a little, "Nanoo nanoo." I managed to tie a string that had frayed from my shirt around one of the little smoky bastards, set him on my lap, and in my best Jabba the Hutt I growled, "Ooh koo dooh, ha ha, Solo."

Ron couldn't get napkins wrapped around two of his frogs' necks because frogs don't have necks, so he settled on tying the paper around their waists. After our waitress dropped off two slick wet bottles of Singha beer, Ron pulled the napkins back and with a dashing voice commanded, "Quick, Robin! To the Batcave!"

Rain dinged on the tin roof, and an excited man rushed in and barked at the waitresses. There was something outside that needed their attention, and three waitresses disappeared into the gray deluge. My eyes were opening and closing independently, and I had to steady myself on a metal pole that ran beside our table when I stood. Pinching two frogs to an empty Singha I flew them at Ron and slurred, "Request permission for flyby." Ron snapped out a smart, "Negative, Ghost rider, the pattern is full!"

When the waitresses returned, they quick-stepped through the door and pulled their saturated shirts away from their bellies and rung them on the concrete floor. They ignored the stupid Americans in the corner, one high-kicking a frog across the table and singing "Ragtime Gal," the other drunken dumbass was in the middle of a sorrowful version of "It's Not Easy Being Green."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 9</p> <p>BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE (2003)</p> <p>ABC 8:00 P.M.</p> <p>Directions for use: Unwrap (peel away packaging), operate product, dispose of properly (it's flushable!). Single use only. It's that easy:</p>	<p>use and forget!</p> <p>PLAGUES UPON US</p> <p>UCSD 9:00 P.M.</p> <p>Now here's something I can get behind.</p>
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FRIDAY, MARCH 10

THE FOUR TOPS: FROM THE HEART 50TH ANNIVERSARY

PBS 9:30 P.M.

Gerardo: 13 Years of Rico and Suave doesn't have the same ring, does it?

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

THE FACTS OF LIFE REUNION (2001)

FAM 12:00 P.M.

Oh, you wisecracking group of misplaced-yet-spunky gals, what hijinks and hilarity are you up to now? Take us with you. Take us on your wacky caper!

TROJAN WAR (1997)

WB 8:00 P.M.

Durex Skirmish would be the more interesting film.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

HOW TO SURVIVE

DSC 9:00 P.M.

A lesson on what to do in case of a bear attack I don't need, thanks. What I could use is a tutorial on how to keep my apartment clean and balance my checkbook. Better yet, just send me some money and a maid. Now, there's a show, *Send Me Some Money and a Freakin' Maid!*

MONDAY, MARCH 13

SIXTEEN CANDLES (1984)

AMC 8:00 P.M.

"No more yanky my wanky. The Donger need food," is now my default lunchtime announce-



William Shatner

ment. Previously it had been, "I could eat the butthole out of a hippopotamus," but all things change, like the seasons and tides.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

THE UNIT

CBS 9:00 P.M.

Yeah, like that name wasn't intentional. I'm going to film a series called *Giant Swinging Junk* about a scrap-yard crane.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

AND YOU DON'T STOP: 30 YEARS OF HIP HOP

VH1 9:00 P.M.

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When Lars arrived, I wanted to kiss him.

By John Brizzolara

The tendency to write about my own Fridays rather than others' has always been pronounced as there is something about another's Friday activity that is so — what do I want to say? — not me.

In recent months it has become even more pronounced. I have been living with my son. Some regular readers may be familiar with him, know that he is in his late 20s and dealing with severe mental illness — though he is dealing with it well. The problem with outside activities, Fridays or any other time, is that my son is reluctant to do them. (It is difficult to get him to leave a well-trodden few blocks near the apartment, but that's getting better.) Leaving him on his own can be problematic: he overeats as a result of medication he must take and the uncertainty of solitude.

It is alarming and sad to come home to find empty food packets strewn around the kitchen and my son's weight no doubt up another few pounds. I can hardly get angry; he does try to curb this side-effect craving, and he always says he'll be fine, that he does not worry or get anxious when I am gone, but I suspect this is an aspect of Schiz-Affect Disorder, which pretty much makes him blind to any emotion including worry, fearfulness. I have not seen him cry, for example, since he was ten years old.

This past Thursday night he woke me from a dead sleep about 11:30 p.m. and asked me, "Have you prayed about your headache?"

"Uh, no. It wasn't that bad, and I don't really pray about that sort of thing." I was blinking into the hall light and scrutinizing him for signs of another "episode." I immediately wanted to ask him if he was up to date on his meds, but that has pretty much become translatable as, "You're sounding nuts."

"Well, I was meditating really well about it, and something told me to share that energy with you right away."

"Oh, well...cool." I had just broken a New Year's resolution by saying that. "My headache's gone, actually. Thank you. That may have worked."

"Sorry to wake you up."

"No. No, that's fine."

The next day a friend left a voice mail about Friday being some ecumenical prayer day, and one church that was observing was nearby. I'd been there for 12-step meetings. I planned to make a bid for getting him out that Friday night to see what it was about, but something happened that was unusual and very welcome. A friend of his from North County agreed to come over and "hang" with Justin (as I call him here, or Jason or something), and this never happens. Since my son's difficulties — his hospitalization and a year in a board-and-care home — a half dozen or so friends had largely blown him off. J. has been painfully aware of his pariah status as a result. That, coupled with his obesity and natural shyness has left him isolated at an age when most young men are sewing wild oats in conventionally deranged ways.

When Lars, his friend, arrived, I wanted to kiss him. The two of them pursued nerdy things at Frys Electronics, Wal-Mart, cruised the malls, and returned to J.'s room to check out his painted fantasy figures, which he had photographed lovingly with his new digital camera. They then settled in for a few hours of the RPG game Warcraft.

I isolated myself in my room, working on a longer nonfiction account of my son's story and also a very therapeutic fictional account where I can safely deal with otherwise unfaceable fears. I read some of a Kingsley Amis memoir, skipping to a chapter about his friendship with Anthony Burgess to see how much the two might have drunk together — or how much Amis might admit to. I then watched a truly bad movie called *Beat*, with Keifer Sutherland as William S. Burroughs, and Courtney Love as his wife, Joan Vollmer. The one thought-provoking aspect of that waste of time was that if Courtney Love was really cast as resembling, in any way, Burroughs's real life spouse, then it would go a long way in explaining why Burroughs shot her in the head.

All the while, I barely poked my head out the door, resisting the overwhelming temptation to be a regular guy Dad, order a pizza, pull out a Straw-



Courtney Love and Keifer Sutherland in *Beat*

berry Alarm Clock album, and say things like, "Hey! You dogs ever dig these cats? Heh, heh...Dogs, cats... How about an ice-cold Coca-Cola?"

In a way I was secretly glad to have missed the prayer gathering. While there may be more power in mass prayer than the lone brand, I have always felt uncomfortable with what I feel to be public displays of piety. It's why I hesitate to make the sign of the cross on the street or in a restaurant. For a while I asked myself, is it because I don't wish to proclaim myself one of the intellectually weak, a designation I more or less lumped all believers into, back when I knew far more than I do now? No. It's way past that. It now, just as ridiculously of course, is a matter of, "Look, Ma. I'm holy." When my girlfriend of many years asked me to pray with her on a few occasions, I responded by saying, "No, I'd feel like Nixon and Kissinger." I have many problems, and I still feel more or less okay with blaming a bunch of them on Nixon.

So, I missed observing a kind of day of world prayer, from what I gather (forgive my ignorance); but the conflict involved was one of either actively praying or reveling in the phenomenon of prayer answered very quietly, very naturally, very well.

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