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Bad Chippies

Barbarella sure makes the CHP look good in this week's edition of the Reader ("Barbarella Sweeps the Beats," February 17). But let us not forget about Steve Grassilli — or Craig Peyer, for that matter — and what about the recent bust of a "Chippie" for child molestation, which suspiciously received very little press compared to a defrocked priest.

Elmo Gonzalez
via e-mail

Bat Quote

I think you have a mistake in today's February 17 Reader, "City Lights" by Matt Potter. Actually, the mistake is Donna Frye's — and I think she made a mistake ever trying to run for mayor, but that's another thing. It says, "The letter concludes with a quote from the late Eleanor Roosevelt" — that old bat — "It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." No, that's wrong. It was Father Keller, a Catholic priest, and he founded an outfit called the Christophers in the late 1940s or early 1950s. Father Keller was on the radio a lot — this was from the late 1940s through the early 1960s — and he would always say that: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." I'm sure you can go look it up on the Internet.

Name Withheld

According to Bartleby.com, the quotation is "It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness"; the attribution is "Christopher Society, motto, the sentiment of which is an old Chinese proverb. — Bergen Evans, Dictionary of Quotations"; and the Eleanor Roosevelt connection is Adlai E. Stevenson's tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt following her death: "I

have lost more than a beloved friend. I have lost an inspiration. She would rather light a candle than curse the darkness, and her glow has warmed the world." — Editor

Scientology Friend

What a coincidence you should publish that passage in your "Back When" section of the Reader this week ("Twenty Years Ago," "When Friends Say Good-Bye," February 17)! February 11 was the 24th anniversary of the day I left my best friend to join the Sea Organization, the fraternal religious order of the Church of Scientology. However, my best friend embraced my decision to support the Aims of Scientology, "A world without insanity, without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights." My friend wished me good luck in a moving letter that I remind her about every year when we visit together. It's unfortunate that Brae didn't find out how Scientology could have helped her deal with her loss, or better yet, kept the friendship!

Holly Elzea
via e-mail

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Sometimes I pick up the Reader, and that's not often, and I hope that maybe there's a scrap of information that is of any value in it. Sometimes I find some facts that I overlooked, but most of the time this paper has stories like the Reverend so-called Ryan Sharp saying that everyone is going home to heaven ("Sheep and Goats," February 17). And he seems to say everyone. Now, what brand of Christianity the Reverend Ryan Sharp is purveying I don't know. Then, we read the usual nonsense and warmed-over news about things we already know: that San Diego is corrupt; that its government is corrupt; and that its people are among the most corrupt, stupid jackasses the world has ever seen. Now, at the end, the last page, we have a note on the genius of Jerry Springer ("Remote Control King"). That's your speed. Jerry Springer is the type of person that would ordinarily stand for the

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Red, white, and drugged A Department of Veterans Affairs audit has discovered rampant irregularities in the handling of narcotics and other controlled substances at La Jolla's V.A.



V.A. hospital, La Jolla

Hospital. According to the report, the VA Inspector General Office's "collaboration in a criminal drug diversion investigation exposed serious problems in CS [controlled substances] management" at the hospital. "Numerous irregular practices related to CS use over a period of at least one year failed to raise suspicions with the charge nurse or supervisor."

Offenses reported by the audit report, released last fall, included a nurse "signing out [controlled substances] without physicians' orders, signing out larger amounts than the physicians ordered, signing out [controlled substances] from other than her assigned unit," and "signing out extremely large amounts of CS to critically ill patients. If these patients had received all the doses, they would have experienced serious breathing and circulatory problems as a result of the drugs' actions."

The investigators found that the nurse in question had been lifting drugs from medication carts other than the one assigned her. "The policy allowed for borrowing only one dose of a narcotic drug if the cart had none of the drug in stock. However, the RN borrowed several doses and even a box full of morphine ampules from another cart." Other unusual activity was noted: "Night-shift staff RNs reported that they frequently observed the RN entering the rooms of patients while the assigned RN was on break. Some of the RNs told us that they had specifically instructed the RN not to give any CS medication to their patient(s) while they were on break, only to return to find that the RN had signed out CS doses to those patients." In addition, "Staff RNs told us that they were suspicious of the RN and 'would not let her relieve me for break.' The shift RNs who were designated as charge nurses told us that they had made the observations mentioned above, but they did not take any action. Fortunately, it does not appear that any patients suffered by the RN's actions."

But to some who claim the hospital has a bigger drug problem, the timing of the release of the audit and the fact that it singled out only one nurse for criticism raises more questions than it answers. According to the audit, the practices in question occurred between June and November 2000, more than four years before the report's public release. The in-house response to the audit's findings — from **Janet M. Jones** of the San Diego VA Hospital's Nursing and Patient Care Service — was dated August 6, 2004: "The Chief, Pharmacy Ser-

vice, and I are in full concurrence with the recommendations of this report," it said. "The Pharmacy and Nursing oversight group will routinely review the need for staff education with regard to controlled substances and coordinate the provision of such education, as necessary." The audit report says that the investigation "resulted in a recommendation to terminate the responsible registered nurse" but doesn't tell her ultimate fate.

Homeless in the brickyard Ex-San Diego city manager **Michael Uberuaga**, who some contend played a big role in causing the current financial mess at city hall, has unloaded his house on Edenoaks Street in Scripps Ranch — for which he paid \$456,000 six years ago in November 1998 — for a cool \$1.15 million. No word yet about the current whereabouts of Uberuaga, who got his first city-managing gig at the posh Colorado ski resort of Steamboat Springs in 1983 and was manager of Huntington Beach before being recruited to come to San Diego by then-mayor **Susan Golding** in 1997.



Michael Uberuaga

Besides the dicey fiscal situation at city hall, Uberuaga leaves behind him an honorary brick in his name in the pavement of Court Plaza at downtown's taxpayer-financed Padres baseball stadium.

Alex the Greek Chargers owner **Alex G. Spanos**, the megamillionaire who reportedly wants San Diego taxpayers to give him 60 acres of prime Mission Valley property as part of his latest stadium scheme, has turned Hollywood mogul. The Stockton developer has set up A.G.S. Communications, LLC, to bankroll a new IMAX movie that "celebrates the illustrious history of Greece and its role as the birthplace of modern civilization." Spanos, who will serve as executive producer of the film, to be titled *Greece: Secrets of the Past*, is putting \$6 million into the deal. Oscar documentary nominee **Greg MacGillivray** (*The Living Sea* [1998]; *Dolphins* [2000]) is co-producing and directing. Meanwhile, city insiders speculate that the reason Spanos may be dropping his bid to have the city council put the stadium



Alex Spanos

deal on the ballot in favor of mounting his own initiative drive may have something to do with the fact that a council-sponsored measure would require an environmental impact report up front, whereas an initiative would not. Critics say that an honest environmental appraisal of the Spanos plan to build hundreds of condos along with a new stadium would never pass muster.

— Matt Potter

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Will Clean Giant Nab WD-40?

By Don Bauder

For more than three decades, San Diego icon WD-40 didn't have to worry about competition. It sold a legendary lubricant by a name that came to be used in 80 percent of U.S. homes. Profits were great, but with its only product

best-managed corporations began just a few weeks ago.

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Garry Ridge



Early WD-40 factory

selling into a saturated market, the company wasn't getting much revenue growth. So, ten years ago it began diversifying — into the bathroom and the living room, where, unfortunately, a fierce battle among the world's

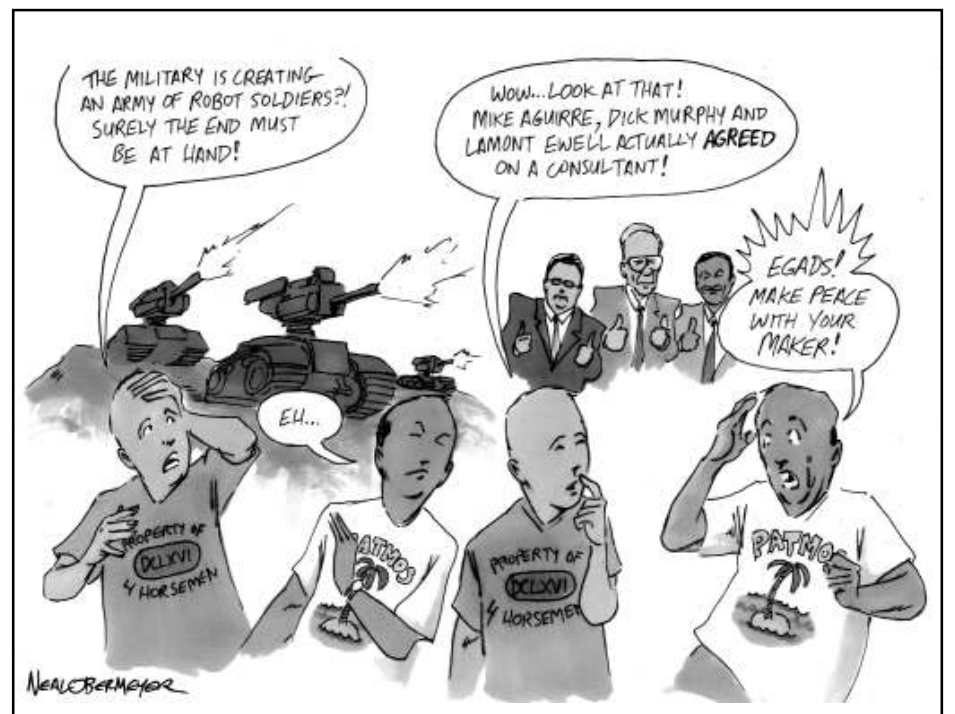
power. Some household-products companies are merging. Others are trimming corporate fat. All hope to sharpen their elbows. Nobody is talking about it openly yet, but it's possible that the local company born

had mixed reviews on Wall Street.

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Neal Obermeyer



The Objective Is to Dominate

By Ernie Grimm

On the north side of the Tijuana River, across from the Zona Rio, stands a shopping center with a department store,

a dozen or so nondescript shops, and “World Famoso” Señor Frog’s nightclub. Between the nightclub and the department store, a 20-foot-wide passageway, paved with saltillos, dissects the shopping center. At a quar-

east side. From that room spilled light, laughter, and a repetitious *clack...clack...clack*.

Once at the door, a visitor saw that the laughter came from two dozen men and one woman, sitting in



Tijuana Municipal Dominoes Association clubhouse

ter to eight on a Wednesday night in February, the passage was deserted and the storefronts opening onto it were darkened, all except one, in the middle on the

groups of four around small square tables. The *clack clack clack* was the sound of dominoes being played. This scene is repeated daily from 5:00 p.m. to midnight

(sometimes later) here at the Tijuana Municipal Dominoes Association clubhouse.

Above the dozen or so square tables with blue upholstered chairs, heavy open beams span the 25- by 25-foot dominoes club. Four sliding wooden doors, cracked open to let out the thick cloud of cigarette smoke, make up the exterior wall. Nothing adorns the other three dirty white walls except for a single blown-up photo in which two women in red sequined mini-dresses present a dominoes national championship trophy to club member Marco Lozano. Despite the accomplishment, his face bears a grim expression, just as it does tonight as he sits at a table beneath the photo with his back to it. When a fellow club member suggests he speak to a visitor about dominoes, he refuses without even speaking. Never taking his eyes off the row of dominoes in front of him, he shakes his head and waves his hand in a gesture of dismissal.

But it’s not Lozano the visitor has come to see. A few tables away sits a blond-haired woman, 52 years old, neatly dressed in a red turtleneck and blue skirt.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOE KLEIN

Gold hoop earrings dangle from her ears as she finishes a game before looking up and greeting a visitor to the club. Laura Mápula is her name, and she’s the only woman member of the club. “I’m the only woman player in the whole state,” Mápula says to the delight and laughter of her table mates. “There used to be another one in Ensenada, but she moved to La Paz.”

Mápula has been playing dominoes at the club for “about 20 years, but I started playing much longer ago. When I was a little girl, my father taught me to play, and I liked it very much. My

husband and I started playing dominoes when we were *novios*. I always beat him. After we got married, then he was the one that won.”

Asked whether there is a short way to explain the game’s object, she answers, “*El objetivo es dominar* — the objective is to dominate.”

Dominating is just what Mápula did at the state championships in January. With her partner Javier Martinez, Mápula — the only woman in the event — placed third, the highest of any Tijuana-based player. The high placement could be due to the amount of

practice time Mápula gets. In addition to playing three nights a week at the club, she plays dominoes on the job. “Both my husband and I are lawyers,” explained the mother of two. “So we spend a lot of time at the courthouse. To pass the time, we play dominoes against each other.”

But at the club, Mápula doesn’t partner with her husband. “To play with him at the courthouse, then to come here and play with him would just be too much. Besides, I just don’t like to play with him.” Pausing to let the laughter around the table subside, she explains, “I’ve got a short temper and so does he. It’s too easy to get angry when I’m playing with him. So I don’t play with him anymore.”

Mápula clearly isn’t accustomed to talking about herself and deflected the attention to an elderly man at the table. “This is Othon Castilleja. He played dominoes with Pancho Villa.”

Uproarious laughter ensued. Castilleja smiles and takes a long drag on a cigarette held in shaky fingers. The Pancho Villa line is obviously a standing joke in the club. “I’m 78,” he responded when asked.

“Come on,” said a man at the next table. “Your birth certificate was signed by Porfirio Diaz.” The reference to the dictator/president of Mexico from 1876 to 1911 causes another round of laughter to spread through the room.



Laura Mápula (left)

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Nab WD-40?

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Then came this year's shockers. Last month, Procter & Gamble and Gillette announced plans to go to the altar.

Procter brands are ubiquitous in the world's bathrooms: deodorants, cosmetics, toothpaste, hair and beauty products, shaving cream, soaps, disposable diapers, toilet paper and, of course, Mr. Clean. Ditto for Gillette: razors and blades, electric razors, deodorants, and the like. The \$58 billion proposed merger will create the world's largest consumer-products company.

Immediately, competitors knew they were in trouble. Unilever, which had been managed jointly and clumsily from the U.K. and the Netherlands, finally decided to combine under one chief executive. It may also split itself up by product lines. Sara Lee decided to shed 40 percent of its product lines but will retain its household products. Analysts say that Colgate-Palmolive will have to buy another big company to defend itself against Procter/Gillette. WD-40's more direct competitors — Church & Dwight, Clorox, and the U.K.'s Reckitt Benckiser — are expected to clean their houses of any

cobwebs.

Compared with many of its competitors, WD-40 is a gnat, with \$242.5 million in sales last year. The combined Procter/Gillette will have revenues of more than \$60 billion.

No company is likely to try competing with the lubricant WD-40. Several big ones have tried, but none has succeeded. And WD-40's other product lines are probably not terribly enticing to the bigger companies — at least yet. "We don't compete in the mainline categories," says Garry O. Ridge, president and chief executive. "Our strategy is going into niche and specialized categories."

But it's the broad effect of the Procter/Gillette marriage that has the entire consumer-products industry taking emergency trips to the bathroom. There are two big factors behind this deal: Wal-Mart and the media. The combined company will have more leverage negotiating price with Wal-Mart and media companies, including TV, newspapers, magazines, and billboards.

Looking at the possible ripple effects of the Procter/Gillette merger, Ridge ruminates, "I think life will change somewhat, but I don't know what the downstream impact will be."

Wal-Mart represents 17 percent of Procter's business,

13 percent of Gillette's, and 14 percent of WD-40's.

WD-40's diversification efforts have made it vulnerable. "WD-40's brands now compete in categories characterized by increasing retailer bargaining power and the hefty advertising and promotional spending of much larger rivals, including Clorox and the U.K.'s Reckitt Benckiser," says a recent report by *Morningstar*. Reckitt Benckiser bills itself as the world's largest maker of household cleaning products, not including detergents. Church & Dwight, another WD-40 competitor, "is on an aggressive acquisition program," says Ridge.

Through acquisitions

and product innovation, those companies and others could strengthen brands that compete with WD-40. Or those companies could be swallowed up by one of the larger companies, such as Colgate or Unilever, and thus have more muscle to get on the shelves. On the other hand, since most mergers don't pay off, it's possible a consolidation wave among competitors could help WD-40.

Some analysts believe WD-40's acquisition program has not been a winner. The company has been "plowing its cash into poor acquisitions," says *Morningstar*. The post-1999 pur-

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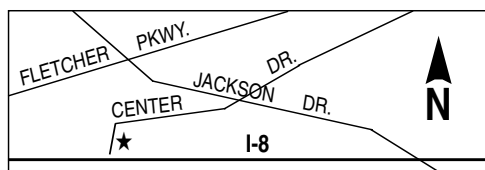
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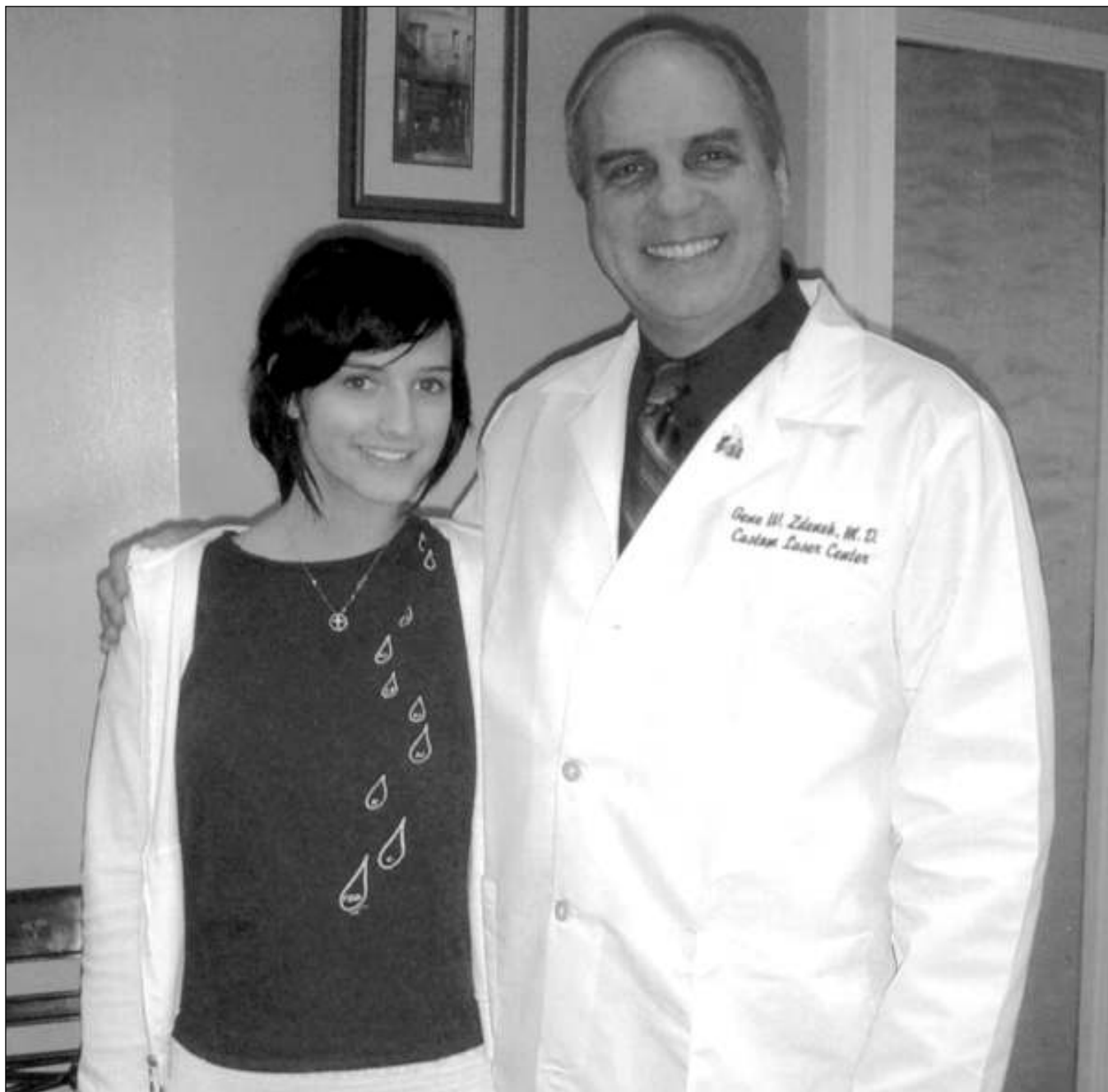
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Nab WD-40?

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chases were financed with \$147 million in cash and \$60 million in additional debt "and have not generated sufficient earnings growth." Between 1999 and 2004, earnings per share crept up from \$1.41 to \$1.50. They were \$1.57 in 2002 and \$1.71 in 2003, so the road has been rocky.

"In recent years, this conglomeration of [new] products has produced nothing but disappointments," says W.D. Crotty of *Motley Fool*.

To support the acquisition program, the dividend has been cut. It was \$1.28 a share in 2000 and 80 cents the last two years. At one time, WD-40 was one of the few high-yielding stocks in the consumer-products industry. Not now.

Meanwhile, the balance sheet has weakened. Long-term debt has gone up from \$1 million in 1998 to \$75 million.

To critics of the acquisi-

tion program he orchestrated, Ridge has a stiff rejoinder. "I am used to people making comments with limited or scanty information," he snaps.

WD-40 recently reported bang-up results for the quarter ended November 30, 2004. Sales were up 15.5 percent as earnings zoomed 28.4 percent. For the current fiscal year, Ridge expects earnings per share to rise to \$1.62. The bulk of expected sales growth will come from overseas, but lubricant sales, including WD-40, did well almost everywhere in the first quarter, he points out, thanks in large measure to a new WD-40 can, called "Big Blast," that sprays large surfaces quickly. He expects big growth this year in the household-products area — the brands that have been added by acquisition.

"We remain skeptical," says Simon Shoucair of *Value Line*. He doubts that WD-40's household products have great future-earnings power because of intense competition.

The big question is

whether some company might try to buy WD-40. "Despite criticism that it hasn't engineered potential future growth, the company has remained focused and has done a good job protecting its brand image," says David Allen of Palomar Equity Research. So, it's attractive.

"The company has no interest in selling, but if outside investors take a sizable position in the stock and try to pressure the board," it could happen, says Bud Leddom of Comstock Investment Advisors, who thinks Ridge's acquisition program has been more successful than critics say.

Ridge says he has no idea if a potential acquirer is looking at the company. If negotiations were going on, they would be made public, he says. Would the board accept an offer? "We're here to maximize shareholder value," he says — the standard corporate response. Officers and board members control only 8.7 percent of the stock — not enough to ward off a hostile offer.

However, one large institution, Capital Research and Management of Los Angeles, owns another 10.2 percent. It could have some say in the matter.

One factor that would inhibit a takeover is that the company is already very profitable, says Allen. There has been severe slippage, but margins are still quite high. For example, back in 1996, the company earned an astounding 46.5 percent on equity, or ownership. That has been cut in half — but last year's 23.6 percent is still very high by corporate standards.

That may be one reason why the stock is not cheap. It sells for 21.3 times its most recent 12-month earnings and 4.5 times its book value, or the value of its assets. "That's a stiff price," says Allen. "This company has always made amazing returns; it's clearly a pretty profitable company, and that's the rub. Any company paying a premium to buy it is not going to achieve a significant increase in profitability of WD-40. It is not a turnaround situation." ■

Dominate

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Castilleja is the senior member of the club, though he's not too far above the average age, which Mápula jokingly says is "about 32." A glance around the room suggests that her estimate is 20 years too low. There are a couple of men in their mid-30s, a couple more in their 40s. The rest look over 50.

Once another game starts at Mápula's table, all joking — indeed, all talking — ceases. The visitor, not a dominoes player, stands watching, but the torrid pace of play makes it hard for him to figure out how the game is played. Reading the puzzlement in the visitor's face, a club member walks up and gives a play-by-play. "Did you see Othon tap the table when it was his turn? That's because he has no fours or twos to play." Laura and her partner know that. In fact, at this point of the game each of them has a good idea what each other has. So, Laura and her partner are trying to block Othon and his partner, and

they're trying to do the same thing in return.

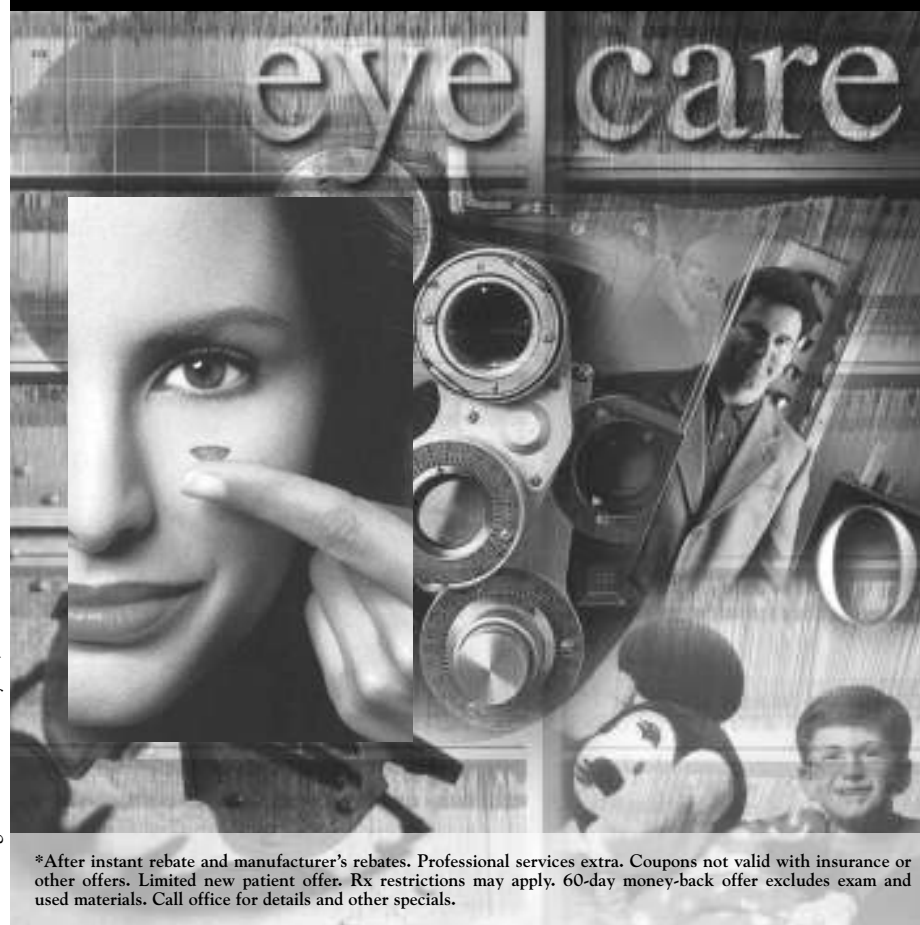
The round ends when Mápula's team runs out of pieces, meaning they're the winners. Castilleja's team has only one piece with a value of two. "So, Laura's team only got two points that round. The game ends when one team gets to 100."

Does any money ride on the game? A mustached man at the table smiles and nods. "But we're not talking about a lot of money. We use a three-two-one system of betting. You establish the price of the game, usually one, two, or three dollars. The game is to 100. And if the rival has less than 50 at the end of the game, they pay the price twice. If they make no points at all, they pay three times. If they have more than 50, they pay it only once."

Before another round, Mápula is asked why she's the only woman player around. She ponders the answer as she scrambles the dominoes on the tabletop. "I don't know," she shrugs, "but I like it." ■

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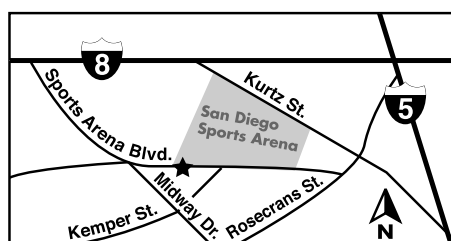
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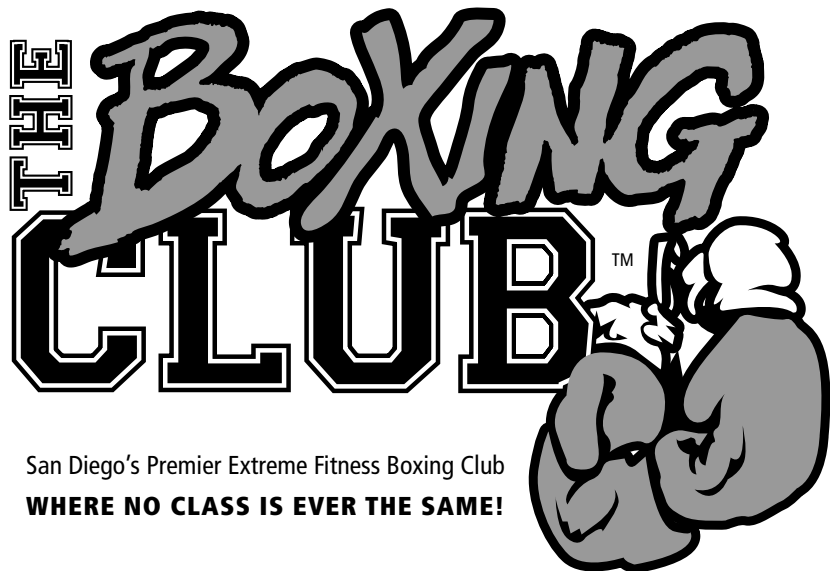


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Hey, Matt!

How much gold is in Fort Knox? Is it true that it hasn't been physically audited since the Eisenhower administration? Why can't we sell off the gold now and fund Social Security or pay off the national debt?

— John Q. Public, the net

Hmmmm. Well, how much gold ya got in your pocket? Mebby you got more than Ft. Knox, sez economist Kennedy Gammage, our go-to gold guy. Or mebby there's a shipload of gold in Ft. Knox. We're pretty sure somebody knows. Somebody's got a key to the vault and can peek in on the reserves from time to time. But they're not talking and they wish you would just go away too. Government gold has been in Ft. Knox since the '30s under the control of the Mint and ultimately the treasury department. No, it hasn't been audited since, well, maybe ever. Gold doesn't back any currency; it's made into dental appliances and jewelry and is traded on commodity markets like hog bellies and soybeans. It's magical stuff, but it ain't what it used to be — the measure of a country's worth. Gold in the commodity banks is audited, but U.S.-owned gold is pretty much just rumors, often involving the gov'mint or some captain of industry sneaking some/most/all of it out of the vault in skiploaders at midnight and into banks in foreign countries, probably as part of some one-world-government scheme. Even if there is gold in Ft. Knox (which is also an Army tank-training facility), it would take Congress to release it to sell and fund some domestic project. For reasons deeper and darker than the Ft. Knox vault, apparently, that ain't gonna happen.

Dear Matt:

Did Doritos ever have a sour cream and onion flavor? I could swear they had them when I was a kid, green bag and all, but my friends say it never existed. Please tell me this isn't just a distorted memory of my childhood.

— Rudedog, the net

Whoa! Matthew's Adventures in Telephone Land. Tip for the week? Never, ever, ever call the Frito-Lay division of PepsiCo. Though to be fair, these days, if you don't have the personal cell phone number of the particular corporate worm you want to talk to, the odds of ever talking to a real person who has real information are slim to none. The Chipville squad is fronted by one of those voice-recognition phone trees with too few branches and a severe hearing loss. But all lines end in voice mail, anyway.

So we went online with Kelly, Chipberg's corporate automaton (she must be real, there's her picture!), who promises answers to all our questions about the Doritos family of products. "Sour cream and onion Doritos?" we asked. "Huh?" said Kelly. Though we had much better luck with "How much gold is in Ft. Knox?" "Great question!" she enthused. Cool, we thought. Kelly's area of expertise. She referred us to PepsiCo's web guide for making nutritionally smart snacking choices. Our syntax squad is now trying to determine what magic words in our query linked "Ft. Knox" to "riboflavin" in Kelly's circuitry. On the plus side, though, if you fire off a smart comment about what a dim bulb Kelly seems to be, she's programmed with a cute apology and a promise to improve her service.

Truth be told, we were just messing with their minds. We already knew Rudedog was right. But we wanted details, man, details, to bring the snack alive for the Dog's doubting friends. Well, somewhere along the line we must have left a message in the right phone slot because darned if we didn't get a call from Jarrod, a perfectly amiable human being in the employ of Frito-Lay. He checked his encyclopedia of snacks and told us that in the earlyish-midish 1990s Doritos made a line called Doritos Thins, and one of those flavors was the lamented sour cream and onion. The whole Thins line lasted just three years ("A chip ahead of its time," Jarrod sighs); and one subsequent try to sell us sour cream-flavored Doritos (Sonic Sour Cream) also faded away. Jarrod was short on insight into marketing mysteries such as why we don't seem to like sour cream flavor on our corn chips but was full of the obligatory "fun facts," like, they make 500 million pounds of Doritos for the U.S. market every year. Whew! Just thinking about it gives me a hankerin' for a Pepsi. And calling Frito-Lay is still a whole lot more crunchy and satisfying than any encounter we've ever had digging facts out of the Disney corporation.

More Alarming News

In response to Monica's story about her electrified father, reader Greg e-mails: "I suddenly started tripping alarms at Rite-Aid, Vons, and other stores.... The source was my wallet. [In it] I found a small piece of white plastic with some circuitry on it, like the strip they put on CDs to keep you from stealing them. [Clerks usually desensitize them after you purchase the item], but somehow mine must have gotten reactivated and it started tripping alarms wherever I went."

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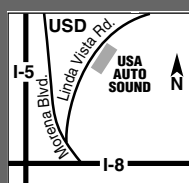
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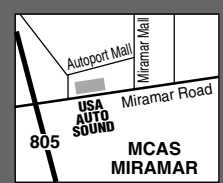
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Geezer Sports

There are senior tours for golf, tennis, billiards, and bowling — sports that are normally not identified with broken clavicles, necks, and spines. In other words, sports that have nothing to do with rodeos.

On the phone with Darrell Parker, 69, a Point, Texas, resident and defending National Senior Pro Rodeo Association (NSPRA) World Champion 68+ calf roper. Follows is what Parker does, better than anyone else, as described by NSPRA. "After the calf is given a head start, horse and rider give chase. The contestant ropes the calf, then dismounts and runs to the animal. After catching and flanking the calf, the cowboy ties any three of the animal's legs together using a small rope.... When the cowboy completes his tie, he throws his hands in the air as a signal to the judge. He then remounts his horse and they take a step or two forward, which allows the rope to become slack while the calf remains tied. The run is declared invalid if the calf kicks free within six seconds."

I wanted to know how long he'd been at it. "Quite a while...most of my life," says Parker. "I started roping calves when I was 34 years old, but I'd ridden bucking horses and stuff before that."

"What was rodeo like 40 years ago?" Parker laughs, "Pretty much the same. The contestants were a little bit different, a little wilder. It's more of a business now. It was a way of life then, a carefree deal for young people."

Carefree left the country in 1998. "Is there enough money in the senior tour to make a living? Can the 20th-best guy, 25th-best guy pay his rent off it?"

"No; it's like going on vacation and taking all your friends with you and maybe win a little money, too."

Parker drove a truck for Safeway most of his life. He worked out of Portland, Oregon, and rodeoed in the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association on the side. After retiring from Safeway, Parker started competing in senior rodeos and traveling around the West. He found — or ran into — "a place big enough to keep horses on" in Point, Texas. He bought it and is going about the business of living happily ever after.

A simple observation. "Everybody I've ever met who participated in rodeos has broken bones. More than that. Everybody has something that hurts all the time. How about you?"

"Most of them get broken bones in riding events, not roping calves," Parker says. "I

haven't had any injuries that kept me from roping, although I'm getting slower all the time. I can't get off the horse and get down there quick enough, but, in the seniors, we rope a little smaller calves."

"What is this 68-plus group for calf roping? Seems like an odd age for a category." (NSPRA also has a 40s group, 50s group, and 60s group.)

"They let guys come into the 60s group when they're 59 years old," Parker says, "if they're going to be 60 before the end of the year. When you get up around 68 it's hard to compete with them younger guys. So, they created a 68-plus group so guys could rope calves a little longer."

"How many ropers in the 68-plus category?"

"Depends on the rodeo. Sometimes you might see six or seven other guys; sometimes you might have 20."

"How many rodeos did you make last year?"

"About 35."

Whoa. "That's a lot. Close to one every ten days."

"We have a run coming up, two in Utah and six in Nevada. There'll be eight rodeos in 11 days. And I'm going to Arizona next month. There's one rodeo in Buckeye, two at Globe, one at Phoenix, one at Wickenburg, and one at Goodyear."

I smile, thinking of the rodeo in Lakeside. "I like small rodeos. Men driving campers or trucks, pulling horse trailers, driving into a dusty dirt parking lot on a Friday night. Everybody stands in a circle, drinks beer, bullshits with their buddies, rodeo the next day, drive off to another rodeo, stand around, drink beer, and so on. Is the senior tour like that?"

"Yeah; they do a lot of that in the seniors. They have a lot of potluck dinners and things like that."

"How about horses? Do you train yours or buy one that's been broken in by someone else?"

"I've done both. The one I've got now I've trained. The other one was semi-trained, but..." Silence. "After I had him a year, he was a lot better horse than he was when I got him. I won a lot of money on him, but he run into a fence and killed himself."

"What?"

"Yeah, he was playing; I don't know what he was thinking of. He was drinking water and my son's dog run in and nicked him on the heels. He just turned and run right into the fence."

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Galloping Horse, Soaring Eagle, Temple Badger, and Powerful Jaguar are some of the 30 graduates of the New Warrior Training Adventure. The New Warrior Training is a weekend retreat facilitated by The ManKind Project (MKP). According to its brochure, MKP "offers men the opportunity to look deeper into their lives and make healthy choices about their future."

The meeting began as a gray-haired man in slacks and loafers asked everyone to gather into the room and find a seat. The man instructed us to breathe deeply. "We breathe a breath that countless generations have breathed. Great warriors, significant men, great figures of the world all breathe this air we take in. Our breath will be breathed by generations. This is all part of the circle of life and its abundance. Let's be grateful for this through our spirituality or our nonspirituality." Men throughout the room voiced their gratitude by shouting, "Aho," a Native American word someone described as amen.

Rich walked forward and began to tell the history of the group. "The ManKind Project

was founded 20 years ago by three men. These men — a drill sergeant, a psychologist, and a philosopher/poet — wanted to create a support system for men to express and find themselves. They started it because they saw the men around them dying early, stressed out, divorcing, and feeling alone," said Rich. These three men created a weekend retreat for men to explore feelings, a connection to nature, and each person's own spirituality. "A lot of the teachings come from indigenous people — the Celts, Aborigines, Native Americans, and African tribes." After Rich spoke, two men played guitars and sang a song inspired by the training, "The Next Man."

After the song, Dorn, the leader of the New Warrior Training weekend, introduced the graduates. "These men came to a weekend event to find a part of themselves they were never aware of," said Dorn. Each graduate was introduced with his new name and the graduate then offered testimony of the change the ManKind Project brought into his life. "Since going on this retreat, my community is better with my wife, son, and coworkers," said Steven (Orca). "It is the closest thing to a miracle I've ever experienced," commented Jeff (Temple Badger). "I have been profoundly moved by love and goodness in all the men that attended. This weekend scraped away walls on my heart," said Gerald (Pig). The evening closed with a time to honor our mothers, a song, and an elder blessing. Everyone was encouraged to "take home the wonderful energy created that night."

Afterward, I met with David Valencia (Tiger with an Open Heart). Valencia graduated from the training in June 1999. After graduation, five men formed a small group. I spoke with several men from Valencia's group about their experience and spirituality.

Valencia says he is more aware of his personal issues through participation in the group. "I can speak openly about life's challenges and deal with them appropriately. Now, if someone gives me the wrong coffee, I don't get mad." I

asked Valencia what he sees as the meaning to life. "To see my kids grow up and become greater people, to support them and equip them for life. We need to focus on what we are leaving behind for future generations," replied Valencia.

Valencia was raised Catholic. "It became ritualistic for me. I still attend Catholic Mass on occasion and I say I'm Catholic. I believe in God and that Jesus is the Son of God." When asked about how his faith impacts his MKP involvement, he replied, "The MKP is open to all religions. All these religions can connect and come together. I believe in a higher power and that everyone has an individual potential to reach this. The MKP's spiritual direction helps one find a greater path." At the graduation ceremony, several New Warriors attended through the prompting of a Catholic priest.

Regarding death and the afterlife, Valencia believes "your flesh dies but your spirit goes on. Our spiritual side is a source of energy that is always around," Valencia replied. "As a Catholic I've been taught if you have been good, you will go to heaven. If you haven't been good, part of your punishment is your life will not be a good experience. As for the afterlife for bad people, I don't have an answer."

Dave Steinke (Powerful Bull) was raised

in a nonreligious family. "I've studied a lot of spirituality, but I've never gotten into religion. I do believe there is a greater spirit. But I believe that all things are connected into one. My feeling is that there is a greater power, but it is not the vindictive, judgmental, 'burn in hell' religion that many try



DAVID VALENCIA

to profess. I see a lot of religion's writings and practices as man's tampering with the spiritual world to accomplish what they want. Formal, organized religions are designed around controlling people. For example, Christianity uses sin. Sin is just a control mechanism. The leaders need to rule over these people and they threaten them with burning in hell if they don't follow the rules."

Steinke believes in reincarnation. "I believe our spirits come back as another human being until they reach, by learning, everything they need to learn." When asked where he came to this belief, Steinke replied, "It resonates with me. I'm of the belief that we accept what feels right."

Rick Kelchak was brought up Catholic but became a born-again Christian in college. "I got sucked into it through Youth for Christ," said Kelchak. Later, Kelchak rejected his faith because he was gay. "It was difficult because I was a crazy, Bible-thumping person who liked other guys. There was a lot of prayer and gnashing of teeth [as a Christian]. I wondered why I am made this way. I know God, or whatever being, is fine with the way that I am. If he wasn't, my conversion would have stopped these [homosexual] feelings." Kelchak still believes in God. "I guess you would call me a pseudo-Christian. But I believe the Indian practices hold more truth for me than Christianity. I see the earth, sky, and all creation as sacred." Kelchak said the MKP incorporates some of this Native American spirituality. On the retreats they beat drums in the forest, have a sweat lodge. Graduates wear a talisman, the red pouch necklace filled with sage, herbs, and a stone from the weekend retreat.

— Drew E. Goodmanson

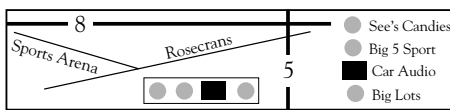


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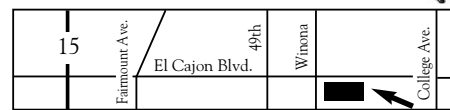
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Dear Saffron,

For the past several months I have been living next door to a construction site because an apartment building is going up in what was a vacant lot adjacent to my home. The noise and mess are driving me batty. Some of this can't be avoided, I know, but since we had those heavy rains a while back they were forced to take some days off of construction, and now they seem to be working night and day to make up for lost time. They've worked the past two Sundays, which makes it a seven-day-a-week proposition. Is this legal? How can I find out what the regulations are for noise control and limitation of working hours at a construction site?

MR. EARPLUGS NEAR BALBOA PARK

Dear Mr. Earplugs,

You can get the information you need through the San Diego Development Services Department, either online at www.sandiego.gov/development-services or by phoning them at 619-446-5000. The city has regulations about noise levels and permissible working hours at construction sites. Many of these rules are listed on their website at www.sandiego.gov/nccd/noise/. Good luck, and if you don't own a great sound system you can listen to with earphones, or at least an excellent Walkman, perhaps now's the time to treat yourself to one.

Dear Saffron,

Re: the letter from Angry Dad in El Cajon who complained that a friend of his young son and the friend's dad toilet-papered his house and yard and left him a giant mess to clean up. Toilet-papering has become a way for children to show one another how popular they are. Parents are usually in on the prank and must monitor it. My mom was always up to TP one of my friends' houses but insisted that anyone involved went back in the morning and helped the victims clean up. Cleanup was turned into a get-together for kids and parents. This became a common practice in our circle, and anyone who did not follow this rule was asked not to participate anymore. This simple rule keeps anyone from getting hurt and is a great reminder for kids that all actions have consequences.

TP VETERAN IN NORTH PARK

Dear Saffron,

This is in response to the letter from In Limbo in Lemon Grove who was wondering if she should stay with her boyfriend despite many difficulties in the relationship. "Limbo," anyone who habitually resorts to verbal abuse and name-calling during arguments with their significant other obviously doesn't have the emotional maturity required to be in a committed adult relationship. I agree with pretty much everything Saffron said, especially when

she asked, "What's in it for you?" What is in it for you, "Limbo"? From where I stand, it looks like nothing except a lifetime of discontent, hurt feelings, and eventually depression (if you're not there already). You said yourself you're "fed up with waiting around for him" to show you respect and you've already been waiting for years. How many more years of your life are you willing to give up for this loser? He threatened never to speak to you again should you move out? I say, "Great!" That means it'll just be that much easier for you to move on to someone better and actually have a life! He says you're being selfish? Hmm...and yet he's the one sitting on his sorry butt playing video games when he could make better use of that time focusing on you and the relationship he likes to think he has with you. Instead, he leaves you to "deal with all the minute details" of your home life. Just how old is this guy, anyway — 12? I'm assuming you work, and therefore have your own source of income. If you have the financial means to do so, I say get out. However, I don't advise doing it just to try teaching him a lesson, or to wait around for him to change into the kind of person you're "ready to be committed to for life" — the latter kind of sounds like your plan. Rather, move out on your own so you can salvage and then nurture what's left of your self-respect. You say you're "afraid of screwing up a vital part of your love life"? Honey, it's already screwed up! The sooner you can truly realize everything that you know to be the true nature of this relationship, the sooner you can do what, deep-down inside, you know needs to be done. Rather than waiting for this sow's ear to turn into a silk purse, go out and find a true silk purse! Best of luck in whatever you decide.

P.C. IN NORMAL HEIGHTS

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— EVE KELLY

When my husband Patrick sneezes, the house rattles. And it's rarely just one sneeze; three seems to be the minimum. His attempts at sneeze control are all in vain, and his schnozz is getting more sensitive with age. Dust explodes the grenade in his nose, as does a freshly mopped floor. I decided to step up the dusting and look for cleaners that might go easier on his tender sinuses.

My sister-in-law raves about the FlyLady (www.flylady.net), saying that her suggestions for cleaning techniques and routines have done wonders to reorganize her life and unclutter her home. So I called her.



"My favorite tool in the whole wide world is the feather duster," she said. "I use it for dusting all around the house, for dust bunnies, and for getting cobwebs out of corners. I can dust my whole house in two minutes; I've been timed. We designed our own dusters for FlyLady. We have the 16-inch [\$14.95] and the 26-inch [\$23.75]. They are the most luxurious, voluptuous feather dusters you have ever used. We cornered the market on the feathers that the Las Vegas showgirls use; they're the feathers from the armpit of the ostrich. They're very fluffy, and they're magnets for dust. They attract it instead of pushing it around. You don't have to swish really hard; you just move the feathers around things in a graceful manner. Once you're done dusting, you take it outside and shake it out."

As for cleansers, she said, "it's not about the potion; it's about the motion in your hand. My grandmother just used a dishcloth to clean. She would wipe things down with a cloth; water and a rag does a lot of stuff. You don't need a lot of chemicals when you're wiping continually. You know what I use in my toilet bowl? Some shampoo that I didn't like. I diluted it, poured it into a little crock, and stuck my toilet brush in it. I just swish my toilet every day; when you swish every day, stuff doesn't grow in it."

"Soap is soap," she concluded. "I tell people to clean their shower or tub while they bathe, with whatever they're using to wash their body, or a shampoo they don't like. You clean it while you're in there, and you don't have to worry about harsh chemicals on your delicate skin."

Next I spoke with Carrie Cortazzo, owner of Eco-clean Services (619-985-9052, www.ecohouseservices.com). Eco-clean offers chemical-free cleaning. "We offer housecleaning, carpet cleaning, plant service, pet-sitting, and laundry service for people whose houses we clean," said Cortazzo. "We choose to do this because of the high level of pollutants in people's homes. Pollutants can lead to uncommon allergies, skin irritation, and breathing problems. We go back to the basics — vinegar and hydrogen peroxide — as disinfectants instead of bleach."

"Vinegar and hydrogen peroxide can be used for window cleaner, laundry detergent,

"It's not about the potion; it's about the motion in your hand."

and for floors and bathrooms. How strong it is depends on how much you dilute it with water. Hydrogen peroxide makes a great grout cleaner; it bubbles when you pour it on a counter, just as it would on a sore. If you mix in a little bit of citrus — an orange-essential oil — with it, it gives a nice scent. And it also degreases. I let the mixture sit on the grout for about 15 minutes and then scrub it with a very thin brush."

I had a hard time imagining laundry without bleach. "If someone really wants to use bleach," said Cortazzo, "we suggest they use a non-chlorinated bleach. The base of bleach is hydrogen peroxide. Ecover makes a non-chlorinated bleach that comes in jugs [\$5.99 for 64 ounces at Whole Foods]. You can mix it with baking soda to help whiten, and it also softens the water. Use a quarter-cup of baking soda instead of fabric softener."

Vinegar gets floor duty. "For kitchen or bathroom floors, we use a mixture of vinegar and water, and add a little lavender oil to it so that you don't smell the vinegar. Lavender is antibacterial and antifungal, so it's a really good oil to put in any of your cleaners. However," she

noted, "I would not use a vinegar mixture for a wood floor. I use water,

five to ten drops of lavender oil and citrus oil, and a small amount of vegetable oil. The oil gives the floors a nice finish — like Murphy Oil Soap."

Sometimes she skips the citrus oil and goes straight for the juice. "Take a

lemon, cut it in half, put some salt on a rust spot and rub the lemon on

it. It's a great remedy for that

rust ring you get when you leave your shaving cream can on the bathtub."

Stainless steel and windows both get treated with club soda. "For windows, we use club soda or vinegar and water. If a window is really bad, we won't dilute the club soda. You can put the mixture in a spray bottle, or use a squeegee and bucket. Mint is a wonderful scent to add to windows. Also, if you want, you can add a little soap to the mixture. It will leave a thin layer of residue, which acts like oil. When the rain comes, it will kind of drip right off. I like to use Seventh Generation apple-scented soap — two drops to a gallon."

For soap scum, "I use a cream scrub by Ecover [\$2.99, plus shipping, for 16 ounces, available through Ecoclean Services] and a natural fiber bristle brush. The natural fiber brushes are more pliable, and they don't scratch."

Cortazzo doesn't think that going back to basics makes cleaning harder. "I don't find it any different. For me, no matter what you clean, you have to use elbow grease. We find that people think that disinfecting just means spraying something on and wiping it off. To really disinfect anything, you have to put it on soaking wet and leave it for five to ten minutes to air-dry before it goes through the process of disinfecting." Ecoclean Services also offers housecleaning starter kits [\$24.99–\$59.99], which include natural cleaning products, tools, and tips for making your own cleaners.

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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Who among your readership knows enough about such obscure references as a “vacant Tunisian landscape” or “Hawks’s (movie) *His Girl Friday* of 1940” or the “genteel fiction of Eudora Welty” to make their inclusion any more than typewriter jack-off?

— LETTERS: “**BRICKBATS**,” Steve Austin,
February 27, 1975

In the reference to the Tunisian landscape, the description “vacant” supplies a slight clue to anyone in the dark; in the reference to Welty’s fiction, the word “genteel” functions likewise; as for the one to *His Girl Friday*, I will risk a blind guess that practically no movie critic in the country, when reviewing *The Front Page*, refrained from mentioning the earlier version by Howard Hawks.

— LETTERS: “**AND MORE BRICKBATS**,”
Duncan Shepherd, February 27, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

You don’t see schleppers in cowboy garb at Mr. A’s. You really have to have a special Mister A’s outfit — for men, suits and ties, and for women, short dresses that cost more than one hundred dollars. You wouldn’t want a dress that costs less than the meal, would you? Perilously high heels for women are almost mandatory; women in Birkenstock sandals should be forewarned.

— RESTAURANTS: “**SHOW AND GLOW**,”
Eleanor Widmer, February 28, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice: Well, what is the steepest street in San Diego?

I was waiting to see how many people would fall for the obvious and nominate Laurel Street, between State and Union, or Ash Street between Sixth and Seventh, or B Street near Twentieth. Nobody was able to come up with the identity of the real champ — Poe Street, just north of Evergreen, in Loma Portal.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice,
February 28, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

On February 12, the council members wasted 20 minutes of meeting time debating the merits of revising the section of the municipal code that regulates bonfires on city beaches...

Mayor Maureen O’Connor then jumped into the debate, asking Henderson to repeat his concerns even though he’d stated his positions at least three times. After being briefed on the debate, O’Connor sided with Henderson, pointing out that she had a fire ring in front of her house when she lived at the beach and recalling that most beachgoers were very considerate of residents. “When we had a problem, it was because they’d had a little too much to



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drink or had a little too much marijuana,” recalled the mayor, who now lives in the Point Loma hills.

— CITY LIGHTS: “**RINGS FINGERED**,” Paul Krueger,
March 1, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Maybe it was hearing Joe Garagiola say the word *bitch* frequently and casually that made the dog show so strange. Maybe it was hearing Joe Garagiola, an ex-catcher, exclaim again and again that he was a “small-dog man.” (Garagiola expressed what can only be called an unwholesome enthusiasm for the “toy” breeds. He seemed taken with the way the dogs’ hair moved as they were paraded before the judge.)

The Westminster dog show raised more questions than it answered. Why, for example, do almost all the young female handlers have very thick ankles? Why is it that the wives of the owners are almost all rail-thin, pathologically nervous women? Why is it that certain of the breeds displayed in the show were allowed to survive?

I’m referring to the toy poodles.
— AS SEEN ON TV: “**BOWWOW**,” Abe Opincar,
February 23, 1995

Five Years Ago

Only, where can one get the pure stuff, the stuff uncut by sobering stories on politics, legislation, and — downer of all downers — zoning? Dominick Dunne only writes about rich people who die. The glossies only cover Hollywood people who die. Isn’t there a more democratic vendor of bad news? Fox Television doesn’t count because Jennifer Love Hewitt dilutes all of its bad news. CyberSleuths (www.cyber-sleuths.com), however, has all it takes to be a leader in this growth industry. This website, which gets updated several times a day, compiles only the most gruesome stories from the headlines of America’s leading dailies. The result is an exhaustive yet current catalog of crime news.

— SIGHTSEER: “**BASEMENT EVIDENCE INCINERATIONS**,”
Justin Wolff, February 24, 2000

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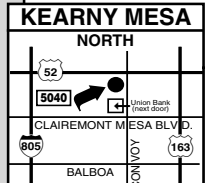
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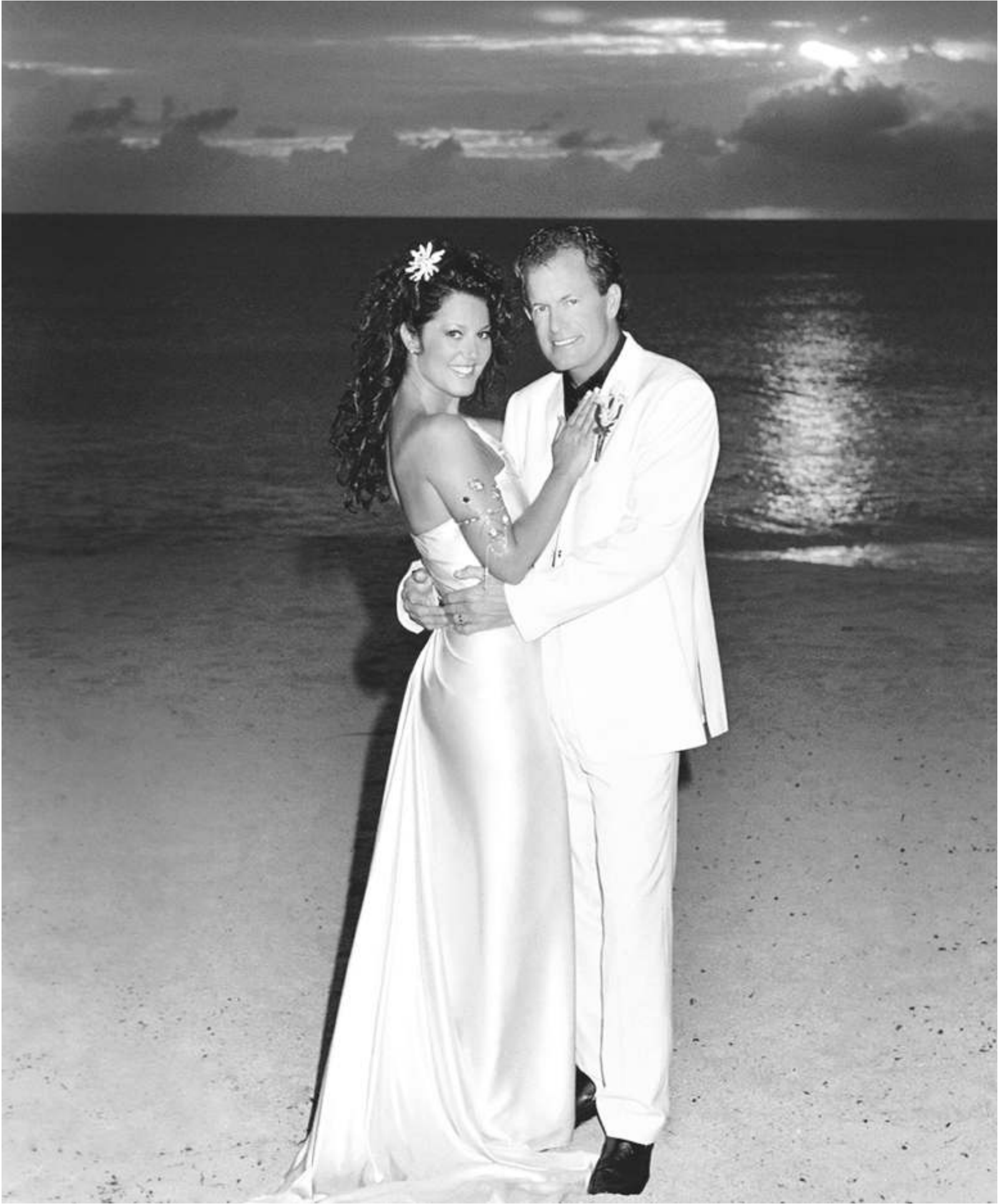
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by Josh Board

I went to a party last year when local author Jennifer Coburn released her first book, *The Wife of Reilly*. I was surprised when she had a party for her next book, *Reinventing Mona*, coming out one year later.

I met a cute redhead named Shelley at a concert in Los Angeles the week before. She lived in Orange County but wanted to come down to go to this event and any other parties I had to attend that night. And I was happy to bring her. She had been sick all week and mentioned mingling with literary types in an art gallery (the party was at Gallery 504 in North Park). I was going to make sure we wouldn't get stuck in any conversation that was over our heads.

The first thing I saw when I walked in was a man in an angel suit with desserts. Jennifer said, "There's also a devil serving sinful desserts and heavenly sweets. It's funny when they were watching the harpist." I heard someone say that Maria (the harpist) was playing a harp that cost \$50,000. I thought that if I spent that much on something to play at a party, it better also be able to drive me home from the party.



I ran into Milo, a nice guy I only seem to see at parties. I introduced him to Shelley, and he said, "You have a different date than you did last year." I thought that was a little better than if he had said a different date than I had last night.

The two hostesses of the party were dressed up, since the book is about a woman who reinvents herself. Joan Isaacson was dressed as the Good Witch of the North. Audrey Jacobs



Top: Clairemont party; bottom left: Jennifer Coburn; bottom right: homeowner with ticket police gave him

ley Girl voice, "I don't know what you're talking about. I have hardwood floors."

Another lady there was dressed as a desperate housewife. There were two gay guys in matching rhinestone-studded

joining the moms' league after years of watching from the sidelines."

Apparently Jennifer had joined, too. When she got to the microphone to read from her book, she complained of a knee injury from a recent soccer game.

The chapter she read was hysterical. Mona hires a columnist who's a male chauvinist pig to tell her what men like. Learning a little about college basketball was enough to get her date excited, until she confused a coach for a player. It was hysterical. It was also funny when Jennifer had a

Freudian slip. The line she was reading was about a coach "pulling out the big win." She read it as "pulling out the big one."

There were two different lawyers at the party. I was told one of them was Jim McElroy, who won that \$12 million judgment against white supremacist Tom Metzger. I asked Jennifer about him, thinking I'd hear some crazy Klan stories. She said, "That red hat he was wearing I bought for him."

Women and clothing. I wanted courtroom drama, not fashion tips.

She continued, "After seeing him in the identical black cap for years, I finally broke down and got him a red one, saying, 'Get a new fucking hat already!'"

When I heard someone mention Jennifer's first book was being made into a film, she told me, "Jim helped me with the contract for the film-rights option for *Wife of Reilly*."

I asked what it means to option and she explained, "It basically means the rights were bought to make a movie, to adapt it into a screenplay. They have the rights for 18 months."

I asked how that came about and was told, "Cara Di Bona was in Barnes & Noble

"If my daughter did that at home, I'd tell her to clean the mess off the mirror."

was dressed as a porn star in a blond wig with a name tag that said "L.A. Woman." Because I had had a few glasses of wine, I thought it would be funny to ask, "Does the carpet match the drapes?" She said, in that Val-

tuxedos, and a few other guests portrayed characters in the book. Jennifer told me, "Several of the Del Cerro soccer moms were there 'as they are' but in real life have reinvented themselves as soccer players,

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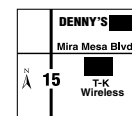
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and saw the book, read it, and loved it. She told her dad he must option it. Vin Di Bona Productions then optioned it. Whether it ever becomes a movie remains to be seen, but the first step is done."

It reminded me of the hit song "Mickey" by Toni Basil. A record-company bigwig had the cassette in his car and didn't care for it, but his kids loved the song's cheerleader chant. He figured other kids would like it, so they released it as a single and it went to number one. I'm sure Jennifer's book will have the same luck. It was hysterical.

Shelley and I took one last look around the art gallery, trying to figure out some abstract pieces. One mirror had paint all over it, and she said, "If my daughter did that at home, I'd tell her to clean the mess off the mirror." As we walked out the door, we saw two nudes with hearts in between their legs. We shook our heads and headed to Clairemont for our second party.

It wasn't abstract art I tried to figure out at this party. It was the lyrics to some reggae songs, the drugs some people were on, and why a blonde woman wouldn't leave me alone. More on that later.

One band was putting their instruments in their car as we walked up. I said, "You guys are going the wrong way." The guy with the keyboards said, "We just finished, but another band is going on next."

That band was called Crazy Bald Heads. It was only 15 minutes until we got to hear Loose Cannon. They played under a basketball hoop in the backyard. They had blue tarps set up in case it rained.

The yard had a swimming pool, so there wasn't a lot of room to stand, and it was very crowded near the band. Since Shelley is only five feet tall, I don't think she could see much. I thought it was hysterical to see a bunch of girls standing a few feet in front of a loud band but still trying to

talk on their cell phones. I don't think putting a finger in the other ear helped much.

I was talking with Christopher Rodeno, who works for A&R Productions. He arranged for the bands to play here. I asked if it was just reggae music he

produced and he said, "No, we have a wide spectrum of music."

We went inside to one room that had a Ping-Pong table. There were lots of cups of beer on it, and at one point, someone hit the Ping-Pong ball into the beer. He then told his

friend, "You got to down that now, dude!"

I thought of a comedian who recently said, "What do you think the smartest thing someone has ever said with the word 'dude' in it?" That line probably isn't a contender.

I met one of the hosts'

neighbors. He said, "I'm so glad these guys moved here. They don't complain when I have parties, and I come over here when they have parties."

Shelley said, "There doesn't seem to be much pot here for a reggae party." A guy named Bo

came out of nowhere and showed us his stash. He said, "I just didn't bring anything to smoke it with. Whenever I have a pipe with me, I have bad luck with the cops. Now I can't find anyone with a pipe."

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the bathroom downstairs, we decided to try upstairs. We passed a Dalai Lama poster on the wall and found the door was locked. We knocked, and a guy sitting on the floor, totally out of it, asked what we wanted. He said, "There's a bathroom downstairs." He slammed the door. I thought pot was supposed to make people happy. I wanted to shout, "Where's the love? What's with the hostility, man?"

I knocked again and a girl answered. She said, "You can use the bathroom, but there's no toilet paper." Shelley went in and came back saying, "It was filthy in there, so I didn't

go." When the door opened, a haze of marijuana smoke came billowing out.

When we walked back downstairs, people now had a joint going in the Ping-Pong room. It was starting to look like an authentic reggae party.

I met a waitress from Trophy's named Kris. I told her, "When I ate there, I was amazed that the waitresses can write their names upside down on the tablecloth." She said, "Yeah, that took me two days to learn. One time it confused a guy, who kept saying, 'What is 'Sirk?'"

Bo came over and offered us a beer. He told

me that a local microbrewery had supplied six kegs. He tried to hand Shelley a beer. She whispered to me, "I'm afraid to drink anything a person here offers me."

She told me that, as she walked out of the kitchen, one Mexican guy grabbed her, saying, "Hey, you're hot." I wondered if that line works at parties.

As Bo continued to tell us how great the beer was, a guy came over in a panic. He was holding a beer tap, saying, "We just finished the third keg. And I can't find the other keg! Where are the other kegs?" Bo quickly left to track them down.

We went into the living room. There were lots of empty bottles of booze that people had finished. I saw a beautiful aquarium. I wondered if the homeowners worried that after a party like this they might wake with a Jack Daniel's bottle floating in there — or a dirty shoe.

From the living room, I glanced around at the crowd. A girl was drinking champagne out of a bottle. A few guys were carrying around 40-ouncers. A black guy was trying to look cool with a toothpick in his mouth and gold chains around his neck.

The cops showed up around midnight, and

everyone came into the house trying to be quiet. Bo got a call and said, "Screw the cops, come on in. The party crasher dude is here." He then handed me the phone to try to convince her. I made a joke about Bo being so drunk he did some sexual things to me. She then asked, "Is it okay to walk right past the cops?" I told her other people were.

Her name was Diane, and she was with a friend. Bo kept his arms around them for a few minutes, and I said he looked like a pimp. He said, "At the New Year's party here, I was wasted on ecstasy. I walked into one room, and there

were five people having sex. This big orgy. It was so wild."

He then told us a list of the drugs he had tried and said something about rap music. I said, "Let's hear your freestyle." He said, "Give me a beat." I thought it would be silly for me to start making noises with my mouth, so a drummer friend of his started playing. Bo then went into this long rap that had us laughing.

A man who looked to be in his early 20s then sat down next to us on the couch. He was pissed that the cops had given him a ticket. "They are supposed to give you one oral warn-

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ing first. Then the second time they come back, that's when you get a ticket. Those cops just went right to the ticket without a warning."

As Shelley and I were getting ready to leave, a blonde woman I hadn't talked to all night started telling me I couldn't write about her being at the party. She said she worked in the legal department for some company and she could lose her job. I told her I wouldn't mention her. She went on and on about the ramifications of it all, and I told her I didn't even know her name. She then told me her name.

When I started taking pictures, I took one of her on the couch with some guys. She said, "You can't use my picture. Wait a minute. Let me see it first."

I showed it to her and she said, "Okay, I look good in that. You can use it." I told her I take lots of pictures and never know which ones will be used.

As we left, I was surprised by the number of people in the front yard, on the driveway, and on the sidewalk. I knew it was only a matter of time before the cops showed up again.

The blonde woman then ran outside saying, "I changed my mind. Don't use that picture of me."

I told her I wouldn't, and she followed me down the sidewalk, repeating what she'd already told me. I assured her that I wouldn't use her name or picture in the story. After 15 minutes of talking, I told her nicely, "We have to go now. Shelley was sick all week, and we're cold standing out here." She said, "I hope you don't think I'm a bitch or anything. I'm just protecting my job." I said, "Yeah, I know. It's cool."

We walked half a mile down the dark street to my car. Shelley said, "I can't believe you kept talking to her. I would've been done with her after the first few minutes."

I turned my car

around, and as I was heading down the street, the blonde walked over to my car with a group of guys. One stood in front of my car with his hand behind his back. She came to my window and yelled, "Get out of the car!" I told her no. She yelled again, "Get out of the car!" The guy in front of me said, "Get out of the car, motherfucker!" I figured he had a gun behind his back, but Shelley told me she thought it was a beer. I contemplated running him over and peeling out of there. Another car came up behind us and honked. The guy yelled, "You can go around us!"

I rolled the window down a bit and said, "Listen, we aren't going to mention you in the story." She said, "Hand the pictures over." I said, "I can't do that. I need them for my story." The guy said, "Give her the fucking pictures!" Now this was starting to look like a scene from a James Bond movie.

I realized the camera was in the back seat and told her I'd have to get it. I got out of the car, more pissed than scared. I took the camera and showed her the pictures. When I got to her picture, I hit Delete. Then she wanted me to go through all the photos again just to check. The battery was about ready to die, and I thought that if it did, these thugs would just want to take the camera. Luckily, this fine Sony product made it through all 15 photos. Now this blonde woman started apologizing. I ignored her, got in my car, and started to move forward. The guy in front of my car said something to her, and she nodded her head. He then moved out of the way to let me by.

Shelley didn't seem as worried as I did. She simply said, "This is what you do on weekends?" ■

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"I want to make a toast," Jane said, lifting her glass, "to our guys. All of us are neurotic freaks, and we found wonderful guys, patient guys, and some of you are the fathers of our children." Eldest of the four Johnson girls at 34, Jane is by far the quirkiest and most neurotic, though any one of us could offer psychology students a classic study of idiosyncrasy.

Jane and Heather, along with their husbands, rarely get a break from their children and a chance to dress up and dine out. Tonight, Mom and Dad were watching their grandchildren in Chula Vista. So my sisters were able to leave home without worrying — who could they trust more to watch their kids than the two people who raised them?

This was the first time we had ever been together in one room with our partners and no one else — no kids,

no parents, just my sisters and our men. I had organized the dinner to take place in a private setting so there would be no distractions. We were excited to have time with each other. For our guys, this was a chance to commiserate and to experience the overwhelming sensation one gets when dealing with my sisters and me as a group.

The night was chilly; after entering the dining room, my sisters and I flocked to chairs by the fireplace. Except for Jane, who defected to the boys' side, the sisters sat on one side of the table with our backs to the warm flames. Later, when the guys were involved in a discussion about paintball and food allergies, Jane said, "I want to sit on that side of the table with *you guys*; it's hard

for me to hear what you're saying."

At this, Heather looked at our deserter and declared solemnly, "You made your choice."

We were served our first course, a sea scallop with corn chowder. As per usual when we're together, it didn't take long for dinner conversation to turn to childhood memories. Heather said, "Hey, Barb, remember that time you shit in the Jacuzzi?"

Using my nickname for her, I said, "Give me a break, Faye, I was *four*. But yes, I recall my first humiliating experience, thank you."

Wanting to take part in the revelry, Jane said, "Heather, remember when you were in the bathroom and I wouldn't give you the toilet paper?" *Touché*, I thought.

"No, I don't," Heather said; under her breath to our side of the table only, she whispered, "Jane's starting to have false memories."

This was doubly funny to me, because Heather is the obsessive clean freak of our clan. When having a neurotic episode, Heather will most likely disinfect her entire house before she's able to relax again.

"Remember what I remember?" Jenny's question caught our attention.

"You're not allowed to drink any more wine," Heather said to our youngest sister.

"I remember the Halloween you guys allowed me to dress like a pig," Jenny said. "Those pictures still haunt me," she groaned. As adults, we've all kept a copy of Jenny dressed as a pig taped to our refrigerators.

"That's because we like you that way," Jane said.

Wine flowed, and it seemed no time passed before we were picking through our second course, poached pears with blue cheese and greens. Jenny launched an attack on the other side of the table by telling us what Jane had said on the way to the bathroom with her. "If you listen, you'll hear more." We have a lot of fun teasing Jane. She's hypersensitive and prone to guilt. She makes it easy for us. If we run out of ideas, we can rely on the fact that she spray-painted a cat's ass.

While we girls recalled the trauma of our youth, the boys discussed boy stuff, pyrotechnics and fire trucks. Jane's husband Simon mentioned his ideas for how he plans to organize his garage.

"I want Oprah to do it!" Jane interrupted. "Barb, didn't you say you'd help me with that?" She's been convinced for years that if my friends and I videotaped her cluttered garage and helped her write a letter to her idol, Oprah would show up at her house to do the grunt work.

"When are you going to realize that Oprah is not going to clean our garage?" Simon said in exasperation.

"Jane, if Simon says Oprah is not gonna show, then she's *not gonna show*," said Jenny.

"Why? Oh...is it..."

"Because *Simon Says*!" We shouted in unison. Making fun of Simon's name has never gotten old. Jane regularly would imitate one of

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Mike Myers's characters from *Saturday Night Live* by singing, "Hello, my name is Simon, and I like to do drawings." It was a year before she learned her husband-to-be had never seen the sketch and that he had chalked up her song as further proof of her adorable insanity.

The main course and a few more bottles of wine appeared — all four sisters had ordered chicken. Still making guy talk, Sean was telling the men about his cliff-diving experiences. During a rare silence between the ladies (most likely due to the food in our mouths), Heather overheard her husband and cut him off to offer her opinion of Sean's thrill-seeking.

"On the fifth day of our 17-day honeymoon, Sean fractured his ribs and slipped a disc because he jumped off a cliff near the Italian Riviera," she said.

"She still made me carry the luggage for the rest of the trip," Sean said.

"You're damn right I did," shot Heather.

Her desire to admonish her husband diminished at the sight of chocolate molten lava cake topped with ice cream and a fried banana. It felt as if everything slowed down while we tasted the sweets. Too somnolent to think up any more embarrassing stories about each other, we listened as Sean told us of the time he and his friends were nearly killed by a gang of tweaked-out skinheads. Sean's group had been on a long trek to find the perfect cliff-diving location and discovered the gang of

skinheads at the bottom of a wooded hill. Luckily, no one was hurt. However, the following day of cliff-diving brought Sean horrifying pain and permanent deafness in one ear.

Heather is probably less understanding of her husband's antics because we did not grow up with boys.

"You ain't seen nothin' yet," I joked. "Just wait until Liam and Brian grow up." Liam, her firstborn, just turned three, and Brian is less than a year old. Heather was given a preview of her boy's future tendencies, obviously inherited from his father, when Liam first tried to fly by casting his body off of the living room couch.

It seemed as if we'd been giggling all night — my jaw was sore from an evening of eating and talking. Once in the room, we sisters became the little girls we had been. Falling back into our familiar familial roles, Jenny and I had peeked around Heather several times and made faces at each other precisely as we did when we were in church and separated by Mom.

Both Jane and Heather, working moms, began to tucker out at 11:00 p.m. Our men had retired to chairs in the corner, seeking relaxation from the manic evening. We gathered ourselves, suppressing our immaturity before leaving the room and returning to lives as responsible women. Our wonderful guys, our patient guys, each followed his own personal neurotic freak out the door. ■

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ACCORDING to records obtained from the airport authority under the California Public Records Act, contracts totaling at least \$4.2 million have been signed with public relations consultants, lobbyists, and pollsters. Though the agency disputes it, the critics contend that much of that public money is being poured into a hardball, take-no-prisoners campaign plan to combat stiff resistance among the citizenry to the controversial notion of moving Lindbergh Field. The plan, they say includes keeping tabs on citizens who oppose the agency's political agenda and working with those who favor it.

The authority insists that its campaign plan is simply to "educate and inform" voters. But many of the consultants boast long records of fighting community opposition to development projects. They also advertise their long-standing contacts with local reporters and editorial writers — known in the campaign business as "free media" — who are at times wined and dined with funds provided by project sponsors. Sometimes, according to their airport authority contracts, the largely under-the-radar consultants even write the stories and editorials themselves.

Critics argue that such activity goes far beyond informing and educating the public and that spending the taxpayers' money to gather intelligence about the authority's political foes may even violate state privacy laws.

"The airport authority is charged by law with making a recommendation on a site for a new regional airport," says Bruce Henderson, "but only after an exhaustive review. These contracts suggest the members of the authority have already reached their decision well before the end of that process." Henderson, an attorney, has been monitoring the authority with

Lindbergh Field

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former San Diego county supervisor Lou Conde, perhaps the authority's severest public critic.

"For example," continues Henderson, "the authority appears to have already excluded upgrades to Lindbergh Field. When did they do that, and were key decisions made without public hearings? Already the authority is entering into contracts with political consultants to push conclusions — not educators to assist the public in participating in the process and to assist the public in ultimately, at the ballot box, making an informed decision. If the public was excluded from meetings in which key decisions were made narrowing down possible sites, that would be a violation

of the Brown Act."

A violation of the Brown Act is one concern; an illegal political campaign is another. If a public agency were to spend public money on a political campaign, those expenditures would represent a gift of public funds to the private interests organizing the campaign.

"Already, the PR campaign that has been conducted seems to have crossed the line to political advocacy," Henderson says. "But the authority was not created to advocate; it was created to educate and to recommend a possible solution — but only if there is a true problem, that is, a true need for a new airport. If the board members broke the law, it may be a matter for the grand

jury to look into."

An example of the authority's public relations strategy was on display last Thursday. At a news conference, the authority announced the results of a \$35,000 poll of 1600 San Diego County registered voters. After declaring that the airport authority's site-selection process was "transparent" and "educational" in nature, CEO Thella Bowens proudly pointed to the poll's key finding: that public support for building a new airport jumped from 42 to 49 percent after the authority distributed more than a million glossy newspaper inserts headlined "Fly into the Future." According to the poll, opposition to a new airport fell from 35 to 27 percent after the



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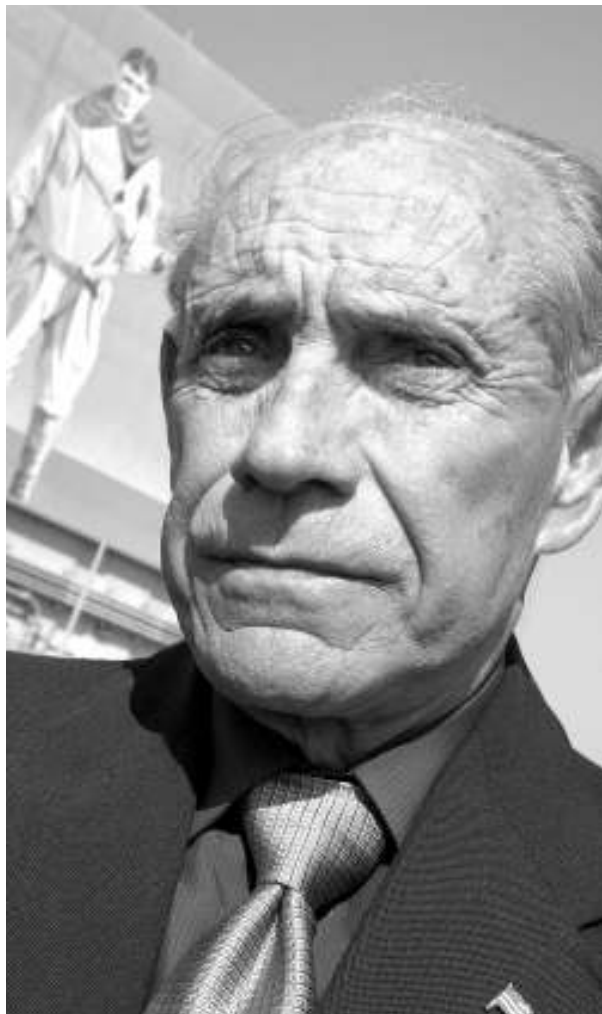
"The more people are given good valid data, the better decisions they are able to make," Bowens concluded. Pollster Skip Hull, of CIC Research, Inc., added that the survey was important in finding out whether the agency's efforts were "effective with voters...in terms of swaying their opinions and making them understand the need for a new airport."

One of the airport authority's highest-paid consultants is GCS-PR, LLC, a San Diego-based public relations and political consulting outfit deeply rooted in county politics and real-estate-development advocacy campaigns.

GCS is run by Tom Gable, a former financial editor with

the now-defunct *San Diego Evening Tribune*. Gable left the paper in the 1970s to go into the public relations business. Twenty-five years later, in 2001, he shut down his company, the Gable Group, saying that the burst of the dot-com bubble had done him in. Along with two former Gable Group executives, Rick Cook and Jon Schmid, Gable then set up GCS. According to its website, one of the firm's specialties is countering public opposition to big development projects.

"The North County Transit District...found itself facing last-minute opposition to the construction of two critical stations on the route," says one "case study" on the GCS website.



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Lou Conde

"Aggressive media relations immediately balanced what had

been a negative story, and contact with editorial boards took the

battle to the opinion pages."

In another case, involving a mammoth residential subdivision in North City, "Tom Gable, who had led complex programs for Pardee on previous land use issues, was retained to assist in the passage of a controversial development in San Diego called Pacific Highlands Ranch...."

"The agency developed speeches and materials for public presentations and on-air debates, news releases and editorial board pitches for the media." The resulting campaign, according to GCS, "succeeded in winning the support of virtually all of San Diego's major media, including the *San Diego Union-Tribune's* editorial board. On Nov. 3,

Proposition M passed with 53 percent of the vote."

In a third PR battle touted on its website, GCS was retained by U.S. avocado growers who were attempting to halt the lifting of a federal ban on imports of Mexican avocados. "The media relations push included a series of press releases, media alerts, advertising, pitch letters and one-on-one phone contacts and interviews."

"Key tactics included turning out 1,500 growers at the USDA's two-day hearing and a major rally attended by more than 25 media, including the Associated Press, CNN, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, *San Diego Business Journal*, *San Diego Daily Transcript*, *Santa Barbara News Press* and four

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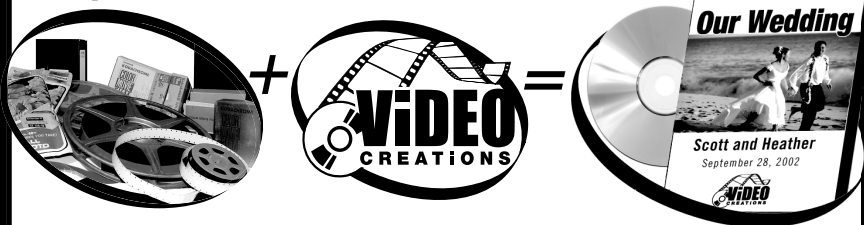
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Among other tasks, the contract requires the agency to "write articles for local and trade publications" and "create digital videos" to "explain the need for increasing the commercial air transportation system capacity to meet economic growth."

An attachment to the contract calls for GCS to recruit sup-

porters of the authority's position from the ranks of local reporters. That part of the effort, the contract says, is "aimed to establish and foster media relationships on the Authority's behalf, as well as encourage and promote media buy-in and positive press coverage for site selection issues."

The contract's "scope of work" says that GCS will "develop coalition and outreach strategies to organize and mobilize the business, economic and political interests regarding the Airport Site Selection Program."

Beginning this month, the GCS contract says, public relations workers will fan out to more than 30 "ethnic community street fairs and festivals" across the



Thella Bowens

county, pitching the airport authority's message. Venues are

to include the Gay Pride Festival, Cabrillo Festival,

Ocean Beach Street Fair, Fiestas Patrias, UCSD Multicultural Festival, and Little Italy's ArtWalk.

And the contract goes further. The "Airport Site Selection Program — Work Program," a document attached to the GCS contract, says the consultant will assemble a group of what it calls "Friends." The program calls for "identification and approaching of potential 'Friends'; 'Friends' communications, mailings; and 'Friends' meetings."

Though the contract is carefully couched in legalese and bureaucratese, its point is hard to miss.

"Coalition and outreach strategies are an integral program component aimed at boosting community, business and legislative sup-

port for the site selection process and referenda."

"Included in this outreach are identifying influentials, developing and maintaining the coalition as well as opposition databases, organizing and mobilizing businesses, coordinating with ASAP21 and similar groups, developing and implementing the Pilots program, maintaining regular communications briefings as well as scheduling and facilitating coalition meetings."

When asked during a recent telephone interview about the "opposition database" mentioned in his firm's contract, Gable said, "There's going to be a debate. You have a roster of people on your side, and you have a roster of people on the

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other side.” He insisted that it appeared more sinister than it was. “You want to know who the people on the other side are, what their names are, are their arguments logical, are they making sense, where they are coming from.”

“The opposition database is just gathering information, that’s all,” according to Gable. “It’s just clips, letters to the editor, public records. It’s just used as background. It’s kind of like what you do in preparing an environmental impact report: you go around gathering up all the data.” Asked if it was the airport authority’s role to track opposition to a new airport with a ballot measure pending, Gable said, “No, that’s our role. I would assume that

somebody out there on the other side is doing the same.”

Gable, who made it clear he personally favors a new airport, pointed out that his firm was also putting together a database of those who support getting rid of the existing airport and building a new one. “There are a lot of those kind of people. They are sick and tired of waiting for a new airport.”

To the question of whether he viewed his assignment as helping the airport authority promote construction of a new or expanded airport, Gable first answered, “Yes.” After being asked further about whether it was legitimate for a public agency to pay for such advocacy, he said, “I would withdraw that straightforward yes and cite to



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Bruce Henderson

you from Exhibit A, Article 1-A of our scope of work: Our

job is to provide effective public awareness, under-

standing and support of the airport planning and site selection processes.”

Regarding his assignment to work closely with ASAP21, a pro-airport relocation group, Gable said his firm would eventually provide the same kind of liaison to groups against the expansion plans but that those opponents had yet to be identified.

ASAP21, short for Alliance in Support of Airport Progress in the 21st Century, was organized by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and others to lead the push for a new airport. According to the group’s website, “San Diego must have a new, world class, environmentally sound, international airport to ensure the continued growth of the

regional economy in San Diego County.” The website goes on to say, “ASAP21 is a political advocacy organization; it is not a planning organization.”

The GCS work program for the airport authority contains a list of activities that Gable’s firm will perform in conjunction with ASAP21. These are described as “communications team liaison with ASAP21; community events, meetings in collaboration with ASAP21”; and private “Site selection briefings with ASAP21.” Conde says this liaison between the public agency and the private political advocacy organization is incontrovertible evidence that the authority has exceeded its bounds.

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interview last week, ASAP21 president John Chalker said that his group operates with a modest \$30,000 yearly budget. "We don't need a lot of money. This is just getting out and talking to people, writing letters to the editor and op-ed pieces." To keep costs down, he said, the organization relies heavily on what he described as the "volunteer" services of two public relations consultants who work for free.

According to Chalker, speakers

sent out to promote ASAP21's cause are booked through MJE Marketing Services, run by Marlee J. Ehrenfeld. She is a former *Union-Tribune* reporter married to *U-T* science writer Scott LaFee. "She helps us on a pro bono basis, putting our PR strategy together and also setting up some of the meetings for us," Chalker said. "I think she's very good at it."

MJE Marketing also does promotional work for Chalker's company,

LM Capital Group, LLC, which describes itself in news releases as "a San Diego-based independent invest-

Cracken. "Peter's another one of the consultants who does pro bono work for us, providing us with communications

group because "they are interested in seeing this issue move forward. They recognize that enough studies have been made, and it's time to move on to build a new airport. They support our agenda."

Chalker said that ASAP21 doesn't anticipate paying either of the two consultants, at least not until the campaign for the new airport begins in earnest in the months before the November 2006 ballot. Whether to pay for the continuing services of Ehren-

feld, MacCracken, or both "would be something to determine when we actually set up the campaign committee."

Whether by coincidence or not, both Ehrenfeld and MacCracken also have obtained lucrative public relations contracts from the airport authority. Critics argue that the "pro bono" arrangement between ASAP21 and the two consultants makes it difficult to determine where their paid "education and outreach" role with the

"At issue was how much money was going to be turned over along with the airport; the two sides were nearly \$120 million apart."



ment advisory firm."

Another public relations advisor that ASAP21 uses, Chalker said, is Peter J. Mac-

strategy." According to Chalker, both advisors are furnishing their services free of charge to the


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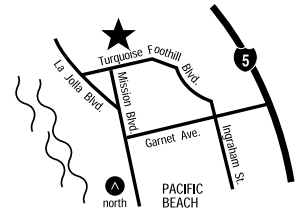
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airport authority leaves off and their advocacy work for ASAP21 begins.

MJE was recently awarded a \$350,000 increase to its original \$903,000 contract with the authority, bringing the value of the deal to more than \$1.2 million through September of this year. The justification for the boost in MJE's compensation, an airport authority staff report says, is that "the magnitude of work and the volume of projects required for an effective and comprehensive marketing and communications program outpaced the maximum dollar limit of the contract."

ASAP21's other volunteer consultant, Peter J. MacCracken, is the principal at

PJM Strategies, which has been paid at least \$86,506 by the airport authority. A San Diego public relations veteran, MacCracken has been tasked by the authority to "manage" news coverage to the authority's advantage, while keeping behind the scenes.

An oenophile with an extensive personal wine collection, according to a filing in his 2004 divorce case, MacCracken is known in political and PR circles as a sophisticated operator. Anecdotes describing PJM's public relations successes are presented on the company's website. One describes a fight last year between the airport board and the San Diego Port Com-



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Joe Craver

mission, which previously operated Lindbergh Field.

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Authority, as was an editorial. Ultimately, the Airport Authority got the \$125 million it had been seeking."

PJM swung into action again last summer when state assemblyman George Plescia, of the 75th District, in North County, introduced a bill to postpone the airport vote for one year.

According to its website, PJM "helped obtain an important editorial in *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and conducted other media and community relations efforts to successfully defeat potential legislation to delay a county-wide vote on a new airport for San Diego."

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firm says, it concocted "the concept of a 'megaproject,' which naturally increases in scope, takes longer than planned and often requires additional budget.

strategy."

According to PJM, its "megaproject" invention went over better than expected. "The concept received great media play, contentiousness was kept behind the scenes, and the expansion was cited by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* as '...the design standard for any new airport additions.' "

PJM also boasts that it was employed by SeaWorld to make sure its aggressive expansion plans remained on track despite fierce public opposition. "We authored and placed op-eds, obtained many other editorial endorsements, [and] recruited community group and community leader support," says the website.

SeaWorld vice president J. Dennis Burks is quoted as

"If members of the authority got bad advice from their counsel, acted improperly, and have embarked on an illegal political campaign for a new airport, then it may also be time to go back to the state legislature."

lions of dollars of additional public spending.

"We were brought in to turn around perceptions of the situation," the website says. To do so, the

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saying that MacCracken "was pivotal in securing positive editorials from *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and other media. Peter's contacts in the San Diego community were extremely helpful." Burks, now retired, is chairman of ASAP21.

MacCracken is no doubt a key member of the airport authority's public relations team. But by far the biggest political gun that the agency has recruited is Tom Shepard, onetime aide to fallen mayor Roger Hedgecock.

After Shepard pleaded guilty to one count of state charges related to political money laundering in Hedgecock's political corruption case and performed community service in 1986, he resumed political consulting.

Shepard's clients



Tom Shepard

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Shepard's relationship with Roberts was reportedly put on hiatus after Shepard's firm signed up with the airport authority. The authority's chairman, Joe Craver, is a Murphy supporter.

Shepard's firm, Tom Shepard and Associates, specializes in staging made-to-order "grassroots" events, known to cynics in the PR business as "astroturfing." For John Moores, the Padres owner who

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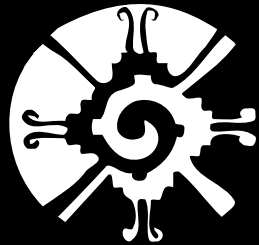
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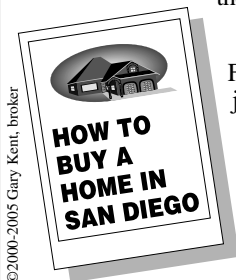
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according to Shepard's website. "The goals of the contest were twofold: to secure names of ballpark supporters and to obtain media coverage of other successful ballpark redevelopment projects."

Another Shepard specialty is schmoozing with reporters. According to his website, Shepard's Public Policy Strategies division was employed in 2000 by oil giant Conoco, which was trying to build a controversial liquefied natural gas terminal on the Mexican coast south of Tijuana.

"Opponents of the project had already campaigned effectively against the project, raising safety, pollution and other concerns among area residents and elected

officials," according to Shepard's website. "We...became involved with the Rosarito Press Club to begin establishing relationships with key reporters."

According to an October 8, 2004, contract between Tom Shepard and Associates and the airport authority, Shepard is to "provide expertise, insight and strategic counsel on policy and planning issues that may impact the authority." The firm is being paid \$8000 a month, for a maximum of \$224,000 through December 5, 2005.

Shepard's duties include furnishing "strategic counsel to enhance the Authority's reputation and credibility" and "building relation-

ships with the region's business leadership and elected officials." Shepard will also "conduct 'sounding' conversations" with "elected officials,

An earlier agreement, signed in April 2004, under which the firm made \$195 an hour, called for Shepard to "maintain channels of communications with key

"follow-up activities to maximize positive outcomes."

What is Shepard really up to? Based on his record, critics of the authority suspect that he is assembling a secret strategy and stealth political team that will kick into action in the months leading up to the November 7 vote.

He has plenty of experience: back in 1998, Shepard — then running his operation from the offices of the now-defunct San Diego-based public relations firm Stoorza, Ziegus & Metzger — was hired by Taxpayers for Responsible Planning, a political committee working to defeat Orange County's plan to move John Wayne

Airport to the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station. His first task was to put together an anti-airport initiative for the Orange County ballot.

"There is majority opposition to conversion of El Toro into an international airport," Shepard told reporters in January 1998. Measure F, the proposition that ultimately found its way onto the ballot in March 2000, was called by its sponsors the Safe and Healthy Communities Act. It required a public vote before any new airports or jails could be built in the county and was easily passed, marking the beginning of the end for conversion of El Toro into a commercial airport. In 2003,

The now-18-month-old investigations by both federal prosecutors and the L.A. district attorney have widened to include the Department of Water and Power and the Port of Los Angeles.

business and civic leaders, editors and reporters," as well as "coordinate editorial board meetings and interviews."

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In San Diego, Shepard is on the other side of the issue. According to the law that established San Diego's airport authority, it is

government and are declared surplus or are otherwise made available to state or local governmental agencies.”

Shepard has long-

standing ties to Bob Meadow, a well-known pollster. Like Shepard, Meadow got his introduction to the rougher side of San Diego politics during Roger Hedgecock's mayoral campaign of 1983 against Maureen O'Connor. The two have worked together ever since on an array of campaigns.

According to its website, Meadow's firm, Decision Research, “is a Democratic national public opinion research firm, with offices in Washington, D.C. and San Diego, California. We have earned our reputation by retaining tough-to-hold Democratic seats, knocking off Republican incumbents, winning open seats, and taking on difficult and controversial ballot initiative campaigns.” Meadow's senior partner is Heidi von Szeliski, who last year ran unsuccessfully in the Democratic assembly primary won by Lori Saldaña.

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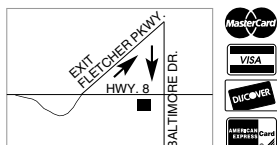
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authority last year: \$20,000 to set up "focus groups" and \$30,000 to conduct a voter survey. Each focus group participant was to be paid \$75 for a two-hour-

for the authority. Although its \$400,000 contract doesn't come right out and say so, critics contend that Hamilton, Rabinovitz is being paid to drum

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maximum session.

In addition to firms owned by Ehrenfeld, MacCracken, Gable, Shepard, and Meadow, the firm of Hamilton, Rabinovitz of Los Angeles works

up support for airport relocation or expansion.

According to that firm's agreement with the authority, it will conduct "an effective public outreach and education program"

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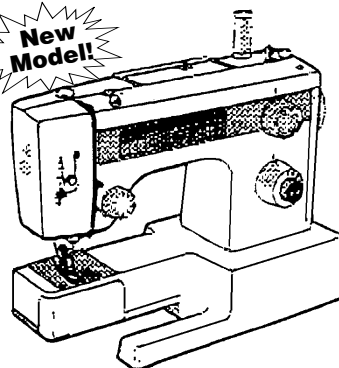
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out the region to hear first hand about the report.”

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San Diego attorney Bruce Henderson says that it’s important to know whether the airport authority’s in-house counsel has provided any guidance to the authority board regarding its contracting activities. “If members of the authority got bad

advice from their counsel, acted improperly, and have embarked on an illegal political campaign for a new airport, then it may also

Prosecutors allege that the giant public relations firm Fleishman-Hillard conspired to overbill the Department of Water and Power and the Port of Los Angeles for public relations services.

be time to go back to the state legislature, restart the entire process, and, of course, postpone the proposed election,” Henderson says.

Asked recently to

provide a roster of the legal opinions he has authored for the San Diego airport board, the authority’s chief counsel Breton K. Lobner said that

themselves.

“The legal memoranda, advice and opinions prepared by this office have been for the sole use of the Airport Authority,” Lobner wrote in his letter of denial, dated January 25. “Copies have only been distributed to those with a need to know within the Authority.”

Lobner is a former supervising city attorney at Los Angeles World Airports. He says he left that position in the summer of 2002 to take a similar job at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Lobner was hired by the San Diego airport authority in July 2003, just as a scandal began to break at LAX.

That year, an airport contractor com-

plained that a member of the airport commission had pressured him to make contributions to Mayor James Hahn’s campaign committee as a condition of being awarded contracts. Initially the commission’s chairman, Ted Stein, denied any wrongdoing, but last April he resigned. A deputy mayor, Troy Edwards, was both Hahn’s campaign fund-raiser and the liaison between Hahn’s office and the airport commission. Edwards resigned as well, after being called to testify before a grand jury.

The now-18-month-old investigations by both federal prosecutors and the L.A. district attorney have widened to include the Department of Water and Power and the Port of Los Angeles. Prosecutors allege that the giant public relations firm Fleishman-Hillard conspired to overbill the Department of Water and Power and the Port of Los Angeles for public relations services. Earlier this month, John Stodder Jr., a former executive with Fleishman-Hillard, entered a not-guilty plea to 11 federal counts of wire fraud in connection with

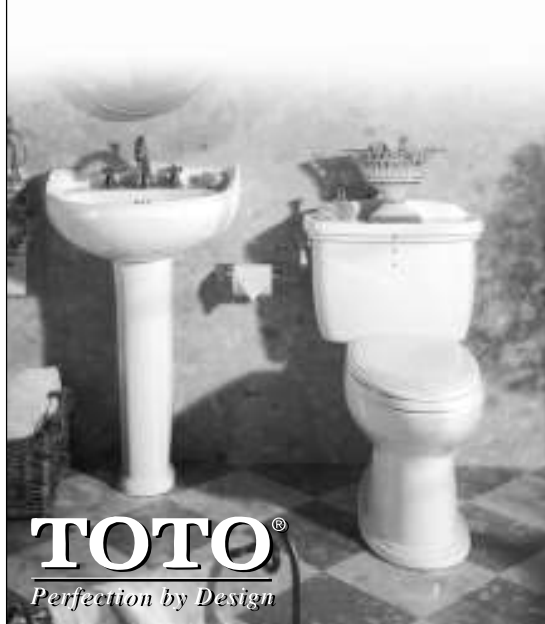
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no specific knowledge of the activities of Stein and Edwards while he served as counsel to the airport. "They did their own thing," he said. "Ted Stein was not good for the City of Los Angeles."

Lobner added that while at the Department of Water and Power he took a dim view of the Fleishman-Hillard contract. "I knew about it. I didn't like it. I didn't know what they were doing for Jim Hahn. I raised a hue and cry about the high hourly rate. I think some of those folks were in the \$500 range."

Asked whether the hourly fee of \$240 called for in public relations consultant Tom Gable's agreement with the San Diego airport authority was appropriate, Lobner said probably, although he said he was not specifically vetting San Diego's contracts. "When I came down here, it was a wonderful opportunity to leave that stuff behind." ■

— Matt Potter

the case.

Hahn opponents have charged that the big PR firm billed the taxpayer-owned utility for work it did to promote Hahn. The mayor has denied the accusations.

Reached at his office by phone last week, Lobner said he had never talked to investigators or testified before a grand jury in connection with the scandal in Los Angeles and had

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How old were you when you first kissed a boy? “I was 16, and we were at the school football field. All I remember feeling was surprised and a little embarrassed since there were people all around.”

How long after that did you kiss a different person? “I haven’t kissed a different person yet, since that wasn’t too long ago.”

How old were you when you had a more intimate sexual experience? “I’ve never had a more intimate sexual experience. I’m too young for it, and I find the idea disgusting.”

Did your parents tell you about “the birds and the bees”? “My parents never gave me the sex talk; it’s a pretty taboo topic in my family. I actually learned about the birds and the bees from my cousin when I was around ten. I was shocked and very uncomfortable.”

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? “Whether TV sexually influences teenagers depends completely on the teenager. While some are stupid enough to imitate the nonreality portrayed on TV, others are sensible enough to keep fiction separate from real life.”

What other influences make teens experiment with sex? “I think having friends that are sexually active makes teens experiment with sex. Hearing about their peers having sex makes it seem like the norm, and they become more willing to try it. Likewise, having friends who practice abstinence makes a teenager more likely to abstain also.”

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? “It’s unpleasant to walk through the school and to have to see couples making out and grabbing each other. This forces

sexual thoughts on those who don’t want them. Couples should do whatever they do in private, and not sicken the rest of us by displaying their own vulgarity.”

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? “Among the people I know, both guys and girls who are sexually active are treated with scorn. Guys who have sex are perceived as sick-minded, selfish idiots who only care for their own pleasure and think little about the consequences of their actions.”

How are sexually active girls looked upon? “Sexually active girls are looked down upon as well. They are considered sluts with no self-respect and no integrity.”

What is your opinion about premarital sex? “I’m against premarital sex, especially among people under the age of 25. It just shows a lack of commitment, self-indulgence in physical pleasure, and superficiality of a relationship.”

Why are you abstinent? “I am abstinent because of my personal beliefs. Call me immature, but I find the idea of sex revolting and would rather not think about it, let alone do it. I am not religious, so having sex isn’t a matter of morality and right versus wrong to me; it’s more a matter of making reasonable choices and respecting one’s self and others.”

Mt. Carmel senior Nathan Cedilla lists sketching and drawing and backpacking as his favorite pastimes.

How old were you when you first kissed a girl? “I’ve never been kissed before. When I’m kissed by that someone, I want to separate from everything around us. Even if it’s for a few seconds, I want that moment to feel like days.”

Did your parents tell you about “the birds and the bees”? “My parents never outright told me about the birds and the bees. Rather, I learned it in class. Frankly, my parents let my school handle that subject. In terms of understanding, I under-



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stood it completely and I was comfortable learning about what happened between two people.”

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? “Of course not. It’s stupidity, curiosity, and a lack of parenting that causes a teenager to become sexually active. Teenagers never listen to anyone or anything. Rather, teens think that their method and reasoning is undefeatable and always justified by ignorance.”

What other influences make teens experiment with sex? “Other teenagers who have no common sense make teens experiment with sex.”

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? “The common belief that teenagers need to show their affections publicly to justify that a relationship is needed to survive. I’m for teenagers having boyfriends and girlfriends, but expressing that relationship to others is tacky. By this, I mean groping, kissing passionately, or holding really, really close in front of people.”

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? “Well, I really don’t

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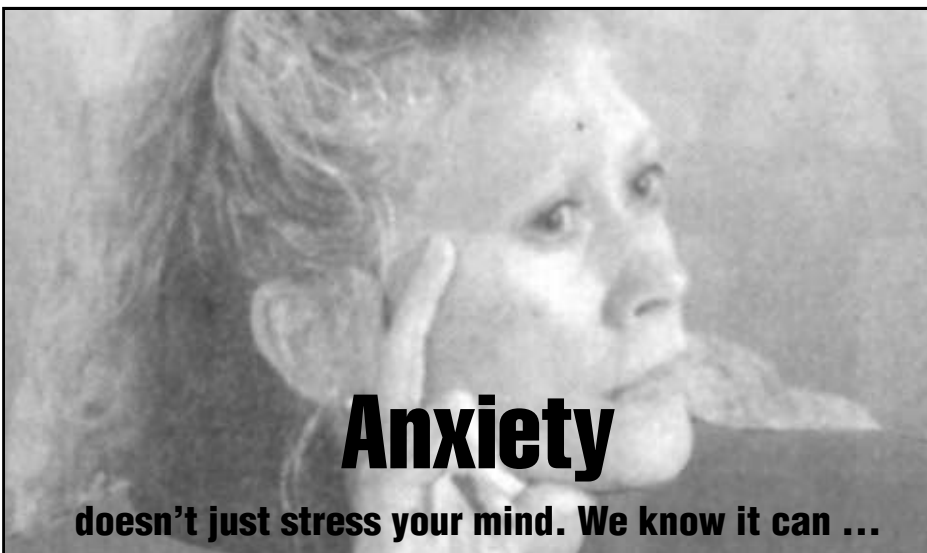
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Are you drinking heavily on weekends or your days off of work or school?

Does your alcohol consumption cause problems in school or at work?

Do others complain about your drinking?

Then this study may be for you!



Research Participants Needed

Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational non-stimulant drug vs. placebo (sugar pill) in adults who meet criteria for Alcohol Abuse or Dependence.

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NO COST for medical and psychological evaluations and study drug. Financial compensation will be given to eligible participants.

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Contact UCSD Department of Psychiatry to inquire about this study or see if you qualify:

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know any sexually active guys, but if I were to guess, they're typically seen as pathetic."

How are sexually active girls looked upon?

"Those who are sexually active are looked down upon by the intelligent populace. Others may find it attractive, but I find it a symbol of stupidity and poor choice."

What is your opinion about premarital sex? "In terms of premarital sex, I'm indifferent to it because, usually — at least 99 percent of time — the participants end up being poor, unintelligent, and worthless... I don't need to concern myself with others' poor decisions."

Why are you abstinent? "I'm abstinent not because of religion (I'm atheist), but because I

hold sex as something sacred. When you have a relationship that leads to sex, that is the epitome of personal love. You don't do it for the kicks. You do it because you care enough about a person to give them pleasure and love."

Chaparral High School junior Kathy Nguyen likes to play basketball.

How old were you when you first kissed a boy? "I've never kissed anyone because I want it to be special. I feel uncomfortable at this age."

Did your parents tell you about "the birds and the bees"? "My parents have never given me the sex talk. They just tell me not to do it."

Do you think sex on

TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? "Yes, but only somewhat. When it comes down to it, it's the person's decision. Shows like *One Tree Hill*, *Real World*, and all those dating shows like *Elimidate* have a lot of sexual things in them."

What other influences make teens experiment with sex? "Peer pressure, because everyone else is talking about sex and doing it."

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? "Couples and all that public display of affection stuff can lead to sexual thoughts because it's intimate."

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? "They are admired by other boys, and girls think that a guy

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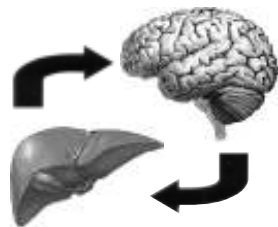
- ✓ Eligible participants will complete interviews and testing, a medical examination, and fluid sampling
- ✓ Compensation for your participation

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please call
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losing his virginity is hot.”

How are sexually active girls looked upon? “Guys like it. They go for it and are attracted to it. Other girls think that they’re too revealing.”

What is your opinion about premarital sex? “I’m against it because it’s not right. You have your whole life ahead of you. There are consequences.”

Have you ever had sex? “No; I’m abstinent.”

Why? “I’m abstinent because I don’t think premarital sex is right. It’s not safe. You can get a baby and ruin your future. We’re still young and naive.”

Oliver Tenacio is a senior at Mt. Carmel High School.

Where were you when you first kissed a girl? “I was at her house. I was on top of her, and it just happened.”

How long after that did you kiss a different person? “It was, like, a year and a half later.”

How old were you when you had a more intimate sexual experience? “I was about 15, and it was the night of the same day that I kissed her. We had sex again an hour after the first time.”

Did your parents tell you about “the birds and the bees”? “They tried to talk about it with me, but it was too uncomfortable.”

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? “Yes, but it gives the wrong image. Some shows are *The O.C.* and *One Tree Hill.*”

What other influences make teens experiment with sex? “Things like porn, rumors, and other people make teens experiment with sex.”

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? “Girls and teachers can lead to my sexual thoughts.”

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? “They are looked upon as party boys.”

How are sexually active girls looked upon? “They are looked upon as those party girls.”

What is your opinion about premarital sex? “I

Trouble falling or staying asleep?



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support sex after marriage because our expectations of losing our virginities are way too high."

Mt. Carmel High senior Krystale Orduana jet-skis and goes off-roading for fun.

How old were you when you first kissed a boy? "I was 15. I was at school, and he was my first boyfriend. It made me feel tingly."

How long after that did you kiss a different person? "The relationship lasted one year. After the relationship was over, it was three years before I kissed someone else."

How old were you when you had a more intimate sexual experience? "I've never had an intimate sexual experience. I believe that there

should be no sex before marriage."

Did your parents tell you about "the birds and the bees"? "Yes. I was in middle school. No, it did not make me feel uncomfortable, and I clearly understood what they were talking about."

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? "Yes. *Jailbait* has a lot of sexual content."

What other influences make teens experiment with sex? "The group of friends a teenager has influences teens. If all your friends are engaging in sexual activities, you will engage in them, too."

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? "If a girl dresses inappro-

priately and exposes her body, guys will get sexual thoughts."

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? "Well, unfortunately, society amongst teens is changing. Boys that are sexually active are looked upon as 'pimps.'"

How are sexually active girls looked upon? "They are looked upon as sluts by some, and others don't say anything because most teenagers engage in sexual activities."

Why are you abstinent? "I believe that sex should be something that only married couples should experience. I believe in respecting one's body and waiting for the right time." ■

— Vivian Pham, Mt. Carmel H.S.

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Bipolar?

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Manic-Depression

Do you experience:

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All eligible study participants will receive:

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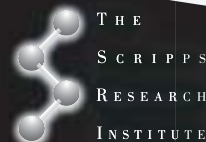
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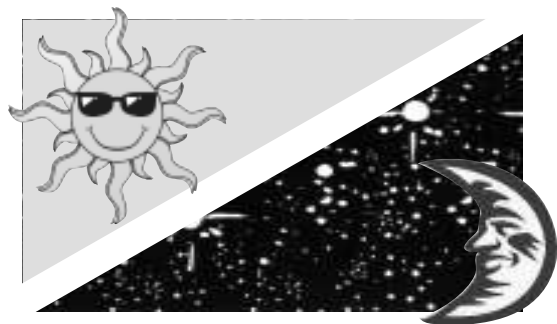
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ANYWAY THE *Wind Blows*

The wind is picking up at Torrey Pines. It happens each year as summer gives way to autumn, when land and sea begin a tug-of-war with the coastal air. The Pacific will lose this contest; it will be slow to give up the warmth it has absorbed the last few months, and the air will rush ashore, pulled in by cooler temperatures inland. Among those who stand to gain as a result are the men and women who gather at cliff's edge, 280 feet above sea level, and leap into the wind as it rises like an invisible curtain in contour with the jagged face of the coastline. From now until the warm days of early summer there will be good soaring here. When winter storm fronts begin to move in, the wind will blow 24 consecutive hours and longer, and to hang glider pilots, this means a chance to stay aloft for long hours at a time. It's likely that someone this season will hope for a day in which the conditions match those of last December 19, when a quiet young flatlander from Illinois visited Torrey Pines.

That morning dawned bright between squalls blowing over the sea cliffs. Half a dozen cars, mostly vans and little foreign rigs, gleamed wetly in the muddy parking lot; hang gliders rolled up and tied like sailboat masts across their roofs. Most pilots were still sleeping, despite the soarable conditions. A hundred yards west of the lot, on the carpet thrown over the dirt at the launch site, Russ Bunner prepared to push him-

self into the mass of life coming up the cliff. With help from a visiting Brazilian who spoke no English, Bunner steadied his glider, his bare hands already going numb in the chill, his forearms tensed against the pressure of the aluminum control bar. The Brazilian helped by pulling down on the front flying wires as Bunner leveled his glider with its nose down slightly.

Bunner nodded and the Brazilian let



Hang gliding over Torrey Pines

go. For a long moment Bunner braced himself on the ground, holding an aircraft that strained to be off and moving. The lift seemed to suck at his glider's pointed nose plate. One step, as though he were playing basketball, going off his right foot for a left-handed layup, and he was pulled, hoisted from the ground and out into the climbing wall of air. He moved his hands down the base tube of the triangular bar and,

kicking into his foot stirrup with both insteps and straightening his legs against the straps of the harness, he lay out prone and felt the lift solid and pleasant under his wings. Leaning to the right, he looked down and back toward the empty launch where the Brazilian stood watching. As he felt the glider coining about, Bunner turned north toward the long, ragged edge of the Torrey Pines golf course.

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To the Brazilian, Bunner's launch seemed no different from dozens he'd watched in the past two days. He was a hang glider distributor in Rio de Janeiro, and he was here to look at new wings. A Los Angeles manufacturer had sent a test pilot and five new gliders down for the South American to try. He had flown them all several times and was nearly exhausted from the tension of flying so many unfamiliar models. As the Brazilian distributor let go of Bunner's front wires and moved off in a sideways crouch to avoid the side wire, he looked across his shoulder to see Bunner get into his stirrup, and he wondered why the American was taking off so early, and with no gloves. The hard-packed launch was quiet for a few seconds after Bunner's glider sailed away, and then the force of the wind was at the Brazilian's ears again. He looked at his watch. It was eight o'clock; people were beginning to wake up.

The shine on the deep green fairways was nearly blinding to Bunner as he floated slowly along the cliff's edge. Even the palms and eucalyptus stands across the golf course shone with



Russ Bunner

sharply, watching the shaking bushes on the shadowed mudstone cliff, unaware of or unconcerned with the glider and Bunner.

Sweeping in across the rolling, white-capped ocean, the subsiding Pacific weather front in which Bunner was flying brought many pockets of rising unstable air, and as they ran into the lift band at the sunlit top edge of the cliff, they warmed and rose even faster. As he cruised through the wide wave of smooth lift, Bunner felt the pockets when he flew into them. His glider would be jarred from its course like a small boat hitting a cross wave, as though the kite wanted to turn away from the strongest lift. The pockets felt like thermals, and he employed thermal technique, cranking the glider back into them by pushing his body out and away from the center of his base bar. Sometimes he

of a cloud, and then they cut away south, flattening their wings for a long glide and giving themselves an occasional push through the turbulence.

Landward and east, across the sheen of the fairways and the dark-dappled foothills and little coastal peaks with puffy white cumulus riding them, Bunner saw the big mountains. A long snowy pyramid far to the north, Mt. San Jacinto, sparkled. So did Mt. Laguna, 60 miles east, and Tecate Peak, southeast and across the Mexican border. A little bird, a swift, racing along the alternating wing beats like a swimmer doing the crawl, zinged by going south a few yards from his head. He continued drifting that way, back toward the big cliffs everyone called the North Face. Miles out to sea the morning sun lit the cliffs of San Clemente Island. Back off his right

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ankle, the sun glinted off the water to shine on the green hills of Catalina, where cumulus gave the island a flowing white crest. Bunner slowed for a good bump, staying in its center by making short passes both ways, keeping crabbed outward and parallel to the cliff below. Some swifts flew in the bump with him. Their acrobatic movements were almost too fast to see, but the path of the whole flock defined the limits of his invisible bubble. The little birds came very close; they were black and white as penguins, and they made a chattering noise.

That night Russ Bunner wrote in his log, "...The air was so unstable that I started getting thermaling bumps by 9 a.m. By ten the thermals were getting me a thousand feet above launch. It was about then that the first squall line approached. The wind lulled and I ended up scratching at the Fisheries Face for 15 minutes. Just as fast as it decreased it increased again, to 25 m.p.h. I missed most of the rough stuff by going south near the Scripps pier. The squalls were so small I could avoid the worst of them by going to another part of the ridge. Sometimes it was raining at take-off but sunny at the Fisheries, causing a rainbow in between.

"After the first squall passed through, the sun was really starting to work on the cliffs down south. Getting high, I would fly to the pier and work the mild thermals over the parking lot for 15 or 20 minutes. The instability of the air convinced me to start drifting back with the thermals. Working to a grand over [thousand-foot altitude], I headed southeast to La Jolla Shores. Before I knew it I was over Interstate 5, drifting south and closing in on Mt. Soledad. While this was happening, the wind picked up to 30 miles an hour. Not seeing any more decent landing areas, I turned around into the 30-mile wind. I sank straight down with the bar sucked in. Luckily, I made it to a bluff with some houses on top. I worked there for 15 minutes, waiting for the sun to come out and give me a thermal to get back to the ridge. It did, and I made

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it back with 20 feet to spare. After that hair-raising experience, I decided to stay within a block of the ridge at all times”...

Bunner had ventured into a dangerous place called “the Hole,” that part of La Jolla Shores just south and east of the Scripps Institution. For hang-glider pilots, it is a hole filled at the bottom with trees and homes that bristle with TV antennas and electric wires — no place to land without terrible risk.

Dave Ledford, an expert competition pilot from the mountains of North Carolina, and Tom Kreyche, a six-year pilot and equipment innovator, were concerned for Bunner in the Hole. Hurrying away from the cliffs, they drove down to La Jolla Shores to help. They drove back relieved that Bunner had gotten

himself out of this jam but angry that he’d flown there. Several other Torrey regulars had complained that Bunner, who liked to fly alone, didn’t pay enough attention to other pilots nearby, that he was always looking at the ground. If it was true, it was also true this was his first season at the cliffs, and Zion, Illinois, could never have offered him scores of hours of soaring time. With time and smooth air and altitude, a pilot can concentrate on the subtleties of his technique; after several weeks of daily flying, Bunner likely was twice the pilot he’d been when he arrived, and by now he knew intimately the flight characteristics of his new Cirrus V glider.

Bunner’s glider was not oversized, but it had plenty of sail area for his 150 pounds. Because it

floated him above most of the other pilots who began to fly later that morning, and because he was inclined to frequent the more distant or unpopular faces of the cliffs, he enjoyed both height and solitude as the squall lines trailing the dying front passed through once or

Veteran pilots at Torrey Pines know the place is peculiar, almost bitchy, in the way it gives out and takes back prime flying — winds with smoothness and power and predictability.

twice an hour. “Around one o’clock,” he wrote, “Scirocco Bob passed close by and told me I should go for the record. Up to that moment I never even thought about it. I told Bob I’d try it. Right after that I buzzed some wuffos [spectators] at the

Fisheries with some whip stall and 360s. What a mistake that was! I instantly got nauseous and thought about landing. Knowing the record was within my grasp, I forced myself on...”

The record Bunner wanted belonged to Leif Backe, a carpenter from

Dana Point who had held it for nearly two years. Backe, oddly enough another Illinois native, had stayed up at Torrey Pines for seven and a half hours on another stormy day in March 1977. The weather that day was a good deal worse, and Backe had been prompted to stay up through midafternoon by the ferocity of the northwest crosswind. The rotor created by the wind twisted and broke Mike Mitchell’s glider as he attempted to land from the north, and Mitchell was critically hurt

by his fall. A previous record holder at Torrey, Mitchell required nearly a year’s time before he walked again in a normal fashion. Seeing the wreck from the air convinced Backe he should ride out the worst of the blow aloft.

Veteran pilots at Torrey Pines know the place is peculiar, almost bitchy, in the way it gives out and takes back prime flying — winds with smoothness and power and predictability. Each season of the year brings another kind of flying. Subtle changes in the wind direction, temperature, and humidity make great differences in the amount of life found by the hang-glider pilot. The speed of the wind can determine whether the lift is behind the cliff tops or far out in front, over the breakers and the sea itself. During a winter storm like the one Backe found himself in, a pilot might have to ride out a 40-mile-an-hour squall a thousand feet above and a thousand feet out from the cliff, waiting for subsidence before he dares to land.

When the air finally calmed that March day, Backe was in a position to wrestle the endurance record from Herb Fenner, who’d held it since the previous September. As dusk gathered and Backe at last put down on his shaking legs, a raven landed also. The bird walked on the arms of the pilots who were gathered to congratulate him, and it ate the bread and cookies they offered, as though it were tame.

Bunner’s nausea left after a half hour or so. “I decided to make a trip north,” he wrote, “to try and shake the headache I picked up. Passing over the launch, I noticed the wind was coming straight in at about twenty. I hurried through the lift on the North Face because of the ten gliders stationed there. I crossed the gap to the golf course with a couple of hundred feet. By the time I reached the other side I was only even with the ridge. I scraped around for five minutes and headed south again. When I returned to the North Face, there was strong lift. It didn’t make any sense;

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the North Face and the golf course take the same direction, but only one was good." On this day Bunner was observing a unique local phenomenon: though the two cliffs face the same direction, lack of sunlight on the more gently sloped golf course face creates much less lift there. In the afternoon this situation reverses as the angle of the sun changes, and near sunset, the North Face, taller and steeper, once again provides the strongest and smoothest lift.

The difficulty of finding lift is compounded for the hang-glider pilot by the presence of other gliders and numerous radio-controlled miniature airplanes called RCs. The RCs share the airspace near the launch with the hang gliders, often unwillingly. Hang gliders are not supposed to pass through that airspace, "the window," as it's called, from north to south. Pilots are required by an odious and dimwitted rule to land and take off again if they want to cross to the south. But Bunner couldn't land, not if he wanted the record. "Not wanting to piss off the RC people," he recalled, "I flew below the ridge going south and way out in front. The day was filled with good lift, squall lines, and rainbows. Somebody counted nine rainbows. They were all different in one way or another. I spent the last couple of hours working the ridge between the Fisheries and the pier. Even though the ridge there is only 20 to 100 feet high, I still found great lift. It was then that I started to really use my harness. I alternated in three positions. One was prone, another was sitting up using my knee hangers, and the last was sitting up using my stirrup. All three used different muscles, so I could change the pressure points. Around four o'clock the wind lulled and I headed north. One by one, I saw everyone land, either on top or down on the beach. By now my headache was gone and I was feeling like I could handle ten hours. Using the last small thermals, I maintained at the Fisheries for 20 more minutes, but it steadily got worse and I was low, so I flew to Black's Road on the beach. I landed with no problems.

The other pilots were tearing down their gliders. They told me it was 4:25. I'd broken the record by more than 45 minutes; I was *stoked*..."

At age 23, a newcomer to the area with only an intermediate pilot's rating,

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Deborah Schneider

When it came to food magazines, recalls chef Deborah Schneider, “I lived on *Gourmet*. My stepfather started getting *Gourmet* as soon as it started getting published — he’s got them going all the way back to 1964. When I was sort of

wallowing around the house, being a teenager, I would pick up these *Gourmet* magazines and start reading.”

The teenaged Schneider liked what she saw. “It was like a travel magazine. You would open it up and you’d go to Ireland, tromping through a sheep meadow. The food would be sort of an integral part of the whole visit to Ireland. It wasn’t just a bunch of Irish recipes stuck on a page with pictures of farmhouses; it really transported you. It put food in context. It was what made me want to cook, and it formed my food sensibility.”

When the downtown restaurant Jsix opens this spring, Schneider will be its executive chef, the latest stop in a successful run. But before Schneider made a career out of food, she made one out of magazines. “I was the editor for the *Toronto Blue Jays Official Scoreboard Magazine*, the *Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club Magazine*, and the *Canadian Opera Company Magazine*. I got around, and I got to do a lot of interesting things.” Along the way, she learned about content management: what to run where, how to reach target demographics. She learned

she got to Greece — or rather, to yachts off the Grecian coast — that she started cooking. “It sounds terribly glamorous, but it wasn’t,” she assures me. “The galley was tiny.” She arrived in San Diego two years later, in 1983, as a personal chef. That led to a job at Piret’s, then Dobson’s, then La Gran Tapa. She eventually became the first female chef at the Grant Grill in the U.S. Grant Hotel. In 1998, she settled in at the Hilton Torrey Pines, where she remained until last September.

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“One of my bugbears is that the recipes don’t work out of these magazines. They’re just not right most of the time.”

about things like layout, photography, and graphics — how to create the look that provides the feel of a magazine.

After magazines, she traveled. It wasn’t until

The Hilton is where we meet, sitting in at a table in the dining room and preparing to rifle and riff through a summer issue from eight food magazines: *Bon Appétit*, *Food & Wine*, *Gourmet*, *Fine*

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As a former magazine editor and current food writer — she recently made a deal to write a book about Baja cuisine — Schneider knows she is not a typical reader. (Typical readers, for example, might be less likely to think about a publication's target demographic.) She's an insider, someone who can tell you, "When you think of the New York publishing industry, think of it as just a bunch of queen bees, stuck in little tiny cells next to each other, all with their ears pressed to the wall. They just loot each other." Neither is she a typical cook — she's a professional. But she still tests her recipes at home, and like many an amateur foodie, she still has "six filing cabinets full of recipes — tear sheets and ideas and stuff like that. I'll have ten recipes for *pain perdu*. When I want to go ahead and make it, I'll pull them all out, start looking at them, say, 'I like this, this, this, and this,' and pull them all together." She still thinks about whether her kids would want a ginger-lime coconut cake with marshmallow frosting. ("It's a nice idea, but they'd say, 'No, Mom, we want a white cake with coconut frosting.'")

Beginning, then, with the source of that ginger-lime coconut cake recipe — *Bon Appétit* — and beginning *Bon Appétit* with the cover. The photo shows a spiced orange cupcake with vanilla frosting, wrapped in brown and gold decorative paper and topped with pink rosebuds. Inside, the cupcake is revealed to be one of many, arranged in circular tiers to form a sort of preportioned wedding cake. "Inspired by the latest trend in wedding cakes," trumpets the article's tagline, but Schneider is not impressed. "This is honestly one of the ugliest things I have ever seen," she says. (Pink and brown are not a surefire color combo, no matter

how pretty your rosebud.) And it isn't even original ugliness. "They completely stole it from Martha Stewart, who probably completely stole it from an Englishman. The trends start in Eng-

land, and they come over here."

The cover shot is also reminiscent of Martha — laser-sharp focus on the rose in the extreme foreground, but things already getting fuzzy by cupcake's

edge. The white plate, white tablecloth, and green background are almost entirely blurred. In this case, says Schneider, the source is only quasi-English — that is to say, it is Australian.

"Donna Hay is the one who put simple food on a white plate, shot it with a white background, and just made the stuff jump out at you. Martha Stewart's whole design staff is English, and they're

Hay's emotional godchildren, if nothing else."

After the photo, it's on to the cover's text. "The first things that hit your eyes are 'fun' and 'sweet.' Then 'chic & simple' and 'super-quick.'

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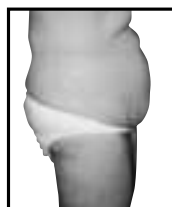
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Before she gets to the magazine's text, Schneider tackles everything surrounding it. She is

happy to see contributors get color photos but annoyed by the overall design. "I can't tell the difference between ads and editorial, and I think that's intentional."

For starters, "The first page of an article should be on the right-hand page." If an article starts on the left-hand page and there's a full-page ad on the right, "It's unspeakably rude." The effect is jarring, even confusing; if the design is similar enough, it takes a moment to realize that you've entered ad territory. *Bon Appétit* seems to know this. In the hectic, tidbit-laden front of the mag-

azine, a marquee-style headline on the left — "Guess Who's Coming to Broadway?" — leads the mind toward a movie ad — Will Ferrell in *Anchorman* — on the right. The movie ad is itself the first part of a two-page Hyundai ad; the car company has teamed with DreamWorks Pictures on a ticket giveaway. (That's on page 29; it isn't until page 71 that you find the contest rules under another pic of Ferrell. Above the pic, and just below the notice that this is an advertisement, is the pale-print admission: *Bon Appétit* Delicious Diversions.)

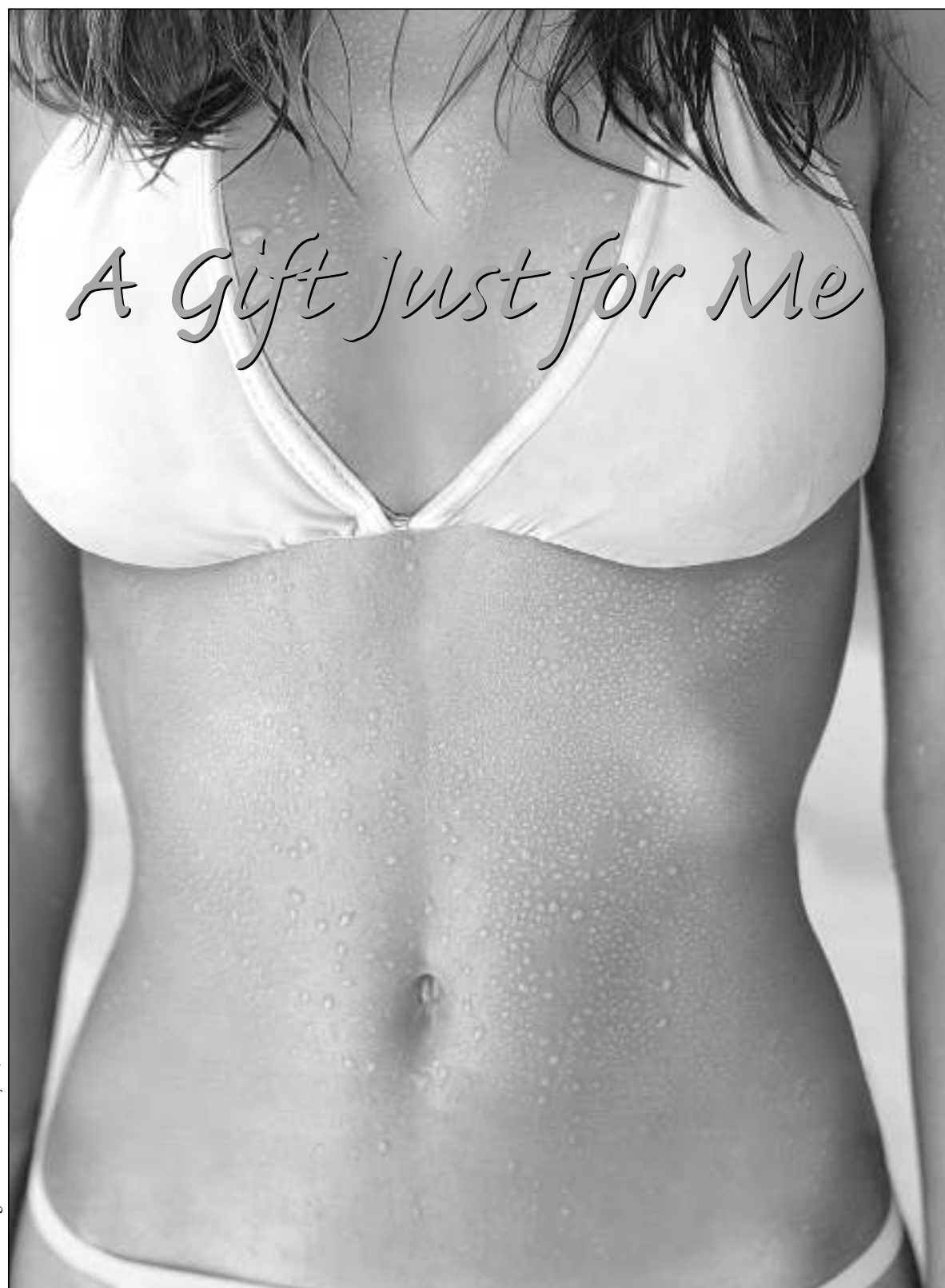
Later comes an ad for the 15th Annual *Bon Appétit* Wine and Spirits Focus, "a lifestyle experience benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and sponsored by MasterCard and Viking, maker of fancy cooking ranges. The page is cluttered with photos of celebrity chefs, most of them whimsical. One shaves with his carving knife, another squats in full catcher's regalia and hefts an apple as if it were a baseball. Mario Batali does a Rocky Balboa impersonation, taping his hands and boxing a huge salami. "I hate it when they flog these

celebrity chefs," says Schneider. Wolfgang Puck, his hands wrapped around vine-ripened tomatoes, "hasn't cut up a tomato for I don't know how many years. And there's Daniel Boulud being a whore — Daniel, why, why, why?"

The next two pages are even worse in terms of magazine/merchant entanglement: *Bon Appétit* presents a "dream kitchen" at the kitchen/bath industry show in Chicago to "showcase the best new ideas in contemporary kitchen design." The pages crawl with photos, text, and logos: Sub-Zero, Corian, Best Buy, Yorke-

towne Cabinetry, etc. The food magazine begins its slide toward food catalog. Same goes for the Bon Vivant section — a list of buyable goodies that are new, hot, and/or good. At least an article on countertop deep fryers was an article. And a piece on sparkling rosé, though hung on the frothy conceit of convincing menfolk that pink wine is worth drinking, actually draws praise. "I thought it was good, because it's appropriate to the season. June used to be the month of brides" — and weddings and sparkling wine. "This is for celebrations, wed-

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On to the words. “Their first article on the ‘Al Fresco Afternoon’ doesn’t interest me at all. It’s just what I call paper food — there’s no juice to it, no story, no heart.” It’s just recipe upon recipe

upon recipe. She skips the reviews for Miami’s North Beach restaurants and doesn’t think a long piece on a Father’s Day gathering in Oxford, Mississippi — which at least puts food in a place, if not in a context — does nearly enough.

“They do a lot of the

place-setting with photos,” I note — football on the lawn, kids in the hammock, the family dog.

“Well, they have to pay for words. And recipes are a lot cheaper. Plus, I don’t think their chosen audience consists of people who are going to sit down and read a story

about plucking chickens on the Mekong Delta, the way a *Saveur* reader might. Their audience is thinking, ‘What can I make this weekend?’ It’s totally a party magazine; everything is about entertaining...” (The “Menu for 8,” “Menu for 14,” “Menu for 16,” “Party-

Perfect Desserts.”) “They put their index and their menus in the back. I would rather have that stuff in the front, but this isn’t a food magazine. It’s a lifestyle magazine with recipes.”

Questionable recipes, at that. “One of my bug-bears is that the recipes

don’t work out of these magazines. They’re just not right most of the time. *Bon Appétit* used to be the worst offender, but I’m told they’ve improved. I can cook pretty much anything, and I have to do so much ratcheting on these recipes. I think about what would hap-

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pen to somebody who wasn't a very accomplished cook."

She points to the Fresh Plum Napoleon in the section on Party Perfect Desserts. "This one I actually read, and it's a disaster from start to finish. When I saw it, I said, 'This is different.' But if you eat it, it's going to be like eating cardboard with paste on it — it's terrible. It's also a very complicated procedure to make a Napoleon; if you followed these directions, what you made wouldn't look anything like this."

To begin with, "In order to make this, you need good puff pastry

sheets, which Pepperidge Farm is not. You put them on a sheet pan, and you put a second sheet pan on top. That way, when you bake it, it comes up flat. And you have to cut it ever so carefully. And the pastry cream is a disaster. It's got cream cheese in it, because that's easier than telling somebody how to make a proper pastry cream with a roux and egg yolks and actually involves some technique. I just know somebody is going to look at this and say, 'Oh, it's so pretty — I want to make it.' It'll take them two days to make, and it'll be a disaster. It breaks my heart."

As a chef, Schneider pays more attention than some to the comings and goings of her fellow professionals. "I just see who's leaving their kitchen and

tion. Schneider shakes her head. "Samuelsson is probably one of the most talented guys on the planet. His New York restaurant, Aquavit, has

"Ruth Reichl is a great writer, and I see her hand in the choice of people she has writing in here — very good writers."

making money with an offshoot." One of those featured in the whimsical chefs ad, Marcus Samuelsson, gets the lead photo in the magazine's Restaurant Reporter sec-

tion. Schneider shakes her head. "Samuelsson is probably one of the most talented guys on the planet. His New York restaurant, Aquavit, has

with this translucent sauce. It was beautiful, and you knew it would be fantastic to eat, because he had had his hands on it. Now he's cashing in with a new place, Ringo, and it's never going to be the same. I think you bring yourself to cooking; I don't think you can clone yourself or what you're doing. He's just getting blown out of the water; he's not getting good reviews."

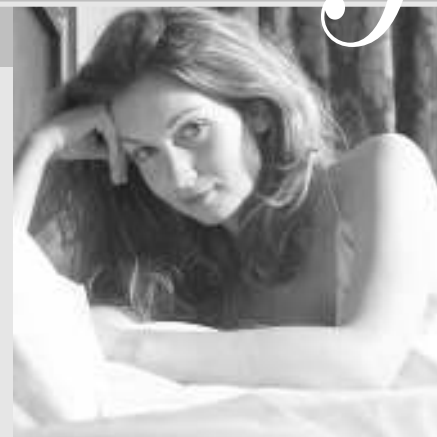
She has similar concerns for Thomas Keller, the chef who failed in New York, then rose to fame at the French Laundry in Napa. Now he's back in New York at Per Se, one

of the restaurants that make up the gourmet food court at the new Time Warner center. The center is featured in the article "Manhattan Marvel."

"The French Laundry was so him — so much his personality, his aesthetic. I think chefs should stay. And there's Gray Kunz, who has a fabulous restaurant in San Francisco." Time Warner's Café Gray "is going to have his name on it, but it's not going to be his restaurant. He'll have a chef that he'll send to New York, and he will be a food rep for Gray Kunz, but it won't be Gray's food."

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Poor *Bon Appétit*. It's not that it's so much worse than the rest — though it does seem to be Schneider's least favorite — it's more that it's first against the wall. Other magazines will rhapsodize over Time Warner's opening, but she sees it here first. *Gourmet's* Gourmet Institute looks a lot like the "lifestyle experience" offered by *Bon Appétit's* Wine and Spirits Focus (or even its more discreetly advertised "Entertaining with Style" weekend in New York's Grand Central Terminal) — right down to the presence of Marcus Samuelsson and Mario Batali. And unlike *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, and *Fine Cooking*, *Bon Appétit* at least resisted the temptation to follow the crowd and put something grilled on the cover.

And there are good things in *Bon Appétit* as well. "Gin and tonic jellies — I thought that was just brilliant. I'm going to tear it out; we're going to do these at the bar. I liked the article on the Culinary Vegetable Institute at the Chef's Garden," an Ohio produce farm that caters to the exotic demands of chefs. Besides serving as host center for foodie events, the Institute also plans to facilitate education in the joys of vegetables and the benefits of sustainable agriculture. "They're flogging — the publicist got it in there — but it was well written, and it gave me a background on the garden I wasn't aware of."

She saves her genuine enthusiasm, however, for the article "Coming Home to Lisbon." "I know the author, David Leite. He has an excellent website called *leitesculinaria.com*, and he's been trying to flog a book on Portugal for about 100 years. From the way this is written — a first-person, I'm-traveling-back-to-my-roots sort of story — he probably tried to sell this to *Saveur*. I'm stoked he got it into *Bon Appétit*." It's the sort of article she described in her fond remembrances of the old, travel-heavy *Gourmet* — sentences like

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“Noon struck and so did hunger,” lots of detail, plenty of conversations, and food along the way. The groupings of small photographs remind her of present-day *Saveur*. “I like the server’s T-shirt with the school of fish on it — a little edgy — and I love the interior shot of the bar.” Other photos depict a concrete Christ, girls on a park bench, an ancient doorway, and a speeding trolley. A sense of place that goes beyond football on the lawn.

Food & Wine comes in for far less abuse, even if the “fast + healthy swordfish kebabs and

lemon-shrimp skewers” on the cover do tempt her to toss the magazine away unopened. “I swear, if I see another damn article about grilling...” (The kebabs are shot just like the cupcake — sharp focus up front, quickly fading to a gauzy blur.) “The design is much better, more accessible.” Though similarly packed up front, the magazine avoids the busy, jumbled look of *Bon Appétit*. Perhaps it’s just the use of more white space around items. “The recipe index is right up front. It’s not dumbed down. You can tell what’s an editorial page and what isn’t.”

“I kept seeing the words ‘fast, healthy, perfect, best, top, sexy, special,’” says Schneider, trying to catch the maga-

Grilling.” (What, no chocolate?) “Their whole thing is that they are more sophisticated than you will ever be,” comments

saying, ‘Our readers won’t understand what you’re talking about — dumb it down, dumb it down.’ So I thought this was pretty interesting. The lemongrass profile offers four recipes, but also a how-to on trimming the stalk and a few tips for general use in the kitchen.”

The “pairing” section gives in to the marketing department by pouring Australian Shiraz into expensive crystal glasses without stems. It’s a novel look, but since stems keep warm hands away from below-room-temperature wine, novelty has triumphed over utility. (If you’re the type who’s

willing to spend serious money on glasses, it seems likely that you’re the type to care about serving temperature as well.) Schneider didn’t spot the Shiraz until I pointed it out.

The tidbits in the front of the magazine include book blurbs, to Schneider’s delight. She also likes that they evaluated 21 mustards and listed their favorites. But she isn’t impressed by the profile of designer Stephanie Odegard. “We’re in ‘Home’ before we’re even into ‘Food.’” That’s followed by service-style travel articles on São Paulo and Bermuda. “They’re looking for peo-

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zine’s tone. The letter from the editor goes so far as to announce, “We strung together the three sexiest words in the food lexicon: Fast. Healthy.

Schneider. “Their flavor of the month is lemongrass. That’s edgy if you’re reading this in Kansas City. When I’m trying to sell food articles, they’re

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ple in their 40s and 50s who have money to spend." Emphasis on the latter — the most outrageous bit of money-sophisticate flauntery comes in a recipe-heavy peek at how the other half throws a week-long house party for up to 17 guests on their private Maine island. Hosts

reviews the best mail-order Maine clambakes.

Schneider likes celebrity chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's ideas for gussying up steak (his V Steakhouse just opened in the Time Warner food court). She is less moved by the "holistic look at food, health, and beauty" in the magazine's "Well-

that promise something for both horse fanatics and wine lovers." "I feel tired," says Schneider.

She perks up for an article on pot-still vodka. "I've never heard of the author, Pete Wells, before. But it was a kick to read it." "Over the years," begins vodka-convert Wells, "I've served my friends so many bizarre alcoholic tinctures that merely listing them gives me a kind of secondhand buzz. I've done things with Chartreuse and crème de cacao and cherry brandy (usually involving paper umbrellas) that would make most men blush. And I've done it all without the benefit of vodka." Only once does Wells arrive at the place "where food writers want to smack him," says Schneider — it's the spot where he calls vodka "lucid." "It cannot be 'lucid.' Where is his editor? It doesn't matter; somebody thought that it sounded trippy, so they left it in there."

"It's all a vehicle for

When I tell her that my sister-in-law made Baked Alaska out of Saveur last summer, Schneider isn't surprised. "Saveur is definitely the trendsetter now."

Alexandra and Eliot Angle don't look to be out of their 30s, and Schneider loathes them on sight. "I wanted to tie these people up, put them in the trunk of a car, and leave them in Hoboken. Here's a picture of them — isn't her name Buffy and his name Poo Poo or something?" The service angle: *F&W*

Being" section, which pairs meat rubs and body scrubs. The "Father Grills Best" section is more paper food, lots of recipes and a few photos; "Mickey Mouse Cuisine" chronicles a mom-writer's delight at the culinary possibilities of Disney World; "The Galloping Oenophile" profiles "travel escapes

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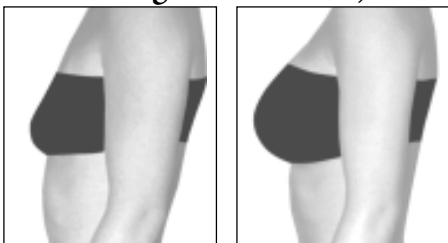
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advertising," she concludes, and so it is not surprising that the ads garner much of her attention. She points out celeb chef Rocco DiSpirito lounging in black-and-white photos of Italian splendor for Ruffino Pinot Grigio. She notes that only giant wine brands such as Mondavi and Turning Leaf can afford to advertise in a magazine that devotes half its title to wine and that *Food & Wine* gets the fancy travel ads that *Bon Appétit* does not. She complains that Fiji water, touted by Roy Yamaguchi of Roy's Restaurant, is no different from filtered water from a tap. Same goes for most other bottled waters. "I gave some Voss to my son; he likes water bottles. It's about \$8 a bottle. He said, 'This tastes funny.' It does. It's slippery; it tastes like soft water. We dumped it out, filled it with tap water, and drank that." And the Weber "Boost Your BBQ IQ" ad is so cleverly designed that I'm not certain Schneider recognized it as an ad. I didn't, not at first read. It looks like a low-grade *F&W* service piece, written to serve as bait for the full-page Weber ad on the facing page. Everything — the photo of ladies working the grill; the light, clean look; the cheerful, service-journalism tone — is right on target.

Next up is the heart-breaker: *Gourmet*. "My, how the mighty have fallen. I miss *Gourmet* so badly. I remember when it changed, the way some people remember the first time they had their heart broken. I looked at it and said, 'This is not my magazine.' I never subscribed again. They lost a lot of us, but I guess it was a calculated risk to get readers to come over from other magazines, instead of sticking to their extremely well-heeled 45- to 70-year-old demographic."

"The change" was a huge shift in format, tone, and content that occurred when Ruth Reichl, former food critic for the *New York Times*, took over as editor. "They tried to take the old-time *Gourmet* feel and update it, and

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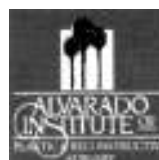
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now it just looks like everybody else." Well, almost. The gorgeous script "Gourmet" on the title remains, even if it has been coarsely thickened. But the surrounding text, blocky and number-laden (12 Essential Grilling Tools, 100 Ways to Welcome Summer) gives weight to Schnei-

two fish swimming through seaweed above a scattering of seashells. "I love the fact that they're doing these," says Schneider. "I want to get some. But if it was so great, how come you're not still doing it, guys?" To me: "Wouldn't you grab a magazine off the newsstand if it looked like that? I'd

limp and glistening on their bed of chipotle cream, do have a half-digested quality about them. "I bet you they had a gorgeous shot that they didn't use because somebody wanted to put something grilled on there."

Schneider doesn't hate Reichl, however. On at least one count, she admires her. "Ruth Reichl is a great writer, and I see her hand in the choice of people she has writing in here — very good writers." (This was before Reichl got in — *ahem* — hot water over commissioning novelist/poly-math David Foster Wallace to write what turned into a rambling attack on the Maine Lobster Festival.) But however great a writer she may be, her letter from the editor this month is tired and shop-worn: one of those "in the future, anthropologists will study our culture and conclude" jobs. Their conclusion, based on reading food magazines: "The population

Gourmet's target demo ad — a three-pager for Sub-Zero and Wolf — opens with a head shot of a woman just beginning to lose the first freshness of youth.

der's claim, as does the cover photo.

Conde Nast, which owns *Gourmet*, has some sense of what was lost; inside the magazine is an ad for prints of vintage illustrations from *Vogue*, *Vanity Fair*, *Gourmet*, and *House & Garden*. The ad features a *Gourmet* cover from 1951; a painting of

be on there so fast. You have no idea what's in it, and it doesn't matter."

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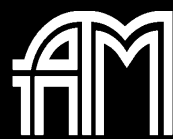
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apparently abandoned the nuptial rites of June in favor of informal feasts dedicated to the god of fire" — grilling.

"She probably wrote this in the back of a taxi," says Schneider. "It's, like, 'We have to sell this grill thing,' even to the point of coloring the past. No doubt conscious of its glorious history, the magazine runs a nostalgia piece right up front, "The Way We Were." The piece is a 1974 recipe for Baked Alaska, finished off with a flaming liqueur poured over the meringue exterior. See, grilling means fire, and there's fire used in this dessert, so... Anyway, Schneider is happy to see Baked Alaska. "I think it's totally cool. I don't care how shticky it is." When I tell her that my sister-in-law made Baked Alaska out of *Saveur* last summer, Schneider isn't surprised. "*Saveur* is definitely the trendsetter now. They'll push the envelope, and then the others will pick

it up."

It wasn't always like that. For ages, "Everything got stolen from *Gourmet*, because *Gourmet* was there first. They were the original." She makes special fond mention of the sections where readers write in with recipes or request them from restaurants. This month, they feature Linzertorte and blueberry

rant. "This is the most disgusting thing I've ever seen in my life. It just looks like barf. What would it taste like? It would taste like fish — and not much else."

Caroline Bates acquits herself well in a lengthy review of Joachim Splichal's new Los Angeles effort, Patina. "She's been writing for so long,

"I swear, I'm going to write a menu like that someday. I'm just going to fill a hat with the names of food items — fruits, veggies, spices, liquors — and then I'm going to mix it up and just start pulling things out."

corn hotcakes. But before Schneider can get misty-eyed, it's back to vomit. The lead photo in the restaurant review section is the toro tartare with hot pepper, osetra caviar, and pickled abalone from New York's Sumile restau-

but she still manages not to sound too tired." And then — oh, happy day — we get to Jane and Michael Stern's Road Food column on...Hodad's burger joint, in Ocean Beach. "This is more press than any San Diego restaurant

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has ever gotten nationally," marvels Schneider. (*Food & Wine* recently did a "drive-by review" of several restaurants, and *Saveur* gave only a brief mention to the Waterfront in its "Driving California" issue.) "It's fabulous. It's a great article."

"Oh, what a hamburger," the duo rhapsodize. "An awe-inspiring paragon of SoCal burger culture, a joy to behold, and an adventure to eat." (Naturally, San Diego got hit up for a full-page ad, which runs toward the back of the issue.)

The Beef Council does for the Good Living section on grilling what Weber did to *Food & Wine* — copying the look so perfectly that you think you're looking at a *Gourmet* illustration for the text on the left-hand page. But it's nice to see the service section recommending bargain grill brushes and cheap, disposable aluminum trays instead of fancy baskets alongside the \$1200 37-inch Weber grill. (If they really wanted to match text and sales, they could have followed that section with the informative article on grilling large cuts of meat that runs later in the issue. The secret, as revealed by two guys who decry the "endless wave of gimmicks, gadgets, and gizmos": cheap, disposable aluminum trays. Instead, that article plays host to "Where the Garden Meets the Grill," a parasitic advertising section from chef Tyler Florence and Turning Leaf winery.)

Next up is the cover recipe, which receives more criticism than any since the Napoleons in *Bon Appétit*. "Grilled Pineapple Tart with Raspberries and Chipotle Cream? Oh, please. Somebody just thought that up and said, 'Oooh, that sounds edgy.'"

"It's as if they just had a list of fruits and a list of creams..." I begin. "Yes, that's it exactly. I swear, I'm going to write a menu like that someday. I'm just going to fill a hat with the names of food items — fruits, veggies,

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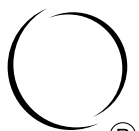
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spices, liquors — and then I'm going to mix it up and just start pulling things out. The first four things that come out, I'm going to make something from them and see how it is."

The Good Living section does provide a half-page cookbook review for Bernard Clayton's *New Complete Book of Breads*, but any goodwill that builds up evaporates when Schneider hits "The Gourmet Scoop: News, Promotions, Travel Talk, Tips, and Sweepstakes." Sub-Zero, Wolf, Lincoln, and others get their name on the same page as the *Gourmet* logo. "This is where they basically sold any credibility their logo once had." "It's not selling out; it's cross-platforming," I offer.

The Seasonal Kitchen features grilled fish and features it in gorgeous fashion. "They're the nicest pictures in the whole magazine by far," agrees Schneider — the fish on white or neutral plates

with a spare Asian delicacy to them, shot against a gray-blue background. Salmon, a whole mackerel, halibut, mahimahi, sturgeon. But even here, Schneider is not seduced. "You cannot cook halibut like this, because halibut will turn to mush and fall apart. You need a grill basket, and I read the recipe, and it doesn't say anything about a grill basket. So I guess you're on your own."

More Gourmet Scoop shows up before *Gourmet's* target demo ad — a three-pager for Sub-Zero and Wolf. It opens with a head shot of a woman just beginning to lose the first freshness of youth — there are wrinkles around her eyes — telling us the things she disliked about her old kitchen: "Out of date, top to bottom; mundane appliances made so-so meals; too cramped for my crowd; it was b-o-r-i-n-g." Turn the page, and there's a spread of a cavernous wood-jacketed kitchen. The woman from

page one is hanging out with two of her friends; the meal is ready for serving; they're all too happy for words. "She's the ideal client right there; the woman who can afford to buy that. Those are older models — probably in their 30s, which is unheard of."

Finally, things improve. The article on grilling large cuts is followed by a long, investigative piece on trans fats and the difficulty researchers had in investigating their (un)healthful qualities. Industry pressure is cited as a roadblock — a reason, perhaps, to keep editorial and advertising separate, even in a service magazine. "Notice that there aren't a lot of ads from General Foods in here," says Schneider.

That's followed by a by-now-standard photo essay on an outdoor dinner party; the chief difference is in the quality of the photographs: bright, vibrant close-ups of apricots and the resulting

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apricot tart. But, says Schneider as she takes in a shot of girls on a bench shelling peas, "I don't think *Saveur* would stage a shot like this. If they found it, they would take it, but I don't think they would set it up like this." Then it's a fine profile of a Greek family raising lambs in Colorado, followed by a well-photographed Tuscan menu. "I don't want to hear anything else about Tuscany for the rest of my life," says Schneider, weary of the comparisons between that part of Italy and San Diego, but she does admire the food. "I liked the simplicity. It's really fresh. Sautéed greens and beef — I would cook that and eat it and be quite happy."

And then, a triumphant return to form: an article on Scotland that combines high-contrast two-page photographs with detailed prose and recipes that rise out of the story. This is the old *Gourmet*, the *Gourmet* that takes you there and shows you something. You get history, sociology, literature, and oh, yes — food. A chef raves about Scottish chanterelles, the author finds the U.K.'s best Italian deli in Edinburgh, and there are rumors of chefs concocting foie-gras'd haggis, "perhaps hoping to do for this unlovable dish what Daniel Boulud has done for the humble hamburger." Its tone has little to do with that of the front-of-book "Good Living: Travel" section, which highlights the "tiny Himalayan kingdom" of Bhutan. Bhutan, we learn, is "trying to jump-start very controlled, very upscale tourism" and has allowed some developers to build lodges and "luxury wilderness camps." "When are you going to Bhutan?" asks Schneider.

But even though her maiden name is McDonald, Schneider's delight in the Scotland article is not unalloyed. "*Bon Appétit* did a whole issue on Scotland about two months ago, and here's this Scotland article here. Why don't they just all buy each other and have

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one food magazine?" It isn't until the Five Ingredients section that she is charmed again — the recipe is for Watercress Vichyssoise. "Just imagine, an actual French dish with a French name." And the Kitchen Notebook helps even more. "He really talks about food — if you want to grill fish, how do you pick one? How do you cut it up? And here's how to make oil dressing, which is one of those olde-timey things. If you don't have

Marion Cunningham's book or *The Joy of Cooking*, you're not going to know how to do that. It's just a good, interesting article."

"In the back of the magazine."

"And what was in the front? I don't even remember anymore."

Up to now, Schneider has been decrying the mixing of journalism and commerce. Now her tone changes, because at least *Waitrose Food Illustrated* is up front about its busi-

ness-mindedness. It's the house magazine for the Waitrose grocery chain in England. There's an article on monks in Greece and a coupon in the front for 90 pounds off "when you visit Athens with Travelscene." There's another for 50 percent off on "a luxury stay in Torquay" and another for 30 pence off on Ocean Spray white cranberry juice drink. Twenty pages in, a photo of workers harvesting white cranberries and a paragraph

on the product. "Mixologists say it makes a great base for Champagne cocktails," it concludes.

Waitrose's first virtue is obvious: it's bigger. "You have this wonderful, generous feeling of space. They're not jamming the pages full." Its second is also easy to spot — a large photo of a fuchsia Vietnamese dragon fruit, a food trend that is just coming to the fore. "Most of the commercial dragon fruit in this hemisphere is raised in San Diego," says Schneider. "It's sponsored by UC Davis; they think it's the next hot fruit. It has no taste at all, but it looks just bitchin'. You scoop

out the flesh and make a dragon fruit sorbet, which you flavor with things and scoop back into the shell. It's all about the color and the look." And they spotted it in England. Schneider spots her second trend in the cover photo. "The coddled egg broken onto the Caesar salad. I saw it for the first time in an Australian magazine, and it's been slowly drifting up to our neck of the woods. Everybody is doing this now."

Once again, the ads speak for the character of the magazine. High and low are here gathered into one loving embrace. Bosch ovens follow Kellogg's Fruit 'n

Fiber bars. Best of all is a two-page ad for Parkinson sausages. Apparently, fashion photographer Norman Parkinson developed his own sausage while living in the Caribbean. So while the sausages get the right-hand page, his photos get the left. Photos of nude women reclining on couches, of Parkinson in black tie dancing with a girl in black stockings and nothing else, of Parkinson underwater with another lovely. Beauties and bangers, improbably united.

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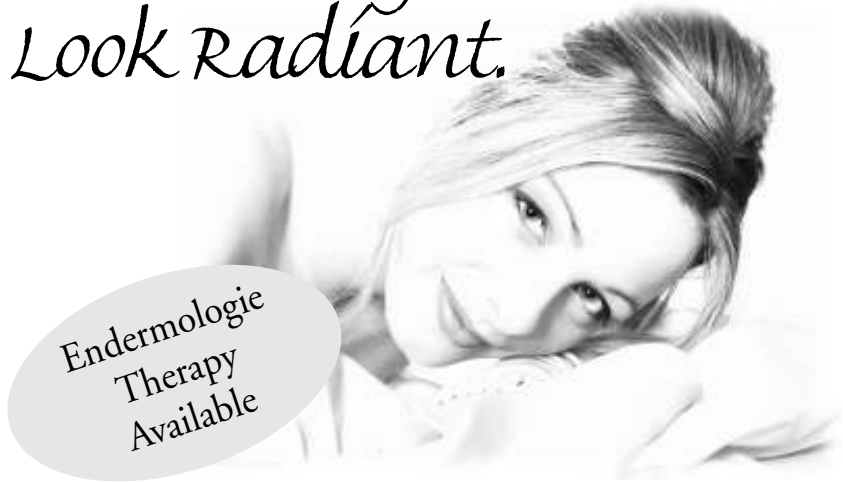
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“Why is my custard lumpy?” Or a recipe for vanilla fudge beside a pitch for lemongrass tea. High and low, high and low. “In all these other magazines,” says Schneider, “the writing is very slick, very edgy. You would never see a headline in an American magazine that asked, ‘Why is my custard lumpy?’”

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“Yeah, but the English just write like they talk.”

In the letters section, Schneider is impressed to see people arguing about the virtues of famed food writer Elizabeth David. I’m impressed to see that the best letter each month gets six bottles of Louis Roederer Brut Premier Champagne.

Skipping along to trend three: an article on growing garden produce in recycled containers. “You’re going to see an article about this in the American magazines next year,” promises Schneider. “And this story on

Seeds of Change” — an American seed company-turned-organic food supplier — “is fabulous. Why is this not getting covered over here?”

The visual highlight of the magazine — of any of the magazines — is the section on Sybil Kapoor’s kitchen. “She’s

some speckled. Saffron bread, studded with dried fruit and sliced on a knife-scarred plank. Roast pears and Sauternes in a bowl. Chicken, leek, and bacon pie. Buttermilk pancakes and smoked salmon. Lemon meringue pie, less one slice. “I think this looks wonderful. You can

“Ironically, sadly,” writes editor

Andrews in his letter, “as we become more sophisticated about wine and food both, we seem to be pulling them apart, breaking up the relationship.”

like the Julia Child of England.” Alongside her essay on spring cooking and her list of seasonal ingredients — eggs, horseradish, spring lettuce — comes page after page of full-page photos, close up to the food. Eggs in a bowl — some blue, some green, some brown,

see that it was actually baked. The meringue underneath is the way it’s going to be when you do it at home. This is what food looks like when you or I cook it. There are crumbs. No recipes, but who needs a recipe? Just go in there and find your own and make it.”

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The photographs are there for inspiration, not how-to. "It brings you into the food and makes you want to look at it. It takes you back to the sensuality of it, puts you in that place you want to be when you want to do a great meal. You're not just slamming out food; you're not just filling people up. There's a whole aesthetic that you want to present and that you want people to be part of."

Schneider gets nostalgic during the articles on the Greek monks and food critic Fay Maeshler's Greek getaway. "It's every English person's dream to have a home in Greece or Turkey or someplace where it's safe to be English, but particularly Greece. It's part of the national culture, and so that's the fascination here."

Chef Gary Rhodes gets two pages for crème brûlée. "I'd love to do a story on crème brûlée, but I can hear my editors laughing now. 'Who the hell wants to read about crème brûlée?' But it was a good article." A recipe and a bunch of tips — avoid egg whites, serve at room temperature — and a whole page of photographs to show the ingredients and tools involved. Ramekins, sieve, egg yolks, bowl, sugar, and so on, each in its own shot against a coffee-brown background. Someone in design must have had a ball.

More nostalgia, of a different sort, for an article on Bath. "I'm a big Patrick O'Brian fan" — O'Brian wrote the seafaring novels that inspired the recent film *Master and Commander* — "and quite a lot of the interesting scenes were set in Bath." And admiration for a piece on the influence of Roman culture on how we eat today. "Even *Saveur* wouldn't do this piece." A trifle too academic. "I eat it up." Then a tearoom roundup and history, wine suggestions for the recipes in this month's issue, and a long piece on making shortcrust pastry for beginners. "This is great. 'What kind of flour to use.' 'Why should I rest the

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pastry? And it shows you how to put everything in."

Like *Waitrose, Taunton's Fine Cooking* is oversized, which gives the layout people room to breathe. White space gets paired with tinted boxes and colored text to separate information. The effect is pleasing, soothing. "There's a lot of information on two pages, but it's broken up; it's well done. It's really easy to read, comfortable to read. A designer's magazine, for sure." Food — as opposed to stuff or travel — gets star billing: recipe index up front, menu suggestions right after that. Ads are scarce, and good writing is plentiful. "It's all first-class, well researched, and really well written. Molly Stevens is a great writer," and the *Cook's Guide to Buying a Gas Grill* is, says



Schneider, "worth the price of the magazine. I wish I'd had it before I bought mine. What to look for, how they're made — talk about thorough."

Four general sections divide the text of the grill guide: decide what you want to grill, get to know key features, decide which extras you'd use, and make your wish list. The last features a composite dream grill assembled from photos of grills used

in the test. "It's a fabulous article. They didn't take advertising" from the grills they tested. It's almost enough to excuse the crowd-following grilled chicken on the cover.

Garlic gets a featured ingredient profile — uses, cooking, cutting. "Their Q&A section is specific. They get good, specific questions." (Is there a way to freeze avocados that will preserve their texture?) Readers also send in tips, and each month's top tip wins a basket of kitchen utensils. This issue salutes an idea for chicken grilled while propped on an angel-food cake pan. The pan holds your liq-

uid for keeping the bird moist and catches drippings for sauce. Other tips include pitting cherries with a hairpin and grating frozen butter for pastry on a box grater.

Schneider marvels that somebody got an article published on flank steak. "My editor would say, 'Everybody knows about flank steak.' But they have a rub, and they give you a few butters and a few salsas and bingo. This is the kind of stuff you can do at home." Zucchini over high heat, however, is another matter. "You slice it and you salt it and you squeeze the water out of it, and then you put it over just

smoking high heat. That's a professional technique; a lot of people wouldn't be able to get their stuff hot enough, or they'd set their kitchen on fire. That's something you have to be careful about."

Pasta salads appear in a section on "Cooking Without Recipes." "They just give you ideas; they don't dumb it down. There's enough information here that, even if you were a beginning cook, you wouldn't have any trouble finding your way through this." She likes that the magazine is "not afraid of sugar, not talking about cutting carbs or light or fast or quick or easy. None of these things are that — it's just good, normal food." There is one article on quick and easy fish, but as the author says, it's because "fish is the natural choice" for such preparations. "Fillets of lean, white-fleshed fish are a good choice because they cook in no time, and their mild flavor works in so many different recipes." A list of fillets, another of pantry necessities, and a paragraph on cooking serve as prelude to three recipe

suggestions. "Step by Step" takes us through a lattice-top pie, and Schneider gets déjà vu. "They've done this before, or something almost exactly the same. I think they have a sort of two-year cycle. Next year, it'll be 'Making Two-Crust Pies,' and then cobblers, and then..." Rempah, a Malaysian spice paste, gets two pages. "They do one dish, but there are so many elements — they tell you a lot about ingredients and technique with just one recipe. I like this magazine," she says, even if they did steal their test-kitchen bit from *Cook's Illustrated*.

Like *Fine Cooking, Cook's Illustrated* is not a lifestyle magazine; it's a magazine for cooks. *Cook's Illustrated* isn't even food journalism; it's closer to a scientific journal. Recipes are dissected, techniques analyzed, tools and ingredients tested. When one recipe is ruled better than another, *Cook's* digs for the reason why. "You can just see this geeky person saying, 'Well, this was my premise...' And away they went," testing the pH of cheese

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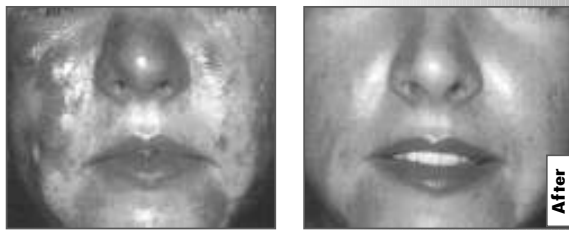
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bread baked with baking soda vs. those baked with baking powder. (Baking powder bread was preferred, since it didn't neutralize the lactic acid in the sour cream. "It brought its own acid to the mix," concluded the investigator.) This particular issue, among other things, rescues Steak Diane, perfects macaroni and cheese, perks up chef's salad, teaches sauté technique, judges bacon, advocates home-grinding your spices, and shares illustrated notes and tips from readers. "This is not a magazine you ever throw away," says Schneider, and the magazine knows it. You can buy hardcover-bound volumes of each year's issues. "It just oozes credibility. There are no ads." Neither is there a cover photo; just a still life of cabbages on a table.

Schneider likes that editor Christopher Kimball writes a lead editorial every month, a little morsel to keep the mind

from getting too dry. "He leads with an editorial about his family and what's going on in his little town in Maine. It's always evocative and beautifully done. He can write about sentimental issues." In this month's column, he writes about his fourth child, five-year-old Emily. "You have

and admirable.' You have taught us that childhood is not like the passing mist after a summer rain but that we should learn to see the world 'as new as foam and as old as the rock.' " The rest of the magazine is devoted to food; Kimball's lead essay gives a reason and a place for that devotion — the

Says Schneider, "I love the layout and the look of Saveur — detailed, but not ornate. You don't feel like somebody is shouting at you.

I don't want to be yelled at."

shown us the importance of the inner eye, the one that sees a bear in a bush, a face in a fire, or a mountain in a cloud... These 'airy nothings' of childhood — faeries and flying monkeys — can fade and be forgotten, or instead, as Shakespeare put it, 'grow to something of great constancy, however strange

family kitchen.

By now, it will probably come as little surprise to hear that, for Schneider, *Saveur* is the new *Gourmet*, the "food in context" paragon. The magazine is brave enough to stick to its personal predilections — California's idyllic Ojai Valley has been mentioned per-

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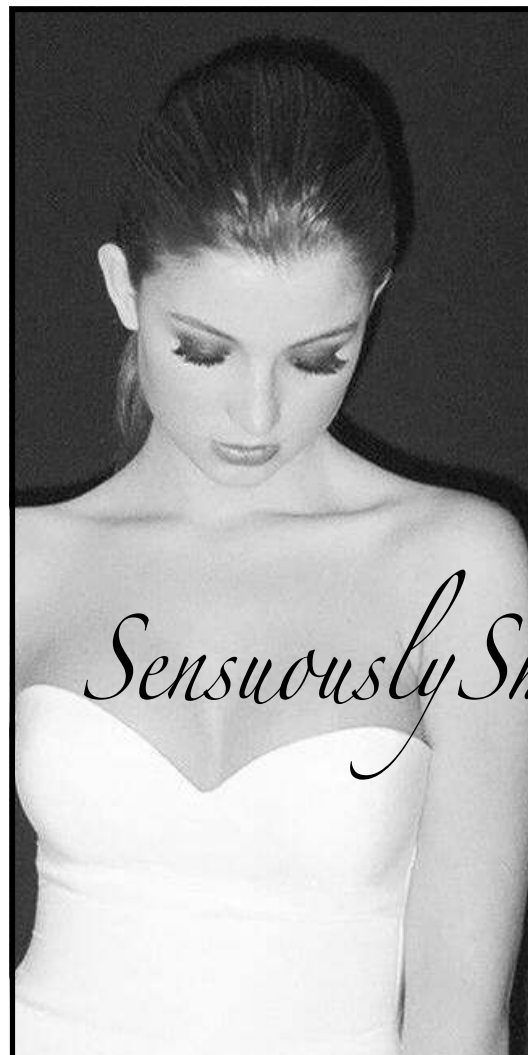
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haps more than it warrants, but if *Saveur* likes Ojai, so be it. Market research be damned. The monthly wine selections have a random feel, which is sometimes pleasing, sometimes frustrating, and entirely personal.

Mind you, it's not all plucking chickens in the Mekong. There are more ads in *Saveur* than there once were and more bits about restaurants and chefs. It seems to me — I used to subscribe — that the shift can be traced roughly to the point where two of the founding three editors left the magazine, leaving food-aficionado Colman Andrews alone at the helm. "They changed," agrees Schneider, "but in a way I

could understand. They remained true to their editorial roots. They put in that thing about 'Great Kitchens,' which is a load of crap, but that's just a way to sell advertising. If that's what they have to do to keep alive, then that's what they have to do. They haven't completely sold out," even if they do hold a *Saveur* Cooking Class Series, "a celebration of authenticity sponsored by *Saveur* and Relais & Chateaux." And it's not as if the ads have taken over; once the long-form feature articles begin, the ads disappear, to resume only at the back of the magazine.

So the target demographic has to make an appearance early, oppo-

site the table of contents. The ad is for Visa; it shows a young woman placing the final strawberry on a three-layer cake. The tagline: "She will end her chaotic weeks with highly disciplined fun." "Younger, urban, professional," says Schneider. "Probably very well educated, travels a lot, but definitely urban. This gal lives in New York, she's a patent attorney, she's 32 years old. She's been married for a year, no children, and they've got money to do whatever they want to do. They're intelligent, interested in what's going on around them."

The theme of the issue is "Wine on the Table" — that is, wine in the context of a meal. "Ironically, sadly," writes editor Andrews in his letter, "as we become more sophisticated about wine and food both, we seem to be pulling them apart, breaking up the relationship. Vintners make wine to score points, not to go with grilled sole or roast chicken, and mix-and-match fusion food or Adriatic flights of fancy challenge even the finest wine lists." Good stuff.

Schneider almost gets taken in by a three-page ad for Wolf ranges. "I don't think we saw Wolf in the other magazines. Wolf is in another class." (Wolf did advertise in *Gourmet*, but it was in combination with Sub-Zero, and Schneider's attention was focused on the target demo ladies in the picture.)

"You'd hate to think that's because there's a Wolf range in this month's Great Kitchen, the one

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belonging to Sacramento food-merchant Darrell Corti," I say.

"Oh, for shame," answers Schneider.

The magazine atones by running a short on the wine used by Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's basilica, then juxtaposes that with a piece on wine labels judged "obscene" by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. These opening shorts are flanked by recipes and a calendar listing of food-related events around the world. Then Colman Andrews returns for a leisurely appreciation of *The Brady Book: Selec-*

tions from Roy Brady's Unpublished Writings on Wine. Brady was a grumpy American, the sort who loved wine but hated the hype. The sort who, when called upon to praise a wine, would stand up, drain the glass, and pronounce it "mighty tasty." The review is almost good enough to distract attention from the adjacent ad for the new *Saveur* Maître D' Reader Service. The service "is designed to present our readers with a variety of information," including "special promotions from our premium advertisers."

One such promotion: "Authentic Italian Cooking with Sub-Zero/Wolf." A dollop of *Gourmet* Scoop, anyone? Danger, danger!

Still, we're a long way from the new, marketing-friendly *Gourmet*. Michael Steinberger gets off a long volley against the practice of giving points to wine, a practice that has become a de facto marketing tool. Kathleen Brennan writes a long account of barrel-making, a practice that only a true wine geek would care about. Walter Taylor and Konstantin Frank, two local heroes of upstate New York winemaking, get loving historical treatment. And the "stuff to buy" section is brief — one page of antique corkscrews.

Then it's on to the long features covering the Veneto region of Italy, changes in Spain's Rioja region, the Rhone Valley's Chave family, and the rise of organic wine. *Saveur* is willing to title a sidebar "Olive oil and horsemeat," and it's willing to bring up issues such as the government regulation of agriculture. (Labeling law sparks debate just

about anywhere you go.) Interesting it may be; sexy it ain't.

Saveur has a wide format. Says Schneider, "I love the layout and the look of the magazine — detailed but not ornate. You don't feel like somebody is shouting at you. I don't want to be yelled at. I used to do production work, and you look at this stuff and go, 'Wow.'" (The use of white print on a black background in sidebars, for example, is striking. And the text of each page is framed at the corners, as if it were a photo placed in an album.) About the photography, she says, "For a foodie, this is pornography. It's almost too intense," thanks in part to a willingness to employ heavy shadows and deep hues. "Look at the black feet on the chicken there. And everything is just matter-of-fact," she says. The Chave family may be posing, mid-toast, at table, but the shot of Lodovico Testi attending to his restaurant customers is the real deal. He's frozen midword, while the old lady at the head of the table looks as if she's about to pass out.

Finally, Schneider suggests a tip of the toque to *Cooking Light*, the largest-circulation food magazine in the country. A wealth of ads makes it too fat to be perfect-bound; it has to be stapled. "It's actually one of my favorites, foodwise, because they take a very hands-on, matter-of-fact approach to food. They talk a lot about nutrition — not just health food, but ooey-goey-yummy in moderation. Everything is in moderation."

"They have an Oil of Olay ad right at the beginning, which is a dead giveaway for their market: thirtysomething soccer moms who drop off their kids and maybe go power walking and buy organic. They're more concerned about their families than about travel or that little satay place that you read about. There's some exercise stuff in it, which is where I think they pick up their size, and there's some spa stuff. It's a little more mainstream, but it's done in an honest way. They talk about hair, but the food is good, solid food." ■

— Matthew Lickona

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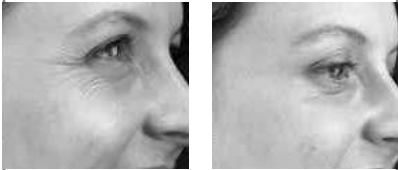
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Reader; you know, trash incorporated. When are you going to give your readers a break and write something that's useful?

Name Withheld

Deaf Critic

After reading Mary Montgomery's review of Atom Orr's *Asterisk* CD ("Hometown CDs," February 17), I find she has confirmed everything I've long suspected about her. While everyone is entitled to their own opinion, it is my belief that Mary Montgomery is a confused hack that wouldn't know a good song if it wooed her knickers down to her ankles.

I've often found Ms. Montgomery's CD reviews unnecessarily harsh to local musicians. That said, I am sure she gets a lot of horribly recorded homespun crap to sift through. And of course, reviews are, by definition, subject to the tastes of the writer. So considering that, I had previously put my skepticism of her critical talents aside.

But Mary missed the mark on this one. (Note to editor: please resist the urge to use this alliteration as the header to this letter. No need to resort to such clichéd journalism.) The problem here is, the mere act of publishing a critic's opinion gives it an air of credibility. This is no longer a random opinion; it is "professional" insight esteemed enough to be worthy of print. Unfortunately, in this case, it's also dead wrong.

Atom Orr's *Asterisk* was my hands-down favorite record of 2004. After eagerly awaiting major-label releases by the likes of P.J. Harvey, Mike Watt, and Björk (all of which, while artistically adventurous, were ultimately disappointing), I was pleasantly surprised to find the best recording of the year was released by a local artist. Expertly engineered, *Asterisk* is reminiscent of Beck in its blending of organic and looped sounds. Filled with pop hooks woven through fantastic arrangements, Christopher Hoffee's singing voice is strong and rich supported by great songs such as "Smoke Machines," "Little Birds," "F*cked Up"

(hey, there's that asterisk the CD title refers to), and "Vinyl Fingertips," all of which I would much rather hear pouring from my radio than the schlock being spoon-fed to us by corporate radio.

Of course, that's just my opinion. But it balances out the words of a tone-deaf critic. And if printed, these words will carry a weight beyond that of my meager voice ranting in the living room and assume immediate credibility. Right? Right?

But hey, don't believe me. Buy the album and decide for yourself.

Andrew Hinkle
South Park

Untrue

Your February 10 "City Lights" article "Out and About" perpetuated a misunderstanding that has continued for the past five years. Ernie Grimm's opening statement that "the Metropolitan Transit Development Board closed down Dial-A-Ride programs around the county" is simply untrue.

First of all, the MTDB never had any countywide authority. Their area of jurisdiction was limited to the metropolitan San Diego area, which excluded East County (the unincorporated areas east of El Cajon) as well as Vista and the rest of North County. Second, and the most important point, the Dial-A-Ride programs in question were administered and operated by local jurisdictions, not MTDB. The decisions to terminate any of those programs were made by those respective local jurisdictions.

Admittedly, MTDB made a decision that influenced local jurisdictions. Under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MTDB was mandated to implement and operate an accessible demand-responsive service (similar to Dial-A-Ride) throughout all the area where it operated fixed-route service, such as the trolley and bus systems. The only funding to operate the ADA service came from the same sources that previously were passed through to local jurisdictions, some of which use these monies for Dial-A-Ride. With these pass-through monies no

longer available, all metro-area local jurisdictions elected to terminate their programs rather than fund them from general funds or other revenue sources.

All of this became significant because the new ADA program eligibility was based on mobility disabilities, not age. Therefore, many able seniors were not qualified to ride the ADA service.

Tim Price
via e-mail

Ernie Grimm responds: Information I reported about MTDB shutting down Dial-A-Ride programs came from MTDB itself. My use of the phrase "around the county" was unclear. "In its area of jurisdiction" would have been more precise.

Scary

I noticed in the "Blurt" column in the February 10 *Reader* that Mr. Sanford said, "Master P was arrested...for having a handgun magazine clip with eight hollow-point bullets (known as 'cop-killers') in his luggage. The bullets are illegal in most states, including New Jersey."

First, hollow-point bullets are *not* "illegal in most states"; they are in New Jersey but nowhere else I'm aware of. Second, references to "cop-killer bullets" regard ammunition with Teflon-coated bullets or a brand of ammunition that used to be called "Black Talon." Teflon-coated bullets do *not* pierce bulletproof vests, and Black Talon was just a scary name for a brand of ammunition that is still sold as Ranger SXT, I believe.

There is no such thing as a "cop-killer bullet." A very few, very esoteric, and very expensive handguns are able to penetrate the vests police officers wear. But any centerfire rifle (deer rifle, old WWII relic) will go through just about any "soft" vest out there, front and back.

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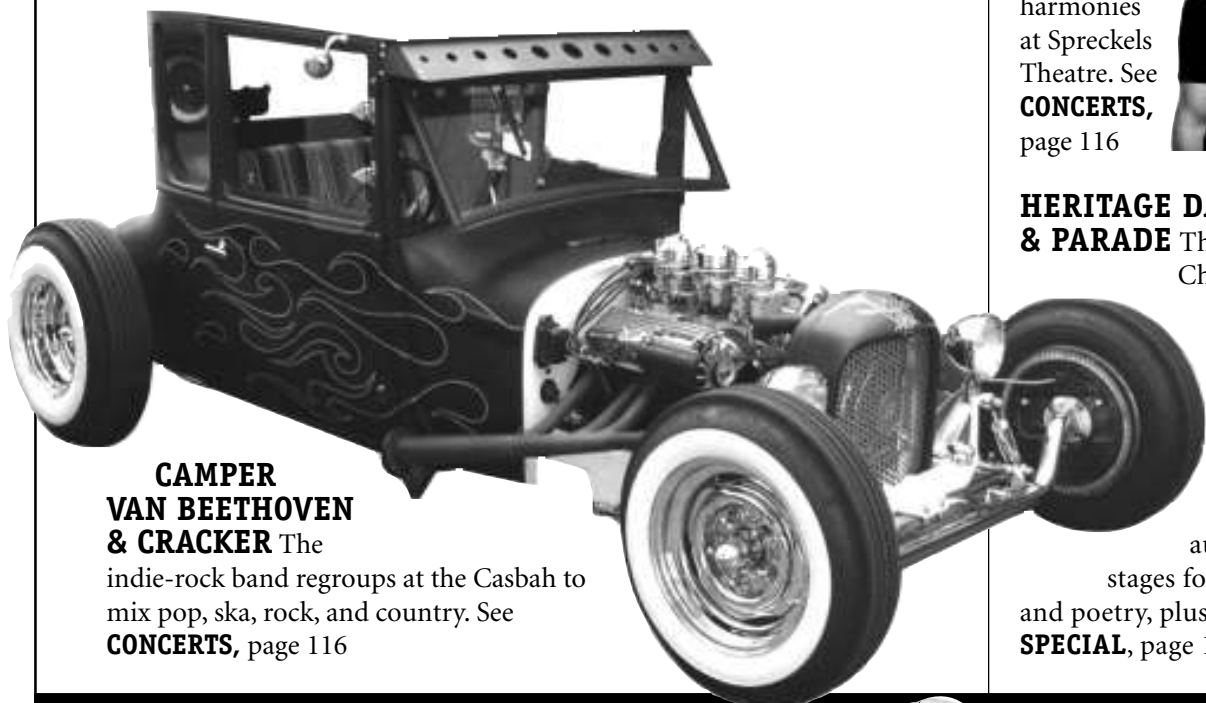


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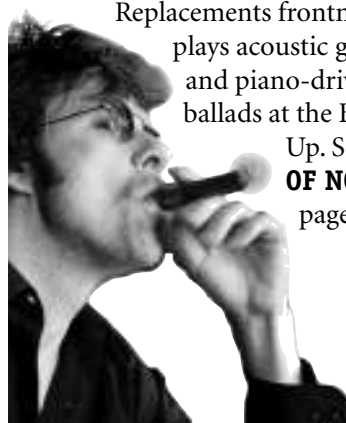
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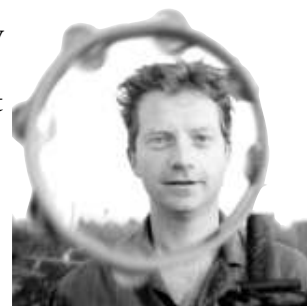
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DURAN DURAN All five original members of the mid-'80s new wave band in their third comeback tour. See **CONCERTS**, page 116



Skinless Mystic

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Life-size paintings of men, women, gods, goddesses, and human anatomy convey the convergence of the spiritual, medical, and psychotropic influences on Alex Grey's portrayal of the divine. These paintings are on display for Grey's five-year exhibition (opened fall 2004) in New York City entitled *Chapel of Sacred Mirrors*.

In addition to his paintings, Grey has done over 50 works of performance art. This has included shaving his head and vomiting money to larger, more complex works, such as the one he called *Goddess* — for this piece, Grey constructed a giant figure of a "goddess" using 5500 apples. Once completed, his wife sat nursing their baby at the heart center of the figure, and Grey genuflected 100 times at the goddess' feet (later, the apples were donated to a shelter for homeless families).

On his website, www.alexgrey.com, Grey writes: "...usually only the best and most transcendently flipped out, maxed out, weird-ass shit can convince our scrutiny and judgment to give up, to shut up, to get out of your head and feel and know that the ecstasy is real. Spirit is real. God is real and making the art to wake us up to our real and infinite Being. Boink."

Grey will be sharing his vision locally with "Transfigurations," a lecture and slide show at the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla on Friday, February 25. *Transfigurations* is also the title of Grey's latest book, a follow-up to his first, and widely popular, *Sacred Mirrors* (the book that inspired his *Chapel of Sacred Mirrors*). Eric Davis of the *Village Voice* described Grey's work as "electric,

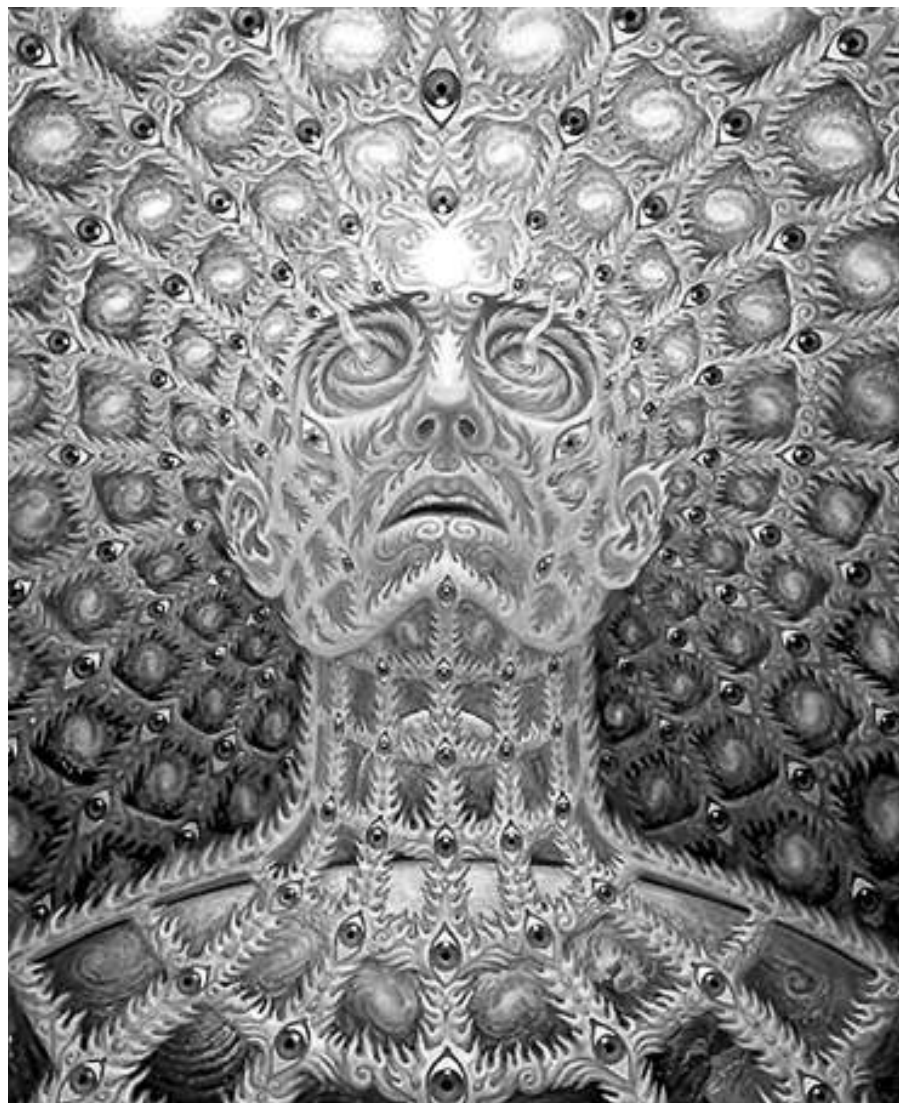
densely layered, and deeply psychedelic images [that] represent human bodies as skinless, semitransparent forms that overlay flesh and blood, bones and nerves, rainbow chakras, and cabalistic glyphs."

Grey's biography reads: "He had a series of entheogenically induced mystical experiences which transformed his agnostic existentialism to a radical transcendentalism." Grey and his wife of 25 years, artist Allyson Grey, met while tripping on LSD — the entheogenic drug they have each identified as the catalyst for their respective visions.

Grey is a guest of Sushi Performance & Visual Art. Sushi is a nonprofit arts organization that has been "dedicated to presenting and supporting contemporary performance, dance, and visual art" for the past 25 years, says artistic director Allyson Green. Previously located in downtown's Carnation building, Sushi was rendered homeless when the building was demolished to make way for the new Icon building. "Rather than the temporary loss of our permanent home being a stumbling block, we have turned this into what I think will be one of the most creative times for Sushi," says Green.

For the duration of the waiting period before construction is completed, Sushi will be known as Sushi: Take Out, producing shows with local partners including La Jolla Music Society, City College, TNT at the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego State University, and Sledgehammer Theater.

Each show will be tailored for its venue. Sushi chose the Neurosciences Institute as the venue for Grey's lectures for a reason — his work is scientifically accurate. Grey spent five years at Harvard Medical School studying the body and preparing cadavers for dissection,



OverSoul, by Alex Grey

and later taught artistic anatomy and figure sculpture at New York University.

The auditorium in which Grey will be speaking was designed by noted acoustician Dr. Cyril Harris. The Neurosciences Institute won Best Design of 1996 in *Time* magazine. According to architecture critic Ann Jarmusch of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, the 56,000-square-foot Institute "is as good as architecture gets."

—Barbarella

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BAJA

"Musica Virreyanal" performed by Orchestra of Baja California, Thursday, February 24, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de

los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600; \$10 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Readings presented by actor Carlos Bracho, Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"La Rumorosa," choreographed by Nancy McCaleb and set to music by Fernando Corona, presented by McCaleb Dance Company on Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río); \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Tecate Score San Felipe 250, a 240.34-mile race for all manner of vehicles, takes place on Saturday, February 26, starting at San Felipe Arches. 818-225-8402. (SAN FELIPE)

Air Supply in concert, Saturday, February 26, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Mountain Bike Championships take place Sunday, February 27, 8 a.m., at Rancho Bustamante. 011-52-664-684-2959. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

The Family Play *Unemployed Artist Portrait* acted by Rebecca Jones on Tuesday, March 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

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

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

OUTDOORS

Mexican Coral Trees, or "naked corals," are showing their stuff this season by bearing flamelike flowers on the tips of their twisting, often



The Door in the Floor at Museum of Photographic Arts, February 24 (see Film)

leafless branches. Commonly planted as park and freeway landscaping, this and other species of coral are blooming along State Route 94, Interstate 5 through Oceanside, along Harbor Drive near the airport, at the San Diego Zoo, on the lawns in front of San Diego City College downtown, and on the San Diego State University campus. The bloom may continue into late spring, when the naked corals will cover themselves with eight-inch-long leaves, just in time to provide shade for the warm months.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's Wildflower Show, the best in many years, will continue though March. Peak blooms are occurring now in low-lying, warm areas like Borrego Valley, Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S2 in the south half of the park. Carpets of sand verbenas, dune evening primrose, desert sunflowers, and lupine can be seen along Henderson Canyon Road, north and east of Borrego Springs. Blooming desert lilies are being spotted in many of the dry washes. On slightly higher ground, and

up along the hillsides, you'll see blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. For the latest update on this season's wildflower bloom, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's wildflower hotline, 760-767-4684, for a recorded message. In the next month or two, the message will be updated weekly, typically on Thursday or Friday.

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.

Ocean Beach Exploration led by Walkabout adventurers on Friday, February 25. Moderately paced walk starts at 9:45 a.m. at West Point Loma Boulevard and Bacon (near restrooms). Free. 619-231-7463. (OCEAN BEACH)

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geese, and Cassin's kingbirds with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, February 26, 8 a.m. to noon. Join in parking area across from Hernandez' Hideaway (19320 Lake Drive). Bring a scope. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Free. 619-280-7710. (ESCONDIDO)

Explore the Bayside Trail in Cabrillo National Monument with Canyoners on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. to noon. Area is home to "some of the best remaining maritime succulent scrub habitat in country." Free; parking is \$5 per car. Directions: 619-232-3821 x203. (POINT LOMA)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore Downtown Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Birding Basics, learn five simple techniques to identify birds at a glance when trail guide Winona Sollock presents one-hour class, Saturday, February 26, 1 p.m., Mission Trails Regional Park visi-

tors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Hike Along Lake Hodges with San Dieguito River Park guide on Saturday, February 26. Four-miler starts at 9 a.m. at Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway). Directions, reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

An Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, February 26. Outing starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, February 26, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

A Volksmarch is "a noncompetitive walk along a pre-arranged route." San Diego County Rockhoppers host 10k and 5k walks through Hellhole Canyon Open Space (at Santee Lane and Kiavo Road) on Saturday, February 26. Start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon; finish by 3 p.m. Walk is free; \$3 fee for Volkspoint credit. 760-746-0897. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Hawk Watch 2005," Wildlife Research Institute leads final raptor-spotting hike of the season, Saturday, February 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Walks are led by trained biologist in Ramona grasslands, a prime raptor territory; 19 species of raptors have been recorded at the spot.

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

Sights and Sounds, naturalist Carol Stanford leads sometimes strenuous 3.5-mile hike along

Boulder Loop trail on Sunday, February 27, in Daley Ranch. Meet at 9 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Pierre Bovet Adobe History Hike led by Will Bowen on Sunday, February 27, 2 to 4 p.m. Who was Bovet? What was his role in San Diego history? Hike may involve stream crossing, ascent up easement. Meet at fire station near corner of Scranton and Carroll Canyon Road. 858-484-7504. (CARROLL CANYON)

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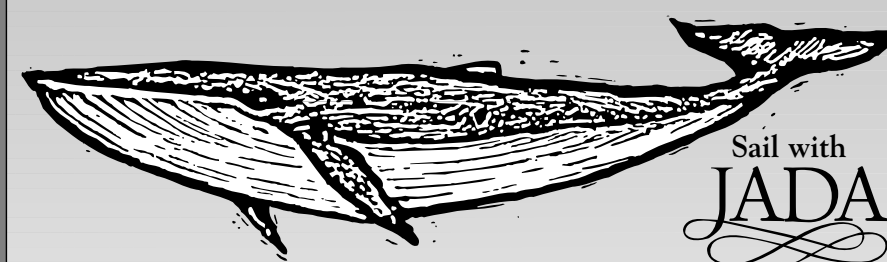
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DANCE

Waltz Variations highlight beginner-friendly dance on Friday, February 25, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages, singles, partners. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

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Bellydance Dinner Show featuring Ana, Kysha, and live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa

Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party Saturday, February 26, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for dancing, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Dance lesson at 8 p.m. 619-275-3533; \$7. (BAY PARK)

All Things Swing Dance Party with music by Tim Gill Quartet, workshops, dancing, performances, games, Saturday, February 26, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginners: 8:30 p.m., open dancing 8:30 to midnight. 619-291-3775. Dance: \$12; additional fees for lessons. (ENCINITAS)

Contradance to calling by Martha Wild, music by Hey Wire, Saturday, February 26, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:45 p.m.; \$6. Wear



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soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Turkish Dancer Dilek presents bellydance show on Saturday, February 26, 8 p.m., at Greek Village (6030 Paseo del Norte). Fee for dinner; no cover. 760-603-9672. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego 'N' Line Dancers hold monthly social line-dance party with guest instructors and DJs on Saturday, February 26, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Lessons at 7 and 8 p.m., open dancing by request; \$5. 858-565-0142. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Dance of Hope" on offer when international and local dancers present tsunami survivors' benefit, Sunday, February 27,

5 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Program includes belly-dance, salsa, flamenco, tango, Indian; \$20. 858-717-5839. (ROLANDO)

English Country Dancing "to haunting baroque music" takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Caller is Eileen Riley on February 27. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m.; \$6 per class, \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Lindy Loft, Meeshi leads events on Sunday, February 27, in Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). Intermediate street swing class at 6 p.m.; beginning street swing class at 7 p.m., followed by dance party (8 to 11 p.m.). Fees: \$15 for entire evening; \$7 for dance alone. 858-395-6060. (MISSION VALLEY)

Beijing Modern Dance Company presents *Rear Light* on Tuesday, March 1, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Dance is said to illuminate "China's search for self-identity at a time when the country's youth struggles to reconcile traditional culture with Western influences." Tickets are \$34 general. Reservations: 858-534-8497; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Get Your Sweat and Groove On when hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street; \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

FILM

Jeff Bridges Club, see *The Door in the Floor*, starring Jeff Bridges and Kim Basinger, on Thursday, February 24, at Museum of Photographic Arts. *The Fisher King*, with Bridges and Robin Williams, screens Thursday, March 3. Screenings start at 7 p.m.; \$10. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

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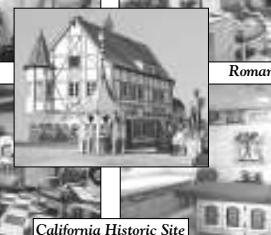
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The Spanish Film *The City of No Limits* screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, February 25, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Riccardo Milani's *Il Posto Dell'Anima* (The Soul's Place) screens in Italian on Friday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street); \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Documentary *Mumia Abu-Jamal* screens with discussion to follow on Friday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar and Art Gallery (4496 Park Boulevard). Donation: \$3-\$5. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Documentary *The Corporation* is screened, hosted by San Diego Green Party, on Saturday, February 26, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film "traces origins of corporation as a publicly regulated institution to its present-day social predominance." Donation. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Secret Cinema and Thai Culture Club present screening of Pen-Ek Ratanarung's *Last Life in the Universe* (2003) on Sunday, February 27, 6 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Donation: \$10, benefiting Thai fishing villages affected by tsunami. 619-230-1938 x125. (GOLDEN HILL)

Stephen Fry's "Frothy Cocktail," *Bright Young Things*, adapted from Evelyn Waugh's comic novel and starring Stephen Campbell Moore and Emily Mortimer, screens for Film Forum on Monday, February 28, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"GhostLight," starring choreographer and dancer Richard Move, screens for "American Movement: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland Festival" on Monday, February 28, 5 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Move — who dresses in drag, performs as Graham, along with members of Graham Company — will present movie, discuss work. Free. 858-459-3728. (SAN MARCOS)

"The American Movement: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland Festival" continues with "Mondays at the Mingei" film screening of *Isamu Noguchi* and luncheon, February 28, noon, at Mingei International Museum; \$20. 858-459-3728. (BALBOA PARK)

The 1947 Academy Award-Winning Film *Gentleman's Agreement* — directed by Elia Kazan and starring Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire, John Garfield, many others — screens Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 p.m., at La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Followed by discussion on anti-Semitism. 858-454-2628. (LA JOLLA)

"Wednesday Night at the Movies," film festival showcasing independent and foreign films continues with drama *Morlang* on March 2, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. In Dutch with English subtitles. (CHULA VISTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Mystery of the Nile, Roar: Lions of the Kalahari, Volcanoes of the Deep Sea.* "Fridays at the Fleet" features two IMAX classics and two current hits each week; see *Alaska* (6 p.m.) and *The Living Sea* (7 p.m.) on Febru-

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LECTURES

"What's So Great About Altruism?" Yale University philosophy professor Robert Adams speaks for Humanities Dialogues series, Thursday, February 24, 4 p.m., in 3155 Literature Building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"You Can't Get Here from There: The Logical Paradox of Ancient Myths" explored by

Wendy Doniger O'Flaherty, professor of history of religions at University of Chicago Divinity School, Thursday, February 24, 8 p.m., in Peterson Hall room 110 on Thurgood Marshall campus at UCSD. Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Propagating Fruit Trees by Grafting and Budding" is topic when California Rare Fruit Growers meet for lecture and demonstration on Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Bring grafting knife if you have one, bring plants and scion wood to graft. Free. 619-866-0575. Extra wood will be available for practice. (BALBOA PARK)

"Homelands, Borders, and Trade in Latin America: Freedom, Violence, and Exchange After 9/11" is subject for conference on February 24 and 25 at UCSD. Keynote lecture by Saskia Sassen

at 5 p.m. on Thursday at Café Ventanas; panel discussions begin at 8 a.m. on Friday at Institute of the Americas Complex. Reservations: 858-534-6050. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Water-Wise Gardening Classes continue with look at "Retrofitting Your Garden to Low-Water Use" by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo, Thursday, February 24, 6:30 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West); \$10.

Get skinny on "Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" when horticulture editor Dee Maranhao speaks at garden on Saturday, February 26, 9:30 a.m.; \$13. Required reservations: 619-670-2291. (EL CAJON)

Tenth Annual Writers' Symposium by the Sea continues through February 26 at Point Loma Nazarene University. "An Evening

with Peter Matthiessen" is set for Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m. The National Book Award-winning nature writer and novelist has written nearly 30 books; he co-founded the *Paris Review* with George Plimpton and Donald Hall; \$10.

On Friday, February 25, events include "Covering Culture with Deborah Starr Seibel" at 9 a.m. (\$5); "Storytelling Every Which Way with Dog TenNapel" at 10:15 a.m. (\$5). TenNapel is a cartoonist, TV writer, graphic novelist.

Symposium concludes with "An Evening with Bill Moyers" on Saturday, February 26, 7 p.m. Moyers, who retired from television in December 2004, is working on a biography of Lyndon Johnson; \$15.

All events take place at Cooper Music Center on campus, located at 3900 Lomaland Drive. Reservations: 619-849-2695. (POINT LOMA)

"Sailors and the Souls of Seabirds" is topic when Leslie Steinkoenig, who "has sailed around the world on small yachts," speaks for Audubon Society on Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

Fair-Election Activist Bev Harris presents "Empowering America to Take Back the Vote" on Friday, February 25, at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Harris is author of *Black Box Voting*. (VISTA)

Busy on Friday? Harris repeats talk on Saturday, February 26, at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Both programs begin at 7 p.m. Requested donation: \$10. 760-721-7049. (HILLCREST)

"The Politics of Motherhood in African Art: Mother and Child

Imagery, Then and Now" presented by Herbert Cole, professor emeritus of UC Santa Barbara and renowned African art historian, Friday, February 25, 4:45 p.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"Where Stars Are Born...and Die" explored when astronomer Dennis Mammana presents deep look into winter sky on Saturday, February 26, 6 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center. Weather permitting, talk followed by telescope viewing; \$15. Reservations for this Anza-Borrego Institute event: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

"Astrology and Jungian Psychology" explored by Keith Burke for Cadent Cross Institute on Saturday, February 26, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

Otedama Class — that is, a traditional bean bag juggling game — offered by Aiko Hillman on Saturday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. After demonstration, participants make otedamas; \$15. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Become a Better Musician when Ron Romm, trumpeter and founding member of Canadian Brass, presents clinic on Saturday, February 26, 1 p.m., at Oak Crest Middle School (675 Balour Drive). Free; reservations required by calling 760-489-2383. (ENCINITAS)

Current Issues of Peace and Justice discussed, actions considered, when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets for talk by global peace activist Bonnie Mansdorf on Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

Hone Your Map and Compass Skills during classes on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400) and REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); \$55 non-members. Reservations requested. (KEARNY MESA)

"Music Biz 101: Forging a Successful Career in the Music Industry" presented by *Urban Network* magazine, Saturday, February 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Panel sessions on topics including "Packaging Your Demo and Getting a Record Deal in Today's Uncertain Climate," "The Role of the Manager, Attor-

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"The Desert: Muse for the Soul," program led by Deborah Briggs for Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center. Participants learn "to use the arts — and three simple steps — to enhance" enjoyment of life; \$45. Required reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

"Schemes, Scams, Frauds...And What to Do About Them," Association for Rational Inquiry meets on Sunday, February 27, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Speaker is former cop Kevin LaChapelle, who heads Special Investigations Agency, Inc. Free. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

"Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California" explored by fire ecologist/author Richard Halsey when Lake Hodges Native Plant Club meets on Monday, February 28, 2 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). 760-745-4008, 858-592-9782. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Color and Line: Indigenous Clothing of Oaxaca" presented by Latin American Ethnography curator Grace Johnson for 12 O'-Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, February 28; \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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Homeland Security Expert Stephen E. Flynn divulges "dangers still facing America" on Monday, February 28, 4:30 p.m., at Institute of the Americas of UCSD. Free. Flynn was lead author of report "America: Still Unprepared, Still in Danger." Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"Nature's Recovery: Images and Insights from the October 2003 Wildfires" offered when professional photographer Richard Herrmann and biologist Tom Oberbauer present lecture on Monday, February 28, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum; \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"How to Get Published" seminar led by Chrysalis Editorial Services owner Annabel Fogel and Andrew Chapman, president of July Publishing, Tuesday, March 1, 12:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street); \$5. 760-754-1054. (CARLSBAD)



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"How German Is It, and How American?" Ironic Replays in Literature" offered by Klaus Scherpe — professor of contemporary German literature in Berlin — Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., in Fung Auditorium of UCSD's Bioengineering Building. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Discover Facts and Myths of Memory when Deborah Bailey of Sharp Senior Resource Center focuses on "Your Amazing Memory" on Wednesday, March 2, 1 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. Registration: 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 2. After show, view real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233; \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Artist Joan Hansen presents demonstration of Foothills Art Association on Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., in Ben Polak Fine Arts Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-448-7582. Free. (LA MESA)

"The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain" explored by author Charles Harrington Elster for "History Alive" series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Book signing follows; \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Consumer Forum on Late-Life Mental Illness, an event of 2005 White House Conference on Aging, convenes Thursday, March 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Speakers include Stephen J. Bartels and Clayton Fong. Presenters explore late-life mental health issues. Free. Required reservations: 619-563-2723. (ROLANDO)

San Marcos Town Hall Meeting focusing on public safety on Thurs-

Roam-O-Rama

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | by Jerry Schad

The "Seven Pools hike" into the upper reaches of Harding Canyon will simply amaze you — assuming you go before summer's heat and drought dries up the canyon's lively, crystalline, spring-fed stream. It's almost unbelievable that such a pristine place can exist just a few miles away from south Orange County's densely populated communities. The canyon bottom features potentially ankle-busting terrain, so wear boots with ankle support. Also, poison oak grows in fair abundance along the banks of the stream, so consider applying a poison-ivy block to any exposed areas of your skin. You should budget four or more hours of strenuous hiking for the round trip to the falls and pools.

To reach the trailhead, exit Interstate 5 at El Toro Road and proceed 7.5 miles east to Cook's Corner (famous for its "biker bar"). Continue, without making any turns, on Santiago Canyon Road for 1.5 miles and then veer right on Modjeska Grade Road. Proceed for a mile up and over a curvy summit and down to the woody community of Modjeska. There, Modjeska Canyon Road joins from the left. Continue straight (east) on narrowing pavement for one more mile. Park



Harding Canyon Creek

your car either outside CSU Fullerton's Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, where the hike begins, or back along the road wherever you can find a legal parking spot off the pavement. That may be easy on weekdays, but tough on weekends when hikers and especially mountain bikers arrive en masse by midmorning.

Across the road from the Tucker Sanctuary, find and follow Harding Truck Trail. Squeeze around the vehicle gate, and ascend 0.4 mile to a saddle in the ridge to the north. Cleveland National Forest land lies ahead. Leave Harding Truck Trail at the saddle by veering left on a descending dirt road. It takes you down to Harding Canyon's broad flood plain. Turn right, go upstream alongside the tumbling creek, and enter the canyon proper within about 0.2 mile.

Abandon the notion of trying to keep your feet dry (at least during this month and next). A sketchy use trail darts along either the right or the left bank, but you'll encounter plenty of ankle-to knee-deep stream crossings in between the trail segments. At present, every ravine of any consequence along both sides of the canyon sup-

HARDING CANYON

Harding Canyon's rain-swollen stream leaps over boulders and tumbles through the Santa Ana Mountains.

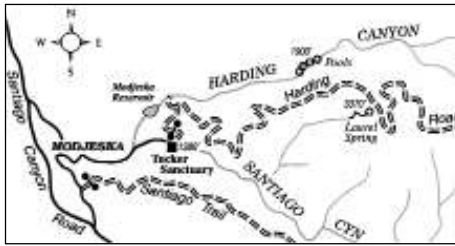
DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO: 85 miles

HIKING LENGTH: 5 miles round trip

HIKING DIFFICULTY: Strenuous

ports a lively brook rushing down to join the main stream. Live oaks, willows, and sycamores in the lower canyon are joined by aromatic bay laurels and straight-trunked white alder trees as you climb into the canyon's progressively

canyon wall on the left. In 1878 prospectors discovered nodules containing lead and silver ore in Harding Canyon. Soon, according to a newspaper account of the day, a man could hardly swing a pick without "perforating his neighbor."



narrower, higher reaches.

At about 1.5 miles into Harding Canyon, notice how the canyon walls morph from tan and beige-colored sedimentary rock to light-gray-colored granitic rock. At an abrupt bend to the left, where water sprays down a clifflike ravine on the right, notice two mining prospects pocking the

For a distance of several hundred yards ahead, cascades and deep aquamarine pools line the canyon bottom. The clarity of the water is remarkable, without a hint of turbidity or sudsing despite the churning flow. Enjoy the sights and sounds, take a dip if you like, then head back home.

day, March 3, 6 p.m., in San Marcos City Council Chambers (1 Civic Center Drive). Panelists include San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis, Sheriff Bill Kolender, San Marcos Fire Chief Larry Webb, many others. Free. 760-744-1050 x3111. (SAN MARCOS)

Renowned Local Artist James Hubbell presents slide-illustrated lecture in conjunction with "The Wa-

tercolors of James Hubbell: Meditations on Nature and Life" exhibit, Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway); \$8. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Social Activist Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*, speaks for Social Issues Conference, Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., in Shiley Theatre

at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Required reservations: 619-260-4798. (LINDA VISTA)

IN PERSON

"Sailing to the Far Horizon: The Restless Journey and Tragic Sinking of a Tall Ship" by local author Pam Bitterman chronicles sinking of the

123-foot sailing ship *Sofia* more than 25 years ago. Bitterman discusses and signs books on Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"In Search of Chuahuita," Rodolfo Acuña speaks Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Acuña is au-

thor of more than 15 books, including *Occupied America: A History of Chicanos*. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Sex Workers' Art Show — this "queer and feminist performance extravaganza" takes place on Thursday, February 24, 8 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Cabaret-style event includes music, burlesque, spoken word, drag, "sexy circus tricks," multimedia performance art. Sliding scale: \$5-\$20 (no one turned away for lack of funds). 619-584-4142. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Side by Side by Sondheim," presented Friday through Sunday, February 25-27, at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Performers Sandy Campbell, Lisa Dyson, Ann Peck McBride, Danny Michaels, Jason Webb perform array of Sondheim songs from landmark shows. Tickets, times: 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Peace Activist and Author Azim Khamisa speaks Friday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Khamisa's son was killed in gang violence; he has formed foundation to teach non-violence with shooter's family. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Reservations: 760-753-5786 x3. (ENCINITAS)

Manhattan Transfer in concert, previewing their new CD *Vibrate*, Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$39, \$49. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Seasons" provide theme for concert by Point Loma University Concert Band, Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Jazz Party runs Friday through Sunday, February 25-27, at Del Mar Hilton Hotel (15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Program boasts 18 "top-shelf musicians from throughout the U.S. playing classic jazz." Tickets, schedule: 858-453-0846. (DEL MAR)

"Love Songs in February," Gable Burgos sings opera, jazz, pop, and Spanish love songs in concert on Friday, February 25, 7 p.m., in Rosemary Lane Galleria

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Guitarist Petar Jankovic at San Diego Museum of Art, February 24 (see Classical Music)

of South Chula Vista Library (389 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-585-5755. (CHULA VISTA)

Performers Referral Network presents open-mike showcase, Friday, February 25, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). 619-265-7287. Free. (SDSU)

"A Night of Psyche, Folk, and Missing Limbs," with Vetiver, Christina Carter, Nick Castro, Silver Sunshine, Shining Path, Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street); \$6. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

Author Jack Farnan signs *Outdoors San Diego: Hiking, Biking, and Camping*, Saturday, February 26, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Prize-Winning Poet Lola Haskins reads from her newest book, *Desire Lines*, Saturday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium

at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2881. Booksigning follows. (LA COSTA)

"Remember Radio," Palomar-Pacific Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society's annual show — with men's chorus, plus two quartets — Saturday, February 26, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$15-\$50. 760-726-2678. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Herbalist's Advice, or How to Live to Be One Hundred Fifty Years Old — A Storytelling Concert" presented by Charlie Chinn for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Stories drawn from Chinese myths and legends. Chinese-American oral history. Suitable for adults, children over 12; \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363 or 619-260-4585. (LINDA VISTA)

Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues* presented at 7:30 p.m. on Satur-

day and Sunday, February 26 and 27, in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Celebration of female sexuality staged as part of V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and children; \$10. 760-822-8376. (OCEANSIDE)

Three Acoustic Music Acts — Ben Everitt, Broken View, Just Jason and Amy — perform for First Avenue Counseling Center benefit concert on Saturday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., in Hojel Hall at Institute of Americas Auditorium at UCSD. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. 619-685-0041. (LA JOLLA)

"Women Rising: Our Legacy Through Story and Song" presented by San Diego Women's Chorus, joined by Black Storytellers of San Diego, Saturday, February 26, 2 p.m., at the Center (3909 Centre Street). Program weaves poetry, prose, song; \$15 per ticket, two for \$25. 619-291-3366. (HILLCREST)

The 22nd Anniversary Concert by 85-member Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, February 27, 2:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding Street). Band is joined by guest trumpet soloist Ron Romm, founding member of Canadian Brass. Program includes pieces by Alfred Reed, Sammy Nestico; \$12 general. 760-436-6137, 858-793-8258. (CARLSBAD)

The Distinguished Author Series continues with reading by Gloria Goldreich, author of *Walking Home*, Sunday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth El (8660 Gilman Drive); \$14 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)



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Singers/Hosts who play acoustic guitar
Prepare two minutes of upbeat music to perform and incorporate audience interaction. You must provide your own instrument. Script provided for auditions.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Who Was the "American Infidel"? It was one moniker applied to Robert Ingersoll, who will be "impersonated" by Philip Paulson (plaintiff in Soledad cross case) on Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m., when Secular Forum meets at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Free. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

An Evening with Richard Lederer hosted by Congregation Shir Amir, Sunday, March 27, 7 p.m., at 2210 Encinitas Boulevard, suite T. Reception: 5 p.m. Tickets: \$50 for reception, show;

\$15 for show only. 760-697-0434. (ENCINITAS)

North County Blues Fest, Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Roster includes musicians Billy Watson, the Blues Pharaohs, Brad Karow, Johnny Viau, Tom Mahon, Nathan James, others. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble of Point Loma Nazarene University performs Sunday, February 27, 7 p.m., for concert series at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Sunset Poets host reading by featured poet Bruce Williams on Sunday, February 27, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105

North Coast Highway). Open mike follows. Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

What Does It Mean to Be Cool? Find out when UCSD Jazz Improvisation Class performs Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Strange Sounds, Improvised and Otherwise, promised when Portland Bike Ensemble, Trio Mahgreb, Trummerflora, and Rush 2 perform on Sunday, February 27, 7 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Donation. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Time Travel for Celtic Harp and Voice," medieval pilgrimage, Renaissance love, Irish rebel songs, more promised when Kevin Kennedy performs Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m., at Cafe Elyse (3076 Carlsbad Boulevard). Free. 760-434-4100. (CARLSBAD)

Tsunami Benefit sponsored by Raag and Taal Academy, Sunday, February 27, 2 to 5 p.m., in Westview High School Performing Arts Theater (13500 Camino del Sur). Dance and music from Indonesia, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, as well



Manhattan Transfer at East County Performing Arts Center, February 25 (see In Person)

as food from these cultures. Tickets: \$30 general, \$10 children, \$20 students. 858-254-2366, 760-743-3643. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Comedy Grill features stand-up comics Mark Serritella, Tim Palmer, Mitch Feingold, on Monday, February 28, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Compete for Cash and a Trophy — or just watch and heckle judges — during San

Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, February 28, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups at 8 p.m., slamming at 8:30 p.m.; \$5 fee for competitors, \$2 requested donation for spectators. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Author Cassandra King discusses and signs *The Same Sweet Girls* on Monday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, February 28, at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Four Winds perform for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-724-1785. (ESCONDIDO)

"Simply Shakespeare," performers of San Diego Actors Theatre gather to see who will read aloud *The Tempest* on Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m., at 6th@Penn

Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Actors will be familiar with play but have no idea (beforehand) which character they'll be awarded. Required reservations: 858-268-4494. (HILLCREST)

Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist Tamaras presents her "genre-defying acoustic sound" in celebration of Women's Herstory Month, Wednesday, March 2, 8 p.m., in Clarke Field House at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Tickets: 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Kristina Jacinth performs for First Wednesday series on March 2, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Admission is free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz in the Park, Jeff Hamilton Trio performs for concert series on Wednesday, March 2, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art; \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with reading by Jerome Rothenberg — author of more than 70 books of poetry — on Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poet Megan Webster on Wednesday, March 2, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Guest musicians: singers Joana Skvarka, Jim Wakefield. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

"Star Trek, Indiana," Ben Livingston's one-man show offered Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Show is "about drunken pig roasts, sexy alien borgs, karaoke-induced visions of Willy Wonka, and the indomitable spirit of rural America"; \$20. 858-481-1055. For mature audiences. (SOLANA BEACH)

First Mission: Barbie! Next Mission: JPL! Author M.G. Lord — who grew up in La Jolla — returns to discuss and sign her new book, *Astro Turf: The Private Life of Rocket Science*, Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

SilverWood performs Celtic music and more during First Thursday Concert on March 3, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

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Martha@, cabaret tribute to legendary dancer Martha Graham created by choreographer and dancer Richard Move is presented for "American Movement: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland Festival" at Lyceum Space Theatre in Horton Plaza. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4; at 7 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 5; and at 3 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. Tickets: \$27-35. 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

"Mr. Single" performed by Zeljko Vukmirica — described as "Croatia's answer to England's Mr. Bean" — on Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). He uses "his acting powers and a made-up language." Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Idaho Steelheads, February 25 and 27, at San Diego Sports Arena. Hockey starts at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

The Most Popular Ride of the Year hosted by R&B Bicycle Club is Tour of Borrego, Saturday, February 26, at Palm Canyon Resort. Select either 22- or 40-mile paved road rides around valley over mostly flat terrain. Registration at 7:30 a.m.; 40-miler starts at 9 a.m., 22-mile outing begins at 9:30 a.m.

Optional time-trial hill climb to top of Montezuma Grade starting at 7 a.m. on Sunday, February 27. 760-765-2200. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

San Diego/Ezekiel Surfing Series competition, Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Harbor south

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Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree,
Putting the decorations back into their cardboard boxes —
Some have got broken — and carrying them up to the attic.
The holly and the mistletoe must be taken down and burnt,
And the children got ready for school. There are enough
Left-overs to do, warmed-up, for the rest of the week —
Not that we have much appetite, having drunk such a lot,
Stayed up so late, attempted — quite unsuccessfully —
To love all of our relatives, and in general
Grossly overestimated our powers. Once again
As in previous years we have seen the actual Vision and failed
To do more than entertain it as an agreeable
Possibility, once again we have sent Him away,
Begging though to remain His disobedient servant,
The promising child who cannot keep His word for long.
The Christmas Feast is already a fading memory,
And already the mind begins to be vaguely aware
Of an unpleasant whiff of apprehension at the thought
Of Lent and Good Friday which cannot, after all, now
Be very far off. But, for the time being, here we all are,
Back in the moderate Aristotelian city
Of darning and the Eight-Fifteen, where Euclid's geometry
And Newton's mechanics would account for our experience,
And the kitchen table exists because I scrub it.
It seems to have shrunk during the holidays. The streets
Are much narrower than we remembered; we had forgotten
The office was as depressing as this. To those who have seen

The Child, however dimly, however incredulously,
The Time Being is, in a sense, the most trying time of all.
For the innocent children who whispered so excitedly
Outside the locked door where they knew the presents to be
Grew up when it opened. Now, recollecting that moment
We can repress the joy, but the guilt remains conscious;
Remembering the stable where for once in our lives
Everything became a You and nothing was an It.
And craving the sensation but ignoring the cause,
We look round for something, no matter what, to inhibit
Our self-reflection, and the obvious thing for that purpose
Would be some great suffering. So, once we have met the Son,
We are tempted ever after to pray to the Father;
"Lead us into temptation and evil for our sake."
They will come, all right, don't worry; probably in a form
That we do not expect, and certainly with a force
More dreadful than we can imagine. In the meantime
There are bills to be paid, machines to keep in repair,
Irregular verbs to learn, the Time Being to redeem
From insignificance. The happy morning is over,
The night of agony still to come; the time is noon:
When the Spirit must practice his scales of rejoicing
Without even a hostile audience, and the Soul endure
A silence that is neither for nor against her faith
That God's Will will be done, That, in spite of her prayers,
God will cheat no one, not even the world of its triumph.

— W. H. Auden (1907-1973)



W.H. Auden

Second Annual Mormon Battalion Parade and community event, Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Old Town State Park Plaza. Senator Orrin Hatch is guest speaker; children's crafts, period clothing, music, entertainment, wagon rides, pioneer exhibits, demonstrations. Free. 619-850-4856. (OLD TOWN)

Bow Wow! Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego's AKC All-Breed Dog Shows, Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 2200 dogs are expected to compete *each day*. Terrific fun to watch. No unentered dogs are allowed on show grounds. Free. 619-588-0507. (DEL MAR)

Be Your Own Boss and Shopping Expo, Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Residence Inn Marriott (2000 Faraday Avenue). Find out about starting your own business. Vendors on hand offering wares — including Avon, Cookie Lee, Body Shop, many more. Admission: free. 858-566-7216. (CARLSBAD)

Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence hosts graduation ceremony on Saturday, February 26, at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). People with disabilities graduate with their new dogs. Free. 760-901-4300. (OCEANSIDE)

Got Chocolate? Discover this food during program featuring chocolate-themed activities, Saturday, February 26, 1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum; \$43. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Heritage Day Parade on Saturday, February 26, starts at 10 a.m. at 49th Street and Logan Avenue, traveling to Euclid Health Center (286 Euclid Avenue). Grand marshal is actress Raven Symone. Arts, crafts, vendor booths, live entertainment following parade. Free. 619-286-9989. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

The 32nd Annual Flower Show and Bazaar presented by Ohara School of Ikebana, February 26 and 27, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Flower arranging demonstrations offered at 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday; 12:30, 1:30,

jetty. Free for spectators. 760-607-1225. (OCEANSIDE)

Fallbrook Hills Ride hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society, Sunday, February 27. The 75-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Bring money for Italian deli lunch stop in Fallbrook. 858-277-7499. (ENCINITAS)

"Cardiovascular Disease Foundation 5K Run/Walk for Life" and health fair, Sunday, February 27, 8 a.m., at Magee Park (258 Beech Avenue). 760-730-1471. (CARLSBAD)

"Race for Knowledge," Pardee Torrey Pines 5k run/walk, children's one-mile, half-mile, quarter-mile, toddler trot, diaper dash races, Sunday, February 27. Racing starts: 8 to 10 a.m., at Torrey Pines High School (3710 Del Mar Heights Road). 858-450-6510. (DEL MAR)

Honey Springs Loop, see Otay Lakes reservoir, glider port, and scenic backroads during bicycle ride hosted by Knickerbikers on Sunday, February 27. The 45-mile ride for experts starts at 9 a.m. at Canyon Plaza shopping center (503-599 Telegraph Canyon Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-255-2890. (CHULA VISTA)

Social Paddles on Mission Bay led by Aqua Adventures every Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Beginners, "lapsed paddlers" welcome. Free with own kayak; \$15 with kayak rental. Adventures start at Hospitality Point, 1548 Quivira Way. 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Black Glory: Mind, Body, and Soul" is theme for 13th annual Kuumba Fest 2005, February 25-27, at Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Friday night opens with African marketplace with vendors and exhibit of art from African-American Museum of Fine Art; royal court professional and awards ceremony at 7:30 p.m. (\$15).

Plays, speech competition, gospel celebration, hip-hop and step competition, "Late Night at Lyceum," educational workshops, more.

Saturday day pass: \$40; Sunday day pass: \$25; all-festival pass: \$70. Schedules: 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Seventh Annual San Diego Interior Design and Landscape Expo, February 25-27, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Design consultations, design vignettes, seminars, landscape features, children's area, over 500 vendors' exhibits.


Show hours: noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$10 for adults, free for children 12 and younger. 800-442-7469. (DOWNTOWN)

Live Fast Kustom Kulture Show, February 25-27, at Bahia Resort (998 West Mission Bay Drive). Show includes tattoo artists, hot rod builders, chopper builders, music, fine art. Visitors can get tattooed, shop vendors, see custom cars, hot rods, motorcycles.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Fee: \$15 per day, \$40 for weekend, children under 12 free. 915-491-9740. (MISSION BEACH)

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Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, February 25, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines



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February House: The Story of W.H. Auden, Carson McCullers, Jane and Paul Bowles, Benjamin Britten, and Gypsy Rose Lee, Under One Roof in Wartime America



Sherill Tippins

North Point Press, 2005; 166 pages; \$22.

FROM THE DUST JACKET: *February House* is the story of an experiment in communal living, one involving young but already iconic writers — and the country's best-known burlesque performer — in a house at 7 Middagh Street in Brooklyn during 1940 and 1941. It was a yearlong party fueled by the appetites of youth and by the shared sense of urgency to take action as artists in the months before America entered the war.

In spite of the sheer intensity of life at 7 Middagh, the house was for its residents a creative crucible. Carson McCullers's two masterpieces, *The Member of the Wedding* and *The Ballad of the Sad Café*, were born, bibulously, in Brooklyn. Gypsy Rose Lee, workmanlike by day, party girl

by night, wrote her book *The G-String Murders* in her Middagh Street bedroom. Auden — who along with Britten was being exoriated at home in England for absenting himself from the war — presided over the house like a peevish auntie, collecting rent money and dispensing romantic advice. And yet all the while he was composing some of the most important work of his career.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Booklist*: Tippins masterfully blends fact, drama, and dish in this tale of young artists who pursued the truth "before the events of history blew out the illuminating candle."

From *The New York Times*: There's something about the allure of strange bedfellows that is simply irresistible, which is one good reason for reading Sherill Tippins's *February House*, the story of an experiment in communal living undertaken by W.H. Auden, Carson McCullers, Jane and Paul Bowles, Benjamin Britten and — drum roll, please — Gypsy Rose Lee ... during the early days of World War II.

Following hard on their heels was Auden's college-student lover, Chester Kallman.... There was Britten, trying to write an opera with Auden about Paul Bunyan, and

his lover, the tenor Peter Pears.... An assortment of more transient tenants followed, including Thomas Mann's son Klaus, the designer Oliver Smith and Smith's cousin Paul Bowles, along with his lesbian wife Jane.

From *The New York Sun*: Ms. Tippins's set-pieces are marvelous. Going for after-dinner drinks on the Brooklyn waterfront, the group was often accompanied by...Gypsy Rose Lee. "The sight of this bejeweled, ermine-cloaked stripper descending on Sands Street after a Broadway show always created a gratifying stir among the sailors." Lee decided to write a mystery, moved in, and to Auden's delight brought her cook and maid.

From *The Boston Globe*: Paul Muldoon's collection of poems *Meeting the British* (1987) includes a poem called "7, Middagh Street,"

a sequence of monologues in voices named Wystan, Gypsy, Ben, Chester, Salvador, Carson, and Louis.... Muldoon got most of his information, he tells me, from Humphrey Carpenter's biography of Auden and from *Literary New York: A History and Guide*.

From *The Los Angeles Times*: Tippins is brimming with information about the inhabitants' lives. On one page, her tone is gossipy (impresario Mike Todd's passionate relationship with Lee); on another, scholarly (a list of release dates of Auden's poetry collections). Tippins's research is prodigious and fun to go through, the personalities she depicts indelibly drawn.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Born in Maryland in 1955 and raised in Texas, in a lit-

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"And to think [McCullers and Auden] were down there in bars that were seedy. It was skid row down there."

2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 619-280-2553. (BALBOA PARK)

Oscar Eve? San Diego Film Foundation benefit party is Saturday, 8 to 10 p.m., at Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). You're invited to arrive "dressed up or down — like a film star." Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-584-4099. (NORTH PARK)

California Open Wildlife Art Festival featuring more than 200 artists and carvers from U.S. and Canada competing for awards and exhibiting their work, February 26 and 27, at Balboa Park Club (2150 Pan American Road West). Wild-fowl and fish-carving competitions, a junior painting contest, carving and painting demonstrations, antique decoys, art for sale.

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Donation: \$5 for adults, free for those under 12. 760-945-8442. (KEARNY MESA)

Roast Coffee at Home? San Diego Home Roasters Club meets for those who roast — or want to roast — on Saturday, February 26,

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Premium Oolong Teas enjoyed in Chinese tea tradition when Infusions of Tea (8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258) Tasting Club meets on Sunday, February 27, 4 p.m. Fee for "guided tea tasting": \$5. 858-450-6500. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

No Knowledge of Hebrew or Yoga Required when yoga instructor Jane Rosen leads "Aleph-Bet Yoga," Sunday, February 27, 10:30 a.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Rosen's hatha yoga work was inspired by Steven Rapp's book *Aleph Bet Yoga: Embodying the Hebrew Letters for Physical and Spiritual Well-Being*. \$12 general. 858-457-3030. Adults, teens welcome. (LA JOLLA)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tour of *Così fan tutte* on Sunday, February 27 (12:30 p.m.), at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at

work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Stamp Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, February 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

The Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive); \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

"Dynamic: The Black Experience in America" is theme for discussion series led by UCSD African-American literature professor in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Series concludes with *Blues for Mister Charlie* by James Baldwin on Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

Mental Yoga — described as a "new, nonphysical process that eliminates stress at its source" — is taught during workshop by founder

Andy Bernstein on Wednesday, March 2, 6:45 p.m., at Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (2270 Hotel Circle North). Workshops take place seated in chairs, in regular clothes; \$35 in advance, \$45 at door. 310-398-8833. (MISSION VALLEY)

Meet Travelers to San Diego during public tours of HI-Point Loma Hostel (3790 Udall Street), Thursday, March 3, 5 to 8 p.m. Guests to recently remodeled site may tour kitchen, dining rooms, sleeping areas. Free. "Multicultural" dinner served (\$5; reservations required). 619-338-9981. (POINT LOMA)

Dance Photographs taken over the last three years by photographer Manuel Rotenberg are on view through Tuesday, March 15, at UCSD Faculty Club. Featured: works by choreographers Jean Isaacs, John Malashock, and Yolanda Snaith, others. Free. 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

"Cross-Cultural Symbolology of the Mandala Art Form" explored in exhibition on view through Saturday, March 19, at

Clicks library on UCSD campus. Free. 858-534-3336. (LA JOLLA)

"Traces of Black San Diego: The Norman Baynard Collection" is on display through Friday, March 25, in lower level of west wing of UCSD's Geisel Library. Exhibit showcases work by Logan Heights studio photographer Norman Baynard (a.k.a. Mansour Abdullah), whose work spans 40 years. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"Triumphs, Tributes, and Trickery," exhibition about sugar sculptures from past and present continues through March in Terminal 2 East at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Exhibit explores "historical works through reproductions of sugar sculptures and drawings from the 15th Century through the 20th Century." Contemporary sugar work displayed as well. Free. 619-277-0132. (DOWNTOWN)

Witness the Gray Whale Migration during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions, daily through Thursday, March 31. Scripps natu-

ralists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for the whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$25 for adults, \$15 for those 4-12. Registration: 619-234-4111. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

"The Disasters and Miseries of War" — Prints by Francisco Goya and Jacques Callot" are on view through Saturday, May 28, in Fine Arts Galleries of Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Exhibit includes 80 etchings and aquatints by Goya, 18 etchings by Callot. Free. 619-260-4261. (LINDA VISTA)

FOR KIDS

"Sleeping Beauty" presented by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, February 27, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs *Comical, Magical Ventriloquism*, March 2-6.

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the town outside San Antonio, Ms. Tippins said, on the afternoon that we talked, "That is one reason why this story caught my interest. I've always identified with Carson McCullers's coming to New York from a small town in Georgia, just as I came to New York from a small town in Texas. I knew that she had lived in Brooklyn, but I didn't know about the house."

Tippins' father was a lawyer and her mother, a librarian. "Actually," said Ms. Tippins, "my father went to law school while I was a teenager. He was in the military, and then after he did his 20 years,

he went to law school."

Always a book lover, Ms. Tippins regularly climbed into her childhood tree house and read until dark. After high school, she majored in broadcast journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. "I wanted to make documentary films. My first job was with the PBS affiliate in Austin — I worked with *Austin City Limits*. Then in 1987 I got a job working on an independent film in New York. So I ended up as a screenwriter in documentary films.

"My first time in New York, in the cab coming into town, I saw the high-rise housing, and I thought those were the skyscrapers. I was so impressed. They were so tall."

"And terrifying. Where did you live?"

"First I lived with friends. Then I got my own place in Hell's Kitchen, and I lived there for a few years, then I moved to Brooklyn, and then back to Manhattan, then back to Brooklyn. I lived in Brooklyn Heights. Very close to Middagh Street.

"I moved a year ago into a loft building in Soho that has its own fascinating history of artists that I might tell someday."

We talked about life on Middagh Street where Auden, Ms. Tippins said, had experienced the conversion to Christianity that led to his writing *For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio* (1944). Auden later would write in "A Thanksgiving," about that conversion:

Finally, hair-raising things
That Hitler and Stalin were doing
Forced me to think about God.
Why was I sure they were wrong?
Wild Kierkegaard, Williams
and Lewis
Guided me back to belief.

"I'm having a hard time now," Ms. Tippins confessed. "I'm doing the readings of the book around town, and it's hard for me to read Auden's poetry without crying, especially in the context of this story, because he had such a sad experience."

The sad experience to which she referred was Auden's falling in

love with young Chester Kallman, the 19-year-old son of a dentist. Kallman seemed incapable of fidelity, whereas Auden hoped for a conventional, virtuous marriage.

Ms. Tippins sighed. "But it's so appropriate, because if you could learn to continue loving someone like that who treated you that way, then you could love humanity in the spiritual way.

"I had never heard that Auden and McCullers shared a house. When you reread her work that she wrote there, it's so clear, Auden's influence on her. Nobody before has put the stories side by side, day by day, and seen what the two people were doing, side by side.

"So it is interesting to see. Because McCullers said this book [*The Member of the Wedding*] was about love. Agape. And that's exactly what Auden was engaged in at the time. And to think that they were down there in bars that were seedy. It was skid row down there."

I suggested that potential readers would be interested in how she put this book together. None of its principals were alive.

The house on Middagh Street was long torn down.

"The first thing I read about it was in Carson McCullers's biography that has a chapter about 7 Middagh Street. There were still a lot of people alive who the biographer, Virginia Carr, interviewed; people who are now dead. I read that, and that gave me a basic idea of the house. Then I read other biographies, and they gave me a snapshot from each person's point of view. But I hadn't fully gotten it yet until I decided to make a timeline. The timeline ended up being over 100 pages. I entered each person in a different color. So it was a beautiful little timeline. I also entered historical events that were happening at the same time.

"I have a friend who is a rare-book dealer, and he bought me a book about World War II that tells you what was happening every day. That was convenient. That was one of the first books I had. Then I could see the three-dimensional story emerge. I also could look back and see when any two people first met and became friends;

that went all the way back to the early 1930s when George Davis met Auden and Paul Bowles met Isherwood."

Isherwood, Ms. Tippins said, "was curious about the house. He wrote Auden very early in the year asking, 'Is Gypsy Rose Lee living with you?' Auden wrote back after she moved out, saying, 'The Gypsy affair is over.'

"It makes sense that Isherwood [who by this time lived in California] would have been curious and would have heard rumors. So anyway, I put that timeline together, and that was when I first saw the story in its context. Then, 9/11 happened and I was doing volunteer work. The leaders of the volunteers told us, 'Be sure when you go out and visit people, make sure that they're emotionally okay. Tell us right away if they don't answer. We're worried that they'll have been traumatized.' Because you could see the Twin Towers from Brooklyn Heights. From the roof of my Brooklyn brownstone, I saw the towers fall. I, like every-

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day, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

"**Alice in Wonderland**" is presented by Christian Youth Theater students, Friday, February 25, through Saturday, March 5, in auditorium at Pacific Beach Middle School (4676 Ingraham Street). Tickets: \$10 for kids 3-19, \$12 adults. Times, tickets: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"**Alice the Fairy**," David Shannon's newest tale is read for story time on Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

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with Ms. Frizzle during class for kids four through six years old (with an adult), Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum; \$15. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Dr. Seuss Stories by storyteller Joan Wilson promised on Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Puppets, songs, audience participation, lots of hats, birthday cake. Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides

affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

Computer Museum of America, featured exhibit is "Enigma — A History of Cryptology." Also on view: a 100-year-old Millionaire calculator; a Brunsviga Midget calculator (circa 1906) and General Precision LGP-21 (circa 1966). Ongoing exhibits include vintage computers, video games, punch cards, calculators, more. Find the museum on the cam-

pus of Coleman College (7380 Parkway Drive). 619-235-8222. (LA MESA)

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 history, 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

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body else, was traumatized.

"But these older people were fine. It had been a call to arms for them. They were the strong ones. 'You'll get through it; we'll figure out what to do.' It was so odd because we came, expecting to be support for them. That brought home to me how hard it had been in World War II. They talked about brownouts and what New York was like and what a state of emergency the city was in then.

"And then as our troops went to Afghanistan and then the war in Iraq and the political confusion and people wanting to get involved, all that was happening at the same time that I was doing the research for the story. I would have had much less of a feel for the time the book represents if I hadn't been writing it now."

"Being born in '55, there must have been so much to read that you had never read, that you got to read."

"Yes, I have floor-to-ceiling

cases full of books now. Thank goodness for Amazon.com. They're all available.

"I hadn't read Carson's stuff in 20 years. Rereading it, I was stunned. I hadn't read Auden in a long time except for September 1, 1939. I had never read Jane Bowles or Paul Bowles."

"Did you listen to music composed by people who lived in the house?"

"Yes, and I now have a copy of Britten's *Paul Bunyan*. I have an eight-year-old; I played it for her, and I'm trying to get her school to perform it. I like it. I'm a real fan. I think it's so exuberant and full of life."

"What did people say when you did your reading the other night in Brooklyn?"

"There were, of course, a lot of local people and a lot of people from the volunteer organization. They wanted to know what Brooklyn was like at that time. We talked a lot about that. They were interested in the fact that most people in the house were gay. They wanted to know what it was like then to be

gay. We talked about how in New York there had been a crackdown on homosexual activity because of the World's Fair, so private homes became more important for socializing. There were a lot of houses like that around at the time."

"What did you say about what Brooklyn was like then?"

"Brooklyn Heights has always been a very proper neighborhood, but it was at its lowest point economically during the Depression. Many beautiful brownstones got chopped up and made into boarding houses. This house was one of those. Because it was at the edge of the neighborhood, it was not as rich a part of the neighborhood. It was right on the border between sedate Brooklyn Heights and the docks below. There were trolley cars everywhere, near Fulton Street where the business district was. Richard Wright liked to live there because there was a black community by Fulton Street, and there was a black barbershop he could go to with people with Southern accents and gossip, which made him feel better, because he was

sharing a house with white people. So he would go there sometimes."

"What did you wear to the reading?"

"I bought a new jacket. It was a beautiful bright green. I changed at the last minute. I decided to wear a vintage jacket over black pants, but it was a '40s vintage jacket. I thought it was appropriate, and I was glad I wore it. It felt right."

"How much less expensive was Brooklyn in those days than was Manhattan?"

"Substantially cheaper, probably cheaper in comparison than it is now. This particular house was cheap because it was a wreck. So it was cheap even by Brooklyn Heights' standards."

"I wonder how they kept it clean."

"They didn't. They had this one daily cleaning woman, but she couldn't keep up with them. Everyone said, 'Poor Suzy, she does her best.' But there was no way. There were parties every night."

"And Auden was filthy."

"Yes. Filthy. And he got more

so as he got older. Carson was pretty slovenly herself. They didn't care much about tidiness. So it was a mess."

Reinhold Niebuhr and his English wife Ursula occasionally visited Auden at Middagh Street. "That's right. That's thanks to Auden's literary executor, Edward Mendelson, who wrote his biography. He found that out recently, that they used to come to Middagh Street. He got to know their daughter while he was writing his biography, and that was how he learned that."

I asked what Ms. Tippins wished to say that I had not asked about.

"What struck me most about writing this book is how committed this group was to world events and how they felt in part responsible for what had happened. They felt the reason Hitler was in power was not just political but because in thousands of different ways, as Auden wrote, in little private prejudices and secret ways of thinking, we all allowed it to happen."

"The reason we allowed it to happen is because the artists did-

n't make us aware of how we should be living. I don't think it's all about this directly, but they did feel that sense of responsibility, as artists, to make sure that it didn't ever happen again here. I think it got into their work at the time. Artists now are saying they want to get involved politically, and then, they just did it by instinct. I think that's why this house, rowdy as it was, didn't get more trouble from the neighbors. Of course there were a lot of eccentrics living around them, but I think in Brooklyn Heights they were proud to have these people there, doing this work. Odd as they seemed. The arts were important. They weren't just entertainment."

"Do you have a photograph of 'your people' in your workroom?"

"Yes, I do. Right in front of me. I have their photographs, all of them, all around me in the house."

Did she miss her "characters," now that the book was done?

"Oh, yes, I walk around with the circle of them in my imagination, as if they were family members." ■

—Judith Moore

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 Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

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

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922

West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Natural History Museum, developed by Field Museum in Chicago, "Chocolate" leads visitors on journey from rain-forest understory to supermarket shelf, exploring our culture's links with natural world. Continues through Sunday, May 1.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through October 2005, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

"Fossil Hunters San Diego" shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils — what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied. Through 2005. Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "gi-

ant-screen films" include *Amazing Journeys*, *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly

30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobegong sharks.

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

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

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"Le Noz di Fig" (an abbreviated version of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*) is presented by undergraduate and graduate students of Carol Plantamura, accompanied by chamber orchestra conducted by John Fonville, February 24-26, in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Performances begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, 8 p.m. on Friday; \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by Beethoven, Ives, and Copland promised when San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling are joined by

pianist Naida Cole in concert on Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street); \$33, \$43. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Selections by Torroba, Albéniz, Tansman, Merlin, Dyens, and Piazzolla promised when classical guitarist Petar Jankovic performs on Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$18 tickets include same-day museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

UCSD's "Premiere Percussion Ensemble," red fish blue fish, performs in concert on Thursday, February 24, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Ensemble will play pieces by Adler, Cage, Lachennann, and Xenakis, along with first performance at UCSD of Philippe Menoury's music since he joined faculty last fall. New York City oboist Jacqueline Leclair also featured; \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Take "A Grand Tour of Europe" when recorder virtuoso Marion

Verbruggen performs pieces by J.S. and C.P.E. Bach, Marin Marias, Telemann, others for San Diego Early Music Society. Concert is Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street); \$18. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

The Silvergate Trio performs trios by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Schumann for Music at Founders Hall series on Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Donation: \$10. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Set in 1912 at Hotel del Coronado, *Così fan tutte* is current production for San Diego Opera, starring Jennifer Casey Cabot, Phyllis Pancella, Michael Schade, Russell Braun. Sung in Italian, with dialogue projected above the stage. Conducted by Karen Keltner, directed by Leon Major.

Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 25; at 2 p.m. on Sun-

day, February 27; 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Love Songs in February," Gable Burgos sings opera, jazz, pop, and Spanish love songs in concert on Friday, February 25, 7 p.m., in Rosemary Lane Galleria of South Chula Vista Library (389 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-585-5755. (CHULA VISTA)

"Inspiration and Innovation — Art and Music in America" offered by soprano Lucy Shelton, pianist Alan Feinberg, and violinist Curt Macomber on Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program includes selections by Ives, Amy Beach, Emily Dickinson, Copland. Tickets: \$35, \$55, \$75. 858-459-3728. Preconcert lecture by Eric Bromberger, 7 p.m. (LA JOLLA)

"Beethoven and America," San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling are joined by pianist Naida Cole for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts on Saturday, February 26. Program includes "Universal Field" by Inouk Demers, Beethoven's "Concerto No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra in B-Flat Major," "Symphony No. 2" by Ives, "El Salón México" by Copland.

Concert starts at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The Miró String Quartet takes stage on Saturday, February 26, 8 p.m., at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Program includes Haydn's "Quartet in G Major No. 1," "Quartet in E-Flat Major" by Dvořák, Tchaikovsky's "Quartet in B Flat Major." Tickets: \$34 general, available at 858-534-8497, Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Master Chorale performs Sunday, February 27,

7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). 858-729-5531. Offering. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by Hovhanness, Arbos, Furstenthal, Stutschowsky, and Dvořák promised when Gennaro Trio appears in concert for San Diego Public Library concert series on Sunday, February 27, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

Tenor Patrick Biggs joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Works by Scarlatti, Ravel, and Carl Vine promised when pianist Ines Irawati presents solo mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 28, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Tapestries of Symbols and Mystery" explored by Claire-Lise Matthey Anderegg, whose work is featured along with "Twelve Plus One" by Igor Koutsenko through Sunday, March 20, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Also featured: "Outstanding Visual Artists" juried by Kathi McCord; youth art by Torrey Pines High School and Canyon Crest High School students. Reception for artists: Friday, February 25, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Serenity/Simplicity," an exhibit of work by Australian artist

Pete Tillack, opens with receptions on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26, 6 p.m., at Tilcia Studios (5530 La Jolla Boulevard, suite A). 858-454-7380. (LA JOLLA)

Thirteen Studio Artists exhibit work in show on view through Saturday, February 26, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Closing reception: Saturday, February 26, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"Attachments," an exhibit of sculpture by Carrie Ann Burckle, opens with reception on Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Work is installation of found objects, assemblages, and creations. Through Friday, March 18. (EL CAJON)

"Settling Into My Hips" by Beth Ann Hynum includes reception on Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m., in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). 619-849-2200. Closes Saturday, March 5. (POINT LOMA)

"California Scenes" depicted by members of Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild, with exhibit of work in variety of media opening during reception on Thursday, March 3, 5 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Art Gallery (Union Bank Building, 6004 Paseo Delicias). Through Sunday, May 1. 858-759-3545. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, "Navajo Textiles, Navajo Weaves" includes 33 Navajo objects such as chief's robes, other blankets and rugs woven in the late 19th Century and in 20th Century. Pieces of Navajo silver and turquoise jewelry dating from same era as weavings (from a private collection) also on view, through May.

"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 March.

"First Collections — Dolls and Toys of the World," continuing through Saturday, May 7, includes dolls and toys from around the world, including France, England, Japan, India, Mexico, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Panama, U.S.A.

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

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on

The History of Beads by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel.

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Both exhibits continue through February.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Terry Winters Painting, Drawings, Prints 1994-2004," features 160 works organized into seven chronological sections, explores the way the artist creates sets and subsets of images interacting with previous and current works. Exhibition closes on Sunday, April 17.

"Cerca Series: Kori Newkirk" includes an experimental form of the artist's "pony bead" curtains, created using small colored beads often seen in elaborate braided hairdos. The curtain will be changed as light conditions change throughout the day. Newkirk blends medium and message in works critically examining identity and place. Continues through Sunday, March 13.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, a variety of works in media including sculpture, painting, and installation by established and emerging artists are gathered in "Collectors XX: Building a Museum Collection," closing on Sunday, May 15. The exhibited pieces (being considered for acquisition this year) are accompanied by major pieces purchased by Collector groups over the past 20 years.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "The Watercolors of James Hubbell: Meditations on Nature and Life" continues through Saturday, March 26. The 80 "vibrant paintings are spontaneous gestures that date from 1988 to 2004." Exhibit includes paintings that are "among the few works of art Hubbell was able to save from the Cedar fires" of 2003. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia," showcases "cutting-edge artists working in a diversity of media...who use contemporary approaches to reflect their respective cultural and artistic backgrounds." Each artist's work is featured in a separate section while accompanying wall texts articulate how the artist is responding to historical precedents. Continues through Sunday, March 6.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, May 1.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 24.

"Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art," focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the "Great Goddess" or the "First Cause of Things" in four aspects — as a great power, a bestower of fortune, a beloved, and a human saint. Continues through Sunday, March 13. Concurrently, there's a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Chola-period bronze of Goddess Devi.

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

Timken Museum of Art, "Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance," on exhibit through Sunday, February 27, showcases the artist's three major paintings based on Edmund Spenser's 16th-Century epic poem "The Faerie Queen." The exhibition includes preparatory drawings for the paintings, related engravings, and graphic works. West (1738-1820) occupies a significant place in both American and British art histories.

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How does it feel to win a Noel? What goes through a winner’s mind from the time their name gets called to receiving the plaque to returning to their seat? I asked four — who gave eloquent, personal speeches at the ceremony — to reflect back. Was receiving a Noel a highlight in their lives? Yes, of course. And well...

ERIC ANDERSON: FEATURED PERFORMANCE IN A MUSICAL, MALE (*Bed and Sofa*, Cygnet Theatre). Anderson accepted two awards: one for sound designer George Ye, unable to attend, and his own. The proxy speech was “random, on-the-toes kind of stuff. Brief statement of thanks. Let George get his props. Move off.”

For his own speech Anderson did on-the-spot improvisation. “It’s easy to plot an outline in your head of what to say in 60 seconds. It’s another to deliver it once you’re on the scene. As the adrenaline kicks in, no matter what I planned, I inevitably riffed it, free-form.”

Anderson gave a calm, funny, thankful talk, partly because he wanted to “keep things light,” but mainly because of a previous experience.

“A few years ago, I attended an award show. I was nominated but never expected to win. By

the time my category came up and they called my name, I was already three or four martinis to the wind.

“I was so focused on not Chevy Chasing to the stage, by the time I reached the podium, all I could scat in the way of speech was ‘gitchy-gitchy-ya-ya...what?’ — and other phrases that’d give the School of Ebonics a run for its money. I learned a valuable lesson that night: Don’t overindulge until *after* you receive your award.”

DEANNA DRISCOLL, FEATURED PERFORMANCE, FEMALE (*Bus Stop*, Old Globe Theatre). In 13 years of professional theater Driscoll had “never, ever, ever won anything.” But a one-minute speech feels like “an audition time limit.” And what do you say “in front of every one of your critics, companions, confidants, competitors, directors, designers, and demons out there, especially when you can’t hide inside the bubble of a character?”

For several weeks she made notes on napkins, paper scraps: stuff about “our world, these tumultuous times. They spoke to me the moment I scrawled them. But all of them sucked.”

The afternoon before the ceremony she remembered “a crazy time. Don’t talk about *that*.”

In the fall of 2003, just days before her *Bus Stop* audition, Driscoll flew to Denver to be with her sister DeeDee, who was having emergency open-heart surgery. It was a success. Amid the elation, Driscoll realized she’d forgotten some-

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Linda Castro

thing: “The audition!” Then she learned that one-fourth of San Diego County was on fire and that her five-year-old daughter Bella couldn’t evacuate from a threatened part of Santee. Get home! “What an actor will do for the audition, a mother will do tenfold for the child!”

Bella was safe. So Driscoll headed straight to the Old Globe rehearsal space from Lindbergh Field. She did breathing exercises and auditioned ten minutes later. “I’m still convinced this was the only time I truly got rid of all fears and need to control the outcome and just acted.”

As Driscoll walked to the podium, she felt the story behind her audition was too far in the past. But “it was flying around in my head and wouldn’t go away. So I just went with it.”

Driscoll believes some events are real only

when they happen, not before, not after. Like accepting an award.

“I swear I thought, ‘Oh, my God, my underwear’s showing, my heel’s gonna break.’” She also felt uncomfortable being singled out. “I didn’t want to be separated from everyone and told I did better than they did. I’m proud of the award and wanted to tell the world but not be a pompous ass about it.”

To her surprise, the most surreal part came after she spoke. She “stumbled” up the aisle. At her seat she asked a friend, “What did I say?”

“You were fine. Sit down.”

“I literally couldn’t remember a thing.”

ANDREW WEEMS, FEATURED PERFORMANCE, MALE (*Don Juan*, Old Globe Theatre). “I was shockingly nervous when the ceremony began,



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more than I have been for a play in many years. I guess it's not hiding behind a great character, and in the case of Sganarelle [whom Weems played], an outlandish costume. Just me and my little self up there."

Weems earned an M.F.A. from UCSD's theater department. "Being in San Diego made for some nerves too, like I was a returning relative at the family reunion, trying to account for myself to these many years of separation. Plus Arthur Wagner, my acting teacher at UCSD and one of my greatest influences, was in the audience."

By nature "a sentimental crybaby," Weems prepared "mushy" remarks. But the ceremony was "fun, loose, and friendly. So okay. Change of plan." To what?

His category came up. "My heart pounded out of my chest. Was something wrong? I could hear my heart. Nine hundred seventy-five beats per minute. What a way to go: INTERNAL ORGANS EXPLODE AT AWARD CEREMONY."

During the evening, slides of awarded shows and artists got projected on a huge screen. Weems wondered which of his they'd use. "My God," Weems thought, glancing up from the podium and seeing himself as

Sganarelle, "the horror! A gigantic, obese man in a fright wig and weird clothes. White makeup. Rouge. Grotesque facial expression!" Weems (who is not obese) ad-libbed about "how shocking it is to see what you look like," especially in a costume designed, originally, for a smaller actor.

Toward the end, he "decided to stop blabbing about my soul and sit down." "When he did, he wished he'd been more emotional. "I realized that everyone up there went through some version of that: so grateful for the recognition, so relieved to be validated. Also, I sensed such an invigorating pride in the San Diego theater community, a feeling I can't really share because, let's face it, I live in a one-bedroom in Brooklyn, and when I'm in San Diego I'm just visiting. But maybe that's what I felt the most. Maybe you can go home again. If just for a minute or two."

LINDA CASTRO, LEAD PERFORMANCE, FEMALE (*Kimberly Akimbo*, 6th@Penn/Moxie Theater). Castro assumed her award was for the ensemble of *Kimberly*, since the entire group got invited. When Carol Davis of the *San Diego Jewish Times* introduced the category of Lead Performance, Female, she read, "In the role of a 16-year-old girl..." Even before Davis announced her name, Castro realized she'd won — and flat refused to believe it.

"No way!" she shouted, from five rows back.

"There was a huge roar in my head. For real? Carol's voice got farther and farther away. Did I hear right? Or am I making the stupidest mistake in the world thinking it's for me?"

Castro's husband Jeffrey, and others, helped her inch down her row.

"It was dreamlike, wide faces, fuzzy smiles. Still wondering if Carol called my name. Barely knowing how to move. That I was moving already."

As she started down the aisle, Castro mouthed "no way" to Davis, who nodded and said, "Yes...way." Reading Davis's lips through a fog of noise helped Castro focus. It also reaffirmed a bit, though not completely, that the award was hers. Now new problems: walk to the stage, speak.

"I got hit by a car once, riding a bike. Everything stopped except me letting go of the handlebars and flipping in slower than slow motion through the air. I was oblivious and hyper-aware, but just of the details I needed. Walking to the stage was like that: out of the body, still wondering if I'd heard wrong."

Castro connected to "little stopping places along the way": receive the plaque ("so heavy"), kiss Craig Noel ("blessed man"), the podium. So far, so good. Then everything became quiet. Now talk.

Castro: "Oh shit!"

In the audience, her husband turned to a neighbor and

said, with pride, "She's beautiful and eloquent."

"I tend to curse when surprised. I hope I didn't offend anyone. But how do you sum up an award like this? Also, did it mean the *Kimberly* ensemble wouldn't win? [They did.] All these thoughts. And look at the hardworking, deserving people out there wondering what the heck I'm doing up here! Then something in my brain said, 'Give thanks...time is ticking!' But who? And what if you forget someone?"

Castro: "Shit!"

She thanked her husband ("for putting up with me being a teenager"), director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, and the *Kimberly* ensemble. And then began to cry. When she teaches acting, Castro tells students that sometimes to reach the truth they'll have to risk being silly.

"Tears just flooded out. I knew I was, like, exposed? But I didn't care. I had to express how I felt. I was just so happy. Still am." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Amber Glass

Rebecca Lee Means has rewritten the 19th-century melodrama *The Drunkard*, in which "the evils of greed and rum" lead to a battle between good and evil. OTTO WILHELM SCHMIDT THEATRE, 389 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE, EL CAJON, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-449-5096.

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Bright Ideas

Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Coble's comedy that asks, "How far would you go to get your child into the best preschool?" Andrew Barnicle directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 20; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

The Clean House

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Sarah Ruhl's comedy about Maude, a cleaning woman who likes to tell jokes. Kate Whoriskey directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH

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The Clouds, the Ocean, and Everything in Between

The title suggests a big canvas, and Michael P. Premsrirat's serious comedy sprints as fast as movie frames through seven years in the lives of Boy, Tuesday, and the mysterious (and self-mutilating) Ceilidh. Each is of mixed heritage, thus doubly marginalized by the dominant society: at school in Act One, and the post-9/11 "Real World" in Act Two. They flee from, and utter, feelings in hard, edgy ways. Although the script is more profound in what they do than what he has them say (many observations are polished, studied chin-scratchers and lack spontaneity), Premsrirat's a playwright to watch. And although the Asian American Rep could cut a good ten minutes of "air" out of its production, Andy Lowe (Boy), April Doctolero (Tuesday), and Jyl Kaneshiro (Ceilidh) create deeply felt scenes in which the language of hate often conveys love. Rhys Green's direction and Eric Lotze's lighting use effects from German Expressionism (when people drink, which they do by the gallon, for example, the lit floor spins like a carousel), daring choices that serve the stark material well.

Worth a try.

PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 EAST PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY, THROUGH MARCH 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 888-568-2278.

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La Dispute

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Marivaux's comedy about "untamed sexuality and cool philosophy." Who are more faithful in love, men or women? Darko Tresnjak directed. MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, UC SAN DIEGO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Mahalia

Community Actors Theatre stages Tom Stolz's award-winning "play with music," which celebrates the amazing gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

The Male Intellect:

An Oxyoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries

to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine" side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). *Male Intellect* never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote *Male Intellect*, which, like *Forever Plaid* and *Late Nite Catechism*, has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being so sensitive). When asked which of the characters he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, 'I've been out with every one of those guys!'"

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, ONGOING RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Mud, River, Stone

Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Lynn Nottage's drama about tourists at an old African hotel taken hostage. Antonio "T.J." Johnson directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH MARCH 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like

"rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATRE, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Picnic

Coronado Playhouse stages William Inge's romance about a small Kansas town and a drifter who changes lives. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET (AT THE CORONADO FERRY LANDING NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Private Fittings

The La Jolla Playhouse opens the new Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre with a farce about a doctor with wandering eyes. Des McNuff directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, THROUGH MARCH 27; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

Route 66

Ramona Mainstage Theatre and Music and Theatre Artists of San Diego present a musical tribute to the "Main Street of America." Brian Wells and David Brannen directed and choreographed. RAMONA MAINSTAGE THEATRE, 626 MAIN STREET, RAMONA, THROUGH MARCH 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-789-7008.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv,

making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the oddness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hind-sight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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Steel Magnolias

The Julian Theater Company (formerly the Pine Hills Players) presents Robert Harling's comedy-drama, set at Truvy's Beauty Salon. Scott Kinney directed. JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET, JULIAN, THROUGH MARCH 12;

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-765-2119.

Take Me Out

In the midst of a heated pennant race, Darren Lemming, the Empires' five-tool centerfielder, announces he's gay. Lemming comes out, but just about everyone else in Richard Greenberg's sitcom/tragedy/paean to horsehiders opens up as well. Shane Mungitt, ace reliever, spews racism and bigotry; Mason Marzac, a gay accountant, like Greenberg in 1999, becomes lovestruck for baseball. And the whole team does *full monty* nude scenes. *Take Me Out* has the zeal of a recent convert, and the spacey giddiness, and feels like an entire starting lineup competing for the next at-bat. Joe Mantello, who directed the original, doesn't always account for the play's jumping-bean tonal shifts. But his stagings are always sharp and, when a game's in progress, like a cubist painting. T. Scott Cunningham, as Marzac, takes over Act Two with a blend of humor and adoration for "da game-a baseball." Greenberg is one of America's best playwrights. And he has embedded questions into his lengthy script, among them why sport has become America's reigning ideology. But the nude scenes — by design? — will steal controversy from weightier issues. (Note: due to popular demand, the Old Globe has extended the run of *Take Me Out*.)

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Thunder at Dawn

It looked like a routine execution. A political prisoner offended the brass, or the suits, and the Captain, the Sergeant, and the kid recruit have another "nail detail" on a dusty hill. But this one lingers. He was a "treason-spewing Nazarene," yet there was something about His manner, even when they "spiked" Him. His eyes? That strange inner peace (was He the holy man some claimed? "Does God bleed?")? All the booze in Jerusalem can't wash away the memory. Max Enscoe's drama recreates the Easter story from the executioners' perspective. Soldiers wear Desert Storm fatigues and speak a salty modern vernacular (Lamb's Players cautions patrons that the production contains "some strong language" and is not recommended for preteens). Robert

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"Gonzo" journalist/author Hunter S. Thompson shot himself in his Aspen home Sunday.

My friend Doug called me

he'd have his own bottle at the table with him. He also had former UCSD student and Oscar winner Benicio del Toro sitting beside him. Del Toro was in the movie version of Thompson's autobiographical *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* movie (starring Johnny Depp).

After taking numbers to

you have any cocaine? What else do ya got?" We laughed and said nothing.

In the book Doug handed him to autograph, Thompson wrote "To Doug, Eat shit and die. Hunter S. Thompson."

Thompson said something to Del Toro and followed it by saying, "This reminds me of the times in San Diego, over in El Cajon."

Doug said, "I was born in El Cajon." Thompson grabbed the next book to sign and we walked away. We heard yelling and turned around. Thompson had

from keeping many guns at his house, in 2000 (according to the Associated Press) he shot and wounded his assistant Deborah Fuller while trying to chase a bear off his property.

— Josh Board

According to Troy Johnson on February 3's *Fox Rox*, "In March Clear Channel Communications is going to spin off four of its San Diego stations, including 91X. Our inside source says that 91X is being bought by a group of investors headed by a guy named Mike Glickenhau."

Here's the irony: Glickenhau was the original owner of 91X way back in the day when they were truly independent."

Glickenhau never owned 91X. Glickenhau was a 91X sales rep when the station switched to alternative rock in January 1983. Glickenhau became general manager of 91X in 1985. Jacor took over 91X in 1996, and Clear Channel swallowed Jacor in 1999. In July of last year Glickenhau was fired by Clear Channel and escorted out of the building. No official reason was given by Clear Channel.

Fox Rox also reported that Clear Channel is going to spin off three of its other Mexican stations: "Jammin' Z90, Magic 92.5, and Kool 99.3. Clear Channel won't own these stations but...the stations are going to use existing equipment in Clear Channel's Mission Valley headquarters." Clear Channel headquarters is in Kearny Mesa.

— Ken Leighton

Is blink-182 still a band?

Questions about the future of Poway's most successful musical group began to percolate after the trio blew off a well-publicized tsunami benefit concert last Friday at the Pond in Anaheim that featured Linkin Park, No Doubt, and Jay-Z.

Calls to the band's Encinitas manager, Rick DeVoe, and to Geffen Records on Monday were not returned, but some close to the band suggest it may be the end of the road for them (even though they sold \$17.2 million in concert tickets last year).

Two weeks ago the *L.A. Times* reported that blink-182's urging of Green Day to tour with them in 2002 is



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BLINK-182 ON THE BRINK?

what revitalized Green Day's career (sparking their recent Grammy-winning CD *American Idiot*).

— Ken Leighton

Kuumba Fest 2005 at the San Diego Rep's Lyceum starts tomorrow, Friday, February 25, and includes African drumming, jazz, and gospel. "Each band is made up of young people," says Daj-ahn Blevins, artistic director. Acts include Those Dang Robinsons, Jmatth, and One Akkord, a group that has created original music to go along with Blevins's play *Black Like*

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four months ago and asked if I wanted to go meet Thompson in L.A. He was doing a book-signing at Book Soup on the Sunset Strip. I called the bookstore and they told me he wasn't doing any signings in San Diego. They also said, "He is supposed to sign 50 books, but he can be so weird, we can't even guarantee that. I'd hate for you to drive all the way up here for nothing."

Doug insisted we bring Thompson some MacAllan Scotch. Little did we know

line up (we were the second and third in line), Doug handed the Scotch to Thompson. He said, "Oh, you brought me some good stuff. Open it." Doug said, "Excuse me?" Thompson said quickly, "You take a swig first! I want to make sure you didn't spike it with anything."

As Doug opened the bottle, Thompson grabbed it and said "Okay, thanks." He then drank a few big gulps. He leaned into us and said, "Do you have any hash? Do



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DEL TORO AND THOMPSON TALK ALONE ABOUT EL CAJON

gotten on top of the table and was yelling at people. We knew he was weird. Aside

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That, which will be featured at the festival. The event, now in its 13th year, goes all weekend long, and tickets range from \$5 to \$70. More information can be found at www.sandiegorep.com/home.asp.

I tell Blevins that in the past six months I have noticed an increase in shootings and that I believe they are gang initiation rites. Blevins disagrees. "It's a lack of positive recreation," he says, "and it's mostly coming from young girls. You have these middle-class girls who are getting into prostitution, and they talk the boys they know into becoming their pimps and going out and



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DAJ-AHN A. BLEVINS
DAJ SAYS INCREASE IN SHOOTINGS MOSTLY GIRLS' FAULT

shooting people. It's not a gang or territorial thing or that someone owes them money."

"You mean they're doing it for fun?"

"It's a fad."

"Do you think this is a pop culture influence? That 'pimps and ho's' are so cool

because of all the rap videos that glorify the lifestyle?"

"I haven't thought of it that way," he says, "but yes, maybe."

— Michael Hemmingson

"I know atheists who love gospel music."

Lord Chris, 56, is now on Tijuana's XRCN (1470 AM) as of February. "We are the only English-speaking show on that station."

Heard Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m., *The Reggae Show* features Chris and other DJs, including AJ, Cosmo, and Suspect, who each do a shift a month.

Born and raised in San Diego, Lord Chris has never been to Jamaica.

"In Russia and all over Europe there are people who know more about American jazz music than most Americans."

Chris has hosted reggae radio shows on college stations (KSDS, KCR, KSDT), AM stations (KCEO and KMJC), and on 92.5 FM. "I've been playing reggae music off and on for 30 years in this town."

Lord Chris said sponsors — including Trade Roots — allow him to buy the time from XRCN.

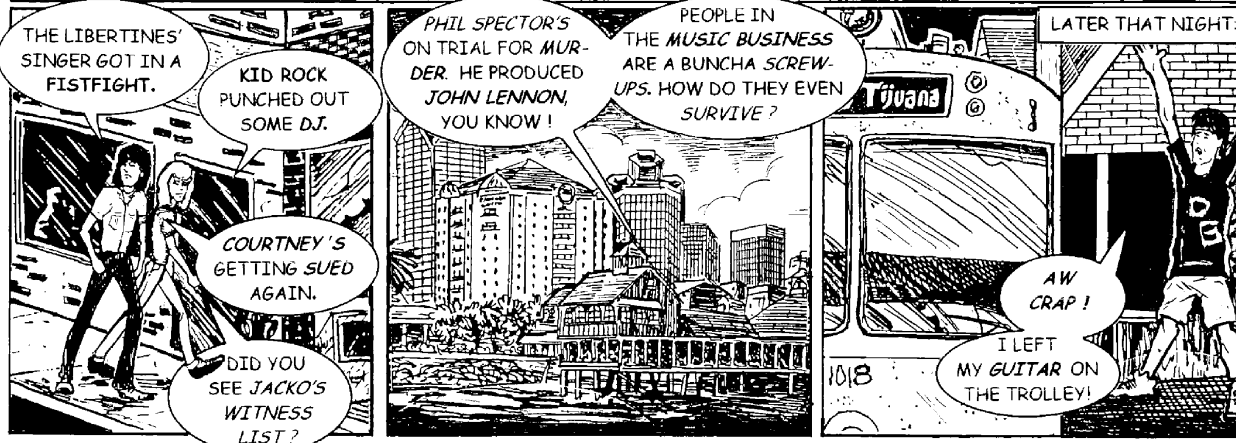
Reggae Makossa, the 91X Sunday-night reggae show that has been hosted by Makeda Dread for 22 years, will not play any songs by artists like Buju Banton or Beenie Man that advocate killing gay men.

"I don't play anything anti-Semitic or homophobic," said Makeda.

"We will play modern dancehall music, and some of it may be controversial," said Lord Chris. "It's not up to us to make judgments. There may be a saucy tune here and there. We play the current top ten in Jamaica with appropriate radio edits."

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Chris says he will comply "with standard FCC guidelines." Defamatory, according to the FCC, is obscene words alluding to excretory or reproductive



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ONLY ENGLISH ON XRCN IS CHRIS'S REGGAE SHOW

functions. A phrase like Beenie Man's "I'm dreaming of a new Jamaica / come to execute all the gays" is acceptable to the FCC.

Lord Chris says, "We will not go out of our way to promote violence or gay bashing."

— Ken Leighton

"He's dead in the water," said an insider last week about recent

developments concerning Mike Glickenhau and his attempts to purchase Clear Channel's Mexican stations. "He can't get the money. I heard he paid a \$50,000 nonrefundable deposit for a two-week extension [to raise the money]. I am told that Clear Channel wants \$135 million and that they will not let [the stations] go for less."

One of those rumored to be involved with this deal was Ron Fowler, owner of Mesa Distributing, which distributes Miller beer. He said he had heard the rumor that he was investing money with Glickenhau for the radio station, but he said that it was not true. "I have known Mike for many years, and I did meet with him to put together a plan so he could get some venture capital investors.... I am not interested in investing myself."

Two Clear Channel employees have said they have received memos saying that the Mexican stations under a new owner would continue to be operated out of Clear Channel's Kearny Mesa headquarters.

One competing radio exec wonders if the move is a

"smoke screen," allowing Clear Channel to continue to oversee the Mexican stations while telling the FCC it has divested.

When asked via e-mail last week about the purchase of 91X, Glickenhau said he had no comment.

— Ken Leighton

"I called the Casbah and asked for a refund,

and they flat out said no," e-mails Sam Sheppard about the Razorlight show on January 24.

"The singer sounded like he had the flu or something, and he wasn't even singing most of the verses by the end of the night. Lots of people were booing."

Lead singer Johnny Borrell of the U.K.-based band was diagnosed the day after with "a laryngitis-type infection," and he was prescribed "a round of antibiotics" (according to the band's website). The band canceled the tour's final sold-out show at Los Angeles's El Rey Theatre.

Tim Mays, the Casbah's owner, e-mailed the following response: "This is the first I have heard of this person's request for a refund. It is true that the band

canceled the next two days of their tour due to illness, but there was never any indication given the day of the Casbah show that the singer was ill or losing his voice.

"A musical performance is a subjective thing — one person may hate what another person loves. I know many people who thought the show was great. Finally, asking for a refund a couple days after a show has occurred because you have new information as to why you think it sucked strikes me as a bit out of whack. If you hated it so much that night, you should have asked for a refund then."

Sheppard writes, "If the Casbah won't come through, then the band should.... They played the crappiest show I ever saw at the Casbah, and that includes Shonen Knife."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"We just couldn't all get it together in the same place at the same time...."

Singer/guitarist Sven-Erik Seaholm is known as a solo performer and recording artist and as a member of the long-lived four-piece band the Wild Truth. "I try to split my duties about 50/50 between them and my own stuff. With the band, I do the writing and singing, but everyone contributes to what you'd call a 'greater whole.' It's bigger and in a lot of ways easier than performing and recording solo."

Since 1994, this son of Swedish immigrants has engineered and produced albums by local acts Buddy Blue, Via Satellite, Goodbye Blue Monday, Lowcloudcover, Dave Howard, and the Coyote Problem. For four years he's also written a related technical column in the area folk-music monthly *Troubadour*.

Seaholm's onetime side band the Ghandi Method recently broke up after releasing their "debut break-up album" entitled *Hi*. "We did it for a year, and I guess that's how long it was supposed to go." It's been 12 years since the Wild Truth have recorded a new album (1992's *Cryptomesia*). "I did a cover of Elvis Costello's 'Alison' on that record; a great song, but I massacred it. We used to do it live a lot; it was an audience favorite." A new Wild Truth CD is in progress with the planned title *This Golden Era*. "I know it's been a long time, but we never broke up. We just couldn't all get it together in the same place at the

same time until recently...we expect to release it sometime this spring."

Seaholm will be performing at Cosmo's Café in La Mesa on Saturday, February 26.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER NOW?

1. U2, *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* ("My theory is that it's their *Tattoo You* [Rolling Stones] with great leftover stuff the Edge dug up while Bono was off doing his political thing.")
2. Michael Tiernan, *Jumping In* ("He writes solid social-oriented pop songs and has a great voice.")
3. *Manuok* (self-titled debut) ("Every note he plays comes across very intimate.")

FAVORITE PIECE OF STUDIO EQUIPMENT?

"My Avalon 737 — it's a three-amp compressor with a combination of tube preamps, an opto-compressor, and a sweep EQ. Everything you put into it sounds better when it comes back out. I choose that for overdubs before I use anything else. I got it for half-price because I did a really nice review of it for the manufacturer. I think it cost in the neighborhood of \$2600."

FAVORITE 'ZINES?

1. *Electronic Musician* ("They have a paper 'zine and they're online.")
2. *Tape Op* ("Same thing I'm about: home and

studio recording.")

3. *Recording Magazine* ("A really good overview of new products with pictorials on how to mike things a certain way.")

4. *The Economist* ("I got a free subscription...I heard a lot of politicians get it, but I don't know how people can read that and eat eggs at the same time.")

BEST CELEBRITY ENCOUNTERS?

1. "Sitting poolside at Quincy Jones's Bel Air mansion about two years ago, listening to him talk about his favorite music and how Miles Davis's *Kind of Blue* affects him. I got to go up there because my friend George Varga of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* — he doesn't drive because he had an accident when he was first learning and never got a license. He had me drive him up and it was incredible!"
2. "Meeting Ray Charles a few months earlier. That was set up by George too. We went to Ray's studio in South Central L.A., and he told us his thoughts about the most important thing to pass



Sven-Erik Seaholm and friend

on to young musicians: to practice, practice, practice. I was just a fly on the wall, but I was one heavy fly."

WORST COVER VERSION OF A GREAT SONG?

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Duran Duran [256]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Manhattan Transfer [608]: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Pinback [398]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26, 7 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Paul Westerberg: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

TUESDAY

B.B. King [951]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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The Jonny Lang Acoustic Band [956]: 4th & B, Friday, March 4, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sage Francis: Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Robin Nolan Trio: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Pat Metheny Group [635]: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

G. Love & Special Sauce: 4th & B, Saturday, March 5, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jack Johnson: Lou's Records, Saturday, March 5, noon, 434 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 1-888-568-7732.

O.A.R. and the Southland: Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 8, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds [573]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Chris Cagle: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Aimee Mann [566]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 11, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ron White: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

The Music: Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, March 13, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Lintelers [881]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Kris Delmhorst: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [477]: 4th & B, Thursday, March 17, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Cocker [533]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Blue Öyster Cult [509]: 4th & B, Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [610]: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Social Distortion [466], Backyard Babies, and Streetdogs: SOMA, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black [830]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Diamond Rio: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Reverend Horton Heat [268], the Supersuckers [367], and Trainwreck: Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Julieta Venegas: 4th & B, Sunday, March 20, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Byron Berline Band: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Xzibit: 4th & B, Monday, March 21, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Idol [564]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 22, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Mötley Crüe [475]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Elvis Costello [497]: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Shonen Knife [571], the Gore Gore Girls, and the 45's: Brick by Brick, Wednesday, March 23, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Pepper: Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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U2 [569]: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 30, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Handsome Boy Modeling School: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 29, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Real McKenzies [558]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 31, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

Johnny Mathis [611]: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Rod Stewart [605]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [612]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

"Taste of Chaos" with the Used, My Chemical Romance, Killswitch Engage, and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 1, 6 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Radiators: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 1, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Young Dubliners [469]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Drive-By Truckers [574]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 6, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Slipknot, Lamb of God, and Shadows Fall: Cox Arena, Friday, April 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Vance Gilbert: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Maktub [572]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Dan Band: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, April 9, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Joe Satriani [536]: 4th & B, Sunday, April 10, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Killers: RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, April 12, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

If ever there were a bandleader who was primed for a long and successful solo career after he cleaned up his act and ditched his band, it was **Paul Westerberg**. He seemed to have it all: a distinctive voice, street cred, a devoted fan base, name recognition (remember that the characters in the movie *Heathers* attended Westerberg High), and most importantly, a talent for writing unforgettable songs — both rockers and tender ballads.

Nonetheless, after disbanding the Replacements in 1991, Westerberg spent most of the next ten years grappling with record-company chaos. He released just a handful of albums and rarely toured. It's

been only in the past three years that Westerberg has started to release new albums and tour with any regularity.

When he did re-enter the public eye, he was quite a sight. In the 2003 documentary film *Come Feel Me Tremble*, Westerberg comes across as cranky...borderline schizophrenic. A lovable loser, yes, but also the kind of guy you would avoid sitting next to at the DMV. Unwilling or unable to work with other musicians, he records his new music at home, playing all the parts himself. (He has a backup band on his current tour.) Just to confuse things, he releases some of these recordings under his own name, and some under the moniker Grandpaboy.

And here's the thing: He sounds great. The later Replacements albums and his early solo recordings suffered from overproduc-



PAUL WESTERBERG

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The Bodeans: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 16, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Bob Schneider [244]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ellis Paul [819]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Gordon Lightfoot: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Olivia Newton-John: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 22, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Gloria Trevi: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Steve Vai [523] and Eric Sardinas [950]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

David Wilcox [883]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.,

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Engelbert Humperdinck [993]: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Juanes: Cox Arena, Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

New Found Glory [304] and Reggie & the Full Effect: SOMA, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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Maroon5 and the Thrills: Jenny Craig Pavilion, Monday, May 9, USD campus, Morena. 619-260-4600 or 619-220-8497.

John Prine [887]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Erasure [279]: 4th & B, Tuesday, May 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Dogmatic [248]: 'Canes
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Element: Brick By Brick
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Flying Douglas: Soma
The Flying Putos: 4th & B
Fono [148]: The Casbah
Fraida: Dreamstreet
The Frantic: The Jumping Turtle
Fuzz: Epicentre
The Glossines [134]: The Casbah
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Hero: 'Canes
Hyde: Brick By Brick
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...in the Night: Dreamstreet
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The Mystery Hangup: The Jumping Turtle
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Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Coffeehouse, 4th & B
The Phenomenots: Soma
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Pocket: Neimans Bar and Grill
Rickshaw: Martini Ranch (Encinitas), 'Canes
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Sorrow's End: Squid Joe's
South Psychocide: Dreamstreet
Spoken Gun: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
State Radio: 4th & B
Sunsets & Landscapers: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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3-P Soup: Pounder's
The Transit War: Soma
Tribal Seed: Squid Joe's
TwoBuckShort: Epicentre
Two for Thirty: Dreamstreet
Ultra Jones: Belly Up Tavern
Vertigo Lounge: Squid Joe's
The Viewmasters: The Casbah
Paul Westerberg & His Only Friends: Belly Up Tavern
Whitestarr: Brick By Brick
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ROCK

The Atomic Punks: 'Canes
Brendan B.: Dreamstreet
Bad Credit: The Casbah
Band Aide: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Bartender's Bible: The Casbah
Cathryn Beeks [507]: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
Big D + the Kids Table: Soma
The Bleacher Heroes: Epicentre
The Buzzbombs: Neimans Bar and Grill, 'Canes
Calamity Jam: Pounder's
Rip Carson: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Steve Carsons Band: The Jumping Turtle
The Chin Wagners: Second Wind (San Carlos)
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Jim Gibson & Storm Warning: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Hands on Wax: Surf N'Saddle
The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's Cocktail Lounge
Heat Activated: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Coyote Bar and Grill
The In-Laws: Blind Melons
Insepia: Sham Rocks Shack
Invisible Inc. [503]: Brick By Brick
The Jackson 3 [495]: Carvers
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Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero
Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
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Danielle LoPresti & the Masses [452]: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
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The Lowdowns: Longshot Saloon
The M-80's: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Magnuson: Brick By Brick
Kevin Martin & Hiwatis: The Casbah
Modessa [537]: Dreamstreet
Money Waster: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
Mr. & Mrs. Tribute to Ugliness: The Casbah
The Nards: Tiki House
Natural Selection: Dreamstreet
Neck Bone: Vista Entertainment Center
Night Shift: Pal Joey's
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Polysics: The Casbah
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Thunderbird: The Jumping Turtle
Tubby: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Under Pressure: 'Canes
Variable: 'Canes
Vietnam: The Casbah
Wag the Dog: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Weirdos: Longshot Saloon
West of 5 [505]: The Kraken
The Wild Ones: Woody's Sports Bar & Grill

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's
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Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant, Humphrey's
Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel
The Fabulous Ultratones: Humphrey's
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
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The Metro Band: Viejas Casino
The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort
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The Pier Group: Trelisses Garden Grill
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Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits
Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: The Kensington Club
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
The Big Easy Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect, Aurora Trattoria
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior, Dizzy's
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Deejha Marie: Caffè Calabria
Fattburger [648]: Humphrey's
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The High Society Jazz Band: The Inn Suites, Tio Leo's Lounge
Kirk Hoffman: Dizzy's
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Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
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The Ron Jermain Big Band: Viejas Casino
The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet: Coyote Bar and Grill
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Joe Marillo & the Park Blvd. Jazz Trio: Caffè Calabria
The Joe Marillo Quartet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
Mystique: Jimmy Love's
Sue Palmer [641]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Caffè Calabria
Palos: The Calypso Cafe
Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill
Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
The Rebirth Brass Band: Winstons
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Second Avenue Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Sharon Shufelt: Caffè Calabria
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado, Hotel del Coronado
The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare, Harry's Bar & American Grill

Patrick Yandall [632]: Humphrey's
Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Aphrodesia: Winstons
The Big Sound: Squid Joe's
Dubcat: Squid Joe's
The Fabulous Rudies: Squid Joe's, Soma
Donavon Frankenreiter: 4th & B
High Tide: Blind Melons
Irie Dingo: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Iriside: Soma
Kush & Jah Blood & the Fiyah Angels: Winstons
The Mystic Roots: Blind Melons
NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
Quino: Humphrey's
The San Diego Island Boys: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Skanic [743]: Squid Joe's, Surf N'Saddle
Unsteady: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's
The Ranch Rockers: Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Annie Bethancourt: The Casbah
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub
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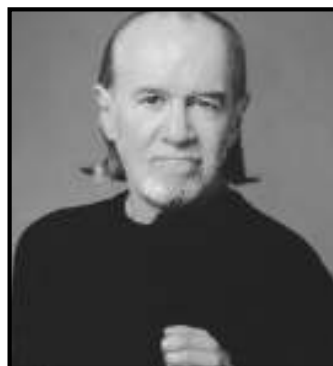
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Kim DiVincenzo: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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Rheanna Downey: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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Judy Henske: Dizzy's, 4th & B

Jane: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Steph Johnson: The Casbah

Kyle & Shawn: Kung Food

Jimmy Lewis: Tiki House

Jacque Major: Humphrey's

Rico McFarland: Winstons

Rob Mehl: Monterey Bay Cannery

Midnight Rooster: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Normal Heights: Kung Food

Carlos Almeida: The Casbah

Steve Poltz [815]: 4th & B

Raggle Taggle: Dublin Square

Karen Real: Humphrey's

Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort

Mike Ruggirello: Second Wind (San Carlos)

7th Day Buskers [812]: Lestat's Coffeehouse, The Casbah

Shaun & Chris: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Spare Change: The Casbah

Pete Stewart: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

J. Turtle: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod

The Diane Waters Band: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Robert Wetzel: Hotel del Coronado

Corey Wilkens Band: The Jumping Turtle, Blind Melons

Zindu: Winstons, Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Backwater Blues Band: Patrick's II

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Invaders: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Boogiemien [937]: Humphrey's

The B-3 Four: Monroe's Cafe

Tommy Budd: Island Sports & Spirits

Buddy Blue [963]: Dizzy's

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, Chateau Orleans, 4th & B

The Fremonts [923]: Tio Leo's Lounge

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill

Robin Henkel [914]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

L.A. Jones & the Blues Messengers: Patrick's II

B.B. King [951]: 4th & B

Lafayette & the Leasebreakers [930]: 4th & B

Little Charlie & the Nightcats: Humphrey's

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

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

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J.J. Slyde: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Stevi Lynn & Deja Voodoo [949]: Leucadian Bar, The Jumping Turtle

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

Billy Thompson: Winstons

Triple Shot: The Calypso Cafe

The Urban Gypsies [942]: Belly Up Tavern

Velvet Crumble: Kung Food

Vernon's Burnt Chicken: Tio Leo's Lounge

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Tom Barabas: G5-Georges on Fifth

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Ken: Monterey Bay Cannery

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Kumbadawa: Winstons

Bradley Leighton [987]: Aurora Trattoria

Ray Lipson: Marriott Hotel (Del Mar)

Los Reyes del Ritmo: Mr. Joey's Cantina, Tropicoso

Kristi Murray: La Scala

Ed Repaci: Red Fox Steakhouse

Salvador & Cesar: La Scala

John Scott & the Magnificent: The Calypso Cafe

David Timothy Smith: Albie's Beef Inn

The Bert Torres Band: Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge

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Blitzkrieg Bop: Mondays, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Club '80s: Thursdays, the best of the '80s with DJs Bryan Pollard and Brian Anderson. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Miami: Fridays, reggaeton and hip-hop. Saturdays, salsa, meringue, and bachata. Club Rio, 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley. 619-843-7400.

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Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Walkcrawler, Probable Cause, and IzM. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Deviantly Dark: Sundays, dark, driving progressive house and breakbeats with DJs Emmet Masterson and Joe P; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Faction-6: First Tuesday of the month, electroclash, indie, and synthpop with DJs B-czar, Talbot, and NarcoLept. No cover; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fresca: Thursdays, trip-hop, downtempo breaks, and acid jazz with DJs Red Sonya and Jersan; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

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The Mercury Room: Thursdays, R2 and CAZ spin hip-hop, dance, and Top 40. Tuesdays, Man's Ruin, Ribz spin rockabilly, psychobilly, and swing. Wednesdays, Klub Krome, the best and worst of metal and rock. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2429.

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The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spin hip-hop, retro, and Latin dance. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, house. Sundays, Sunday Night Shakedown with DJs Jersan and Beatnik. Tuesdays, Step, house music with DJs Red Sonya and J-Be. Wednesdays, Relax, '70s and '80s funk. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hip-hop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

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Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Slightly Stoopid*, ska/alternative, with guests. Friday, 9:15 p.m., *Super*

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The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B. Friday, 6 p.m., *Jim Gibson & Storm Warning*, 9 p.m., rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Irie Dingo, the San Diego Island Boys*, and *Unsteady*, reggae. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Spoken Gun*. Monday, 10 p.m., *Band Aide*, rock. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Metal Shop*, rock. Wednesday, country.

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Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Swingin' Kings*, blues/swing. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues.

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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Jay's Gourmet Pizza and Seafood Restaurant, 2633 South Highway 101, Cardiff by the Sea. 634-3353. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Free Air*, acoustic pop/rock.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Thursday, *Cory Wilkins*. Friday,

9 p.m., *Stevi Lynn & Deja Voodoo*, blues. Saturday, *Cage, Thunderbird, and Strychnine*, alternative. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Frantic, the Steve Carsons Band, Guerilla Trans Ammo, and Mystery Hangup*, rock/alternative.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 EZ Pieces, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Saturday, *West of 5*, rock. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn & Deja Voodoo*, blues/rock.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *the Lowdowns and the Weirdos*, rock. Saturday, *Loud Residence*, rock.

Marriott Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 858-369-6032. Arterra Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ray Lipson*, jazz/pop standards/variety pianist.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Electrical Umbilical Cord, Controlling the Famous, and Rickshaw*, alternative.

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McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

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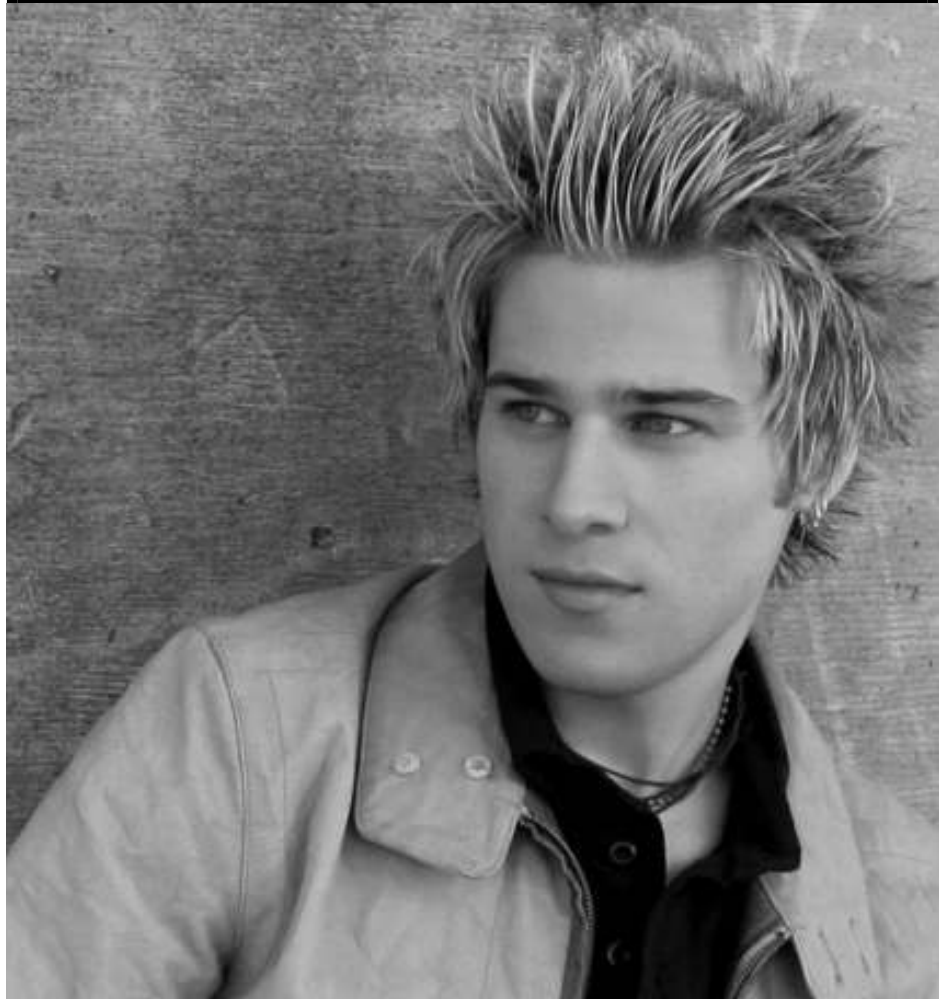
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Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mick Keys*, classic rock/jazz.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Foil and Rev*, rock. Saturday, *the Northstar Session*, *Downtown*, and *Money Waster*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Wednesday, *Cathryn Beeks*, acoustic/folk.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ratz Pack*, American classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Salvador & Cesar*, opera.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz.

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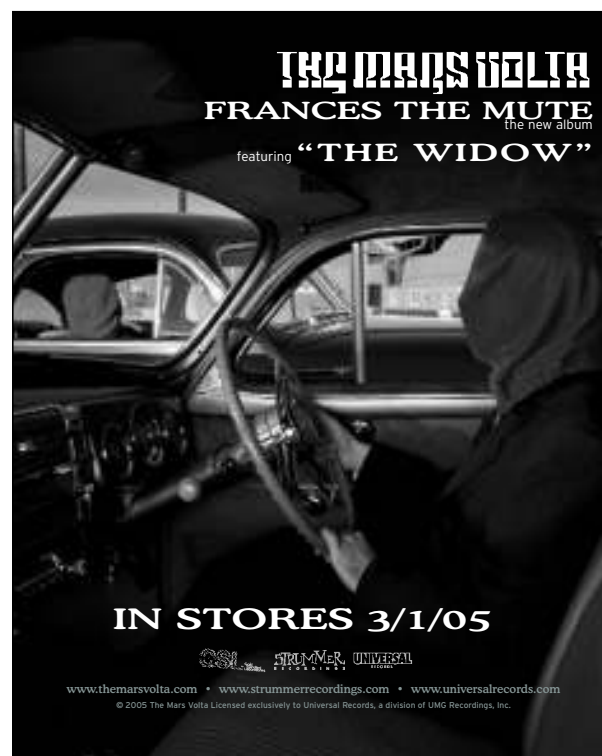
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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Aphrodesia*. Friday, *New Moon* and *Samantha & the Ritual*, alternative rock. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Zindu*, 8:30 p.m., *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, acid jazz, and *the China Clippers*, alternative. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Billy Thompson*; 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Rico McFarland*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Kumbadawa*. Wednesday, *the Rebirth Brass Band*.

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith*.

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*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, *Nancy, Royal Automatic, Whitestarr* and *Of New York*. Friday, *Awaiting Samsara, Hyde, Corner Stone, the Devices*, and *Magnuson*. Saturday, *the Deeds of Flesh, Decrepit Birth, Disgorge, Sleep Terror*, and *Element*. Wednesday, *Random Logic* and *Invisible Inc.*

Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 284-2747. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Spots*, rock.

Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Saturday, *Joe Marillo & the Park Blvd. Jazz Group*. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sue Palmer, Sharon Shufelt*, and *Deeja Marie*, boogie-woogie/jazz.

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DRESS > lots of black leather jackets, a few jean jackets, a few gas station shirts (not sure if they are mechanics or just like the look of the shirts), two baseball caps, two cowboy hats, and two mohawks; jeans all around; T-shirts included "Elvis," "Kiss French Ride Italian," "Harley-Davidson," "Plumbers and Pipefitters local 230," "Pistol Grip," "Bing Surf Boards," "Velvet

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The Roseary Room, 947 E Street, downtown. 619-702-7160. Monday, *Adelaide*, alternative.

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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Dehra Dun*, rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Ruggirello*, acoustic/folk. Friday, 9 p.m., *Crossfire*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Chin Waggers*, rock.

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Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

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The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday and Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *Eammon Carroll*, Irish folk. Sunday, traditional Irish music.

Fifth Qtr., 600 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-236-1616. Tuesday, *George Ferras Band*. Wednesday, *Aubrey Fay*.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Donavon Frankenreiter, State Radio*, and *White Buffalo*. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *B.B. King* with *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*, blues.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/funk/R&B.

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The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *L.A. Jones & the Blues Messengers*. Friday, *the Nik Simon Band*. Saturday, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak*, blues. Sunday, *Red Lane*. Monday, *the 145th Street Blues Band*. Tuesday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Wednesday, *the Backwater Blues Band*.

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The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., also Sunday and Tuesday, 8 p.m., rock-and-roll, sing-along dueling pianos.

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Davis, variety. Saturday, *the Joe Marillo Quartet*, jazz.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson and Joe Tarantino*, jazz/blues/R&B/standards. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

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Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Tommy Budd*, blues.

The Manhattan Lounge, 400 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-422-6641. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Harmony Road*, acoustic. Friday, *the Offbeats*, rock. Saturday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Sunday, *Jim Moore*, acoustic. Monday, *2 Guys Will Move U*, acoustic.

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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Pale Black*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, acoustic rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Shakedown*, classic rock. Saturday, *Silveride and Disaster Magnet*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

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But don't bother lugging your penny jar or parking quarters. Even the penny slots require a dollar bill or a ticket bought from the cashier — and instead of pulling handles, you push buttons and cash out with a slip of paper. As someone who bets my life on the wholesomeness of restaurant food several times a week, I'm not much interested in casino gambling; I'd rather play the one-armed bandit at the laundromat, with its thrilling clatter of falling silver when you win 19 quarters for your five-buck wager.

Not everyone goes to Harrah's to gamble. Our first night there, we overheard three women of a certain age discussing their vacation. Their main interests were the hotel's Jacuzzis, heated pool, and pampering at the spa. Other patrons (including some local families) seemed to have come mainly to eat, since many of the casino's restaurants provide large portions for modest prices.

All venues are overseen by the hotel's culinary team of executive chef Vesa Leppala (from Finland, via resorts in Hawaii and Mexico) and assistant executive chef Jon Palsson (from Iceland, via several San Diego hotel restaurants). Head pastry chef Francesco Santoro creates and supervises desserts for all the eateries. Each restaurant also has its own chef de cuisine, who runs the kitchen and collaborates on the menus with the hotel's executive chefs. Most ingredients are purchased in bulk by Harrah's, but chefs are also free to forage for local ingredients.

Need to Know: All the restaurants (plus the hotel lobby and casino floor) require shirts and shoes; no visible bathing suits or bathrobes allowed. All but Fiore's (reviewed last week) offer the same rudimentary wine list, with inexpensive generic choices



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Cabana Cove

After Fiore's, the casino's fine-dining destination, my favorite restaurant is the new Cabana Cove, which brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center via cheerful surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. Well off the casino floor, it's the only restaurant to offer a view of the outer world. It's located at the back of the hotel, past both the spa and the fitness center. Glass walls overlook a curvaceous pair of hot- and cold-running swimming pools, each with a cascading fountain. Daytimes, you can enjoy natural light and vistas of the mountains surrounding the casino. On a damp afternoon, the misty peaks reminded us of Oahu's Na Pali Highway.

Surfing footage runs on small monitors set into surfboard-shaped lamps, which slowly shift through a surfboard-tinted rainbow of Day-Glo

tangerine, fuchsia, turquoise, royal blue, and lime. Slick-topped tables display a straw-mat pattern, and the blue carpet is woven with wave designs. Beach Boys, surf-sound tunes, and reggae tracks play during the afternoon; at night, the soundtrack is liable to blast big-band Sinatra-era music, same as what's broadcast over the casino's sound system. Drawing the youngest crowd of any of the hotel's bars, the long semicircular bar at the pool end of the room features juggling bartenders and large-screen sportscasts. (The circle is completed by a matching outdoor bar. There's a Hawaiian shaved-ice machine, but no one manned it — or missed it — on a dank January afternoon.)

The bottom of the menu lists "Surfing Sites Where the Food Originates From" and includes beaches in Hawaii, the Caribbean, Asia, Mexico, and France. (Apparently Australia and South Africa had nothing to offer the chefs.) The choices break down into appetizers — which are sizable — salads and soups and sandwiches. Entrées are called "Crazy Fresh Surf" (seafood), "Cookin' Mexican"

(tacos, fajitas, carnitas), "Kickin' Turf" (meats and fowl); desserts are "Sweet Thangs." The most popular item, judging by neighboring tables, is the half-pound burger.

Meals start with thick Baja-style tortilla chips, fresh and greasy, served with four salsas: a pinto bean-chile dip, oniony *pico de gallo*, another fresh tomato salsa with less hot pepper and onion, and a spicy but still flavorless tomatillo salsa. One or another will tempt you to overeat before your order arrives.

We started with a "pupu platter" (\$13, to feed two); all items are also available as stand-alone appetizers. Two dryish chicken-breast satay sticks were rescued by a sweet Indonesian peanut sauce. Two airy shrimp coated with sweetened coconut came with a chili-citrus dipping sauce. A heap of quesadilla quarters were filled with roasted pepper and oniony, spicy guacamole. A giant Lomi Lomi salmon cake had the texture of crabcake, with a puffy center bound by mayo and lime juice. It was coated in overcharred potato shreds. Alongside sat a heap of oniony passionfruit salsa — onions are a key flavor at the Cabana.

The Latin section of the menu includes four tacos, each vaguely inspired by a different region of Mexico, and all overstuffed. Good-quality seared ahi pairs well with its avocado-papaya salad. Even better is the pork taco with deeply smoked, tender pork shreds. The garnishes are the same as those served with the ahi taco, plus melted cheese, and an odd "Hawaiian slaw" of cabbage, cuke, onion, and slabs of carrot shaped like surfboards — all in a sugary dressing. Both the ahi and the pork are also available as full-size entrées with more substantial garnishes.

From the "surf" section of the menu, we tried a "Two-and-a-Half-Ton Clambake," listed at market price (\$28 that evening). It's the right size for a dinner for two, arriving as a 2½-quart enameled casserole filled with a cut-up one-pound crab (a species with a small body and long skinny legs), a pound of steamer clams, a half pound of shrimp, fingerling potatoes cut into mini-surfboards, a half ear of wretched off-season corn, and, on the side, two slices of garlic bread for dipping. The seafood is tender and fresh-tasting. The cooking medium probably starts with white wine and margarine or spread, and when the clams open, they add their liquid to the broth. This near-superb dish is marred

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only by the corn and the "marge." Now that trans-fats have been exposed as health horrors, there's no reason but price to use them — and if butter is too costly, olive oil would taste better than the fake stuff.

We sampled one dessert, a coconut crème brûlée recommended by our server, which proved to be of the heavy, eggy school. It comes with a sweet, gritty Blue Mountain caramel coffee sauce. After tasting the sauce with a spoon, we declined to pour it on.

Open Wednesday–Sunday, continuous lunch and dinner from 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. Appetizers \$6.50–\$10 (for one); salads \$6–\$11; sandwiches \$9–\$10. Entrées \$3.49 (one taco)–\$24. Desserts \$5–\$7. Full bar, creative cocktails.

International Buffet

On Mondays and Tuesdays, the three top restaurants (Fiore's, Oyster Bar, Cabana Cove) are closed. The International Buffet is everybody's fall-back — hey, what's a casino visit without a buffet pig-out? Vegetarians will find this the best choice of all of Harrah's eateries.

"Gold," "Platinum," and "Diamond" members (people who've earned points by spending on games and meals at any of Harrah's Casinos) enter first and eat at comfortable banquettes and booths. Plebes get tight little tables in the middle of the aisle. Once you hit the

buffet tables, everyone's equal but for the length of their arms and the scope of their hunger.

The buffet offers (from left to right) Italian, American, Asian, and Mexican-inspired dishes, with a central salad bar and a humungous dessert case.

We started with the small Mexican sector, essentially a roll-your-own-taco station, perhaps because the fillings aren't up to flying solo. Start with the center basket of soft flour tortillas and scoop on passable chicken stew, dry beef strips (posing as *carne asada?*), or batter-fried fish in the mode of Van De Kamp's. Next, edge right to the salsas, where you'll find red and green cooked sauces, *salsa fresca*, sour cream, shredded lettuce, shredded bicolored cheese, fresh and pickled chiles, and yucky puréed guacamole fit to play the green-peas role in *The Exorcist*. Go left for gluey refried beans and rice amended with bits of veggies. Your taco will be edible, but if you're craving genuine Mexican flavors, you'd be better off heading into Valley Center proper for a meal at Casa Reveles on Lilac Street (to be reviewed later).

The Asian section isn't bad for buffet food. The dishes are light, veggie-strewn stir-fries, with decent noodles and the same rice that's served in the Mexican zone. We were pleasantly surprised by a meaty, greaseless egg roll and a tasty fake-Szechuanese sweet-and-sour beef with wok-charred dried chiles.

America occupies the middle of the buffet. The outstanding selection here is fried chicken. I chose a moist thigh in a well-

seasoned batter. Accompaniments include bread dressing, mashed potatoes, and cafeteria-style brown gravy. The fried shrimp was disappointing, all batter. Most popular is a carving stand that offers roast beef and roast turkey. The bird looked dry. The roast was rare, but the meat tasted tough and flavorless, with that lack of marbling that tells on lower-grade (e.g., Select) beef. About a month ago, a chef from New Orleans took charge of the buffet — by now, the American portion of the buffet may offer Cajun-Creole specialties.

Italy, Harrah's-style, was a disaster. The meatballs tasted Swedish, the tomato sauce was watery, the scampi had no flavor, the manicotti skins were hard-baked — all in all, below the standards of Chef Boyardee canned goods. Farfalle in pesto sauce were okay. There's a giant array of pizza and calzone slices sitting under hot lights. All are thick-crust. My neighbor at the next table tried a slice, said "Ugh," and abandoned it at first bite.

The salad bar, however, is a joy. It's long and varied, and even the tomatoes were ripe. One half features fresh fruits and Jell-O concoctions (with and without cottage cheese), the other offers green salads and all the relishes you might want, plus several composed salads (macaroni, pickled green beans with ham, pickled mushrooms, etc.).

In the eternal words of Fishrox (*Who?*), "Life's short. Eat dessert first." This is the place to do it: Francesco Santoro, a third-generation pastry

chef from Foggia, Italy, pulls out all the stops with an extravaganza of expertly made sweets. The dessert cases are 2/3 as long as the entire international course, with fruit pies and cookies, layer cakes, cheesecakes, and cream pies. Many items are offered in sugar-free versions. There's also hot bread pudding, warm caramelized bananas, ice cream and hot fudge sauce, and a bowl of whipped cream to drown in. The only limit on quantity is your appetite — or your conscience.

The brownies are fudgy, the oatmeal-raisin cookies satisfying. The coconut cream pie is a dreamy, airy chiffon. The *tres leches* cake is airy, too, but more like *uno* leche, whipped cream sprinkled with cinnamon between the cake layers. It tastes good anyway. You're not supposed to take home food from an all-you-can-eat buffet — but we saw a lot of cookies diving into handbags.

Lunch Monday–Friday 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., \$10; dinner Sunday–Thursday 5:00–9:00, weekends to 10:30 p.m., \$13. Weekend brunch 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., \$14 (\$17 with two glasses of champagne). Alcoholic beverages extra. Special all-you-can-eat weekend dinners (Friday clambake, Saturday barbecue, Sunday steak and shrimp), \$17–\$22. Full bar.

San Luis Rey Café

This casual restaurant is the source of the hotel's room-service meals, and the menu and wine list are almost identical to the latter's offerings. Open 24/7, it offers a breakfast special from midnight to 3 a.m. At

lunch and dinner, the bill of fare includes sandwiches, salads, a pasta du jour, sports pub-style appetizers (chili fries, buffalo wings, shrimp cocktail), and American comfort-food entrées such as steaks, pork chops, and chicken fajitas.

The roast beef is your standard, old-time Vegas casino version: It's over an inch thick, cooked to a beautiful rose-red at the center. But the only tender part is the browned rim, where fat pockets soften the meat. The center of the slab is lean and tough — a mediocre grade. It comes with a tasty baked potato, a lightly cooked veggie medley, plus butter and sour cream for the spud, horseradish sauce and "au jus" for the beef.

A bacon-wrapped meatloaf is a good choice, tasting just like somebody's mom's. The formula seems identical to a recipe that ran in *Cook's Magazine* in September 1996: It's a giant meat-muffin, packing a weight of about a pound (including a little breadcrumb filler). The loaf is free-form, so it browns on the sides, and it's baked until the bacon crisps. It comes with mushroom gravy and hand-mashed potatoes with pieces of skin, fried onion "crisps" (like Durkee's, but these are house-made), and the same veggie medley as the roast.

Desserts include apple pie à la mode, a seven-layer chocolate fudge cake, and a "New York deli" cheesecake, with your choice of strawberry, caramel, or chocolate syrup (or none of the above, for New York purists). The cheesecake has a thin crust and a pleasing sour cream undertone — but it

doesn't compare to the refined ricotta cheesecake at Fiore's.

Open seven days, 24 hours. Half-pound cheeseburger \$8, other entrées \$11–\$15. Full bar.

The Rest: Club Cappuccino, Comer Grill, Fortunes

Club Cappuccino used to be located at the crossroads between the casino mouth and the Garden Tower hotel elevators. It was closed during our visit for relocation to another site farther inside the casino, with reopening scheduled for February 15. It will offer espresso drinks, baked goods, and light eats. Open seven days, 6:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m., weekends until 2:00 a.m.

The Corner Grill is the casino's fast-food venue, mainly a pit stop for gamblers to grab a coffee or Coke. Rotisserie chicken is the most serious entrée; sandwiches, soups, burgers, and franks fill out the menu. My boyfriend bought a hot dog. He ate two bites, I ate one, then we ditched it — but we're picky about our dogs. Open seven days, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 a.m.

Fortunes is the casino's requisite Asian eatery, but we didn't try a meal there (on numerous passes, we never saw more than a single table occupied). I hear that their main business is on weekends. Chef Pan Po oversees a purportedly authentic menu, but on paper it resembles a collection of SoCal's favorite Chinese-American dishes (kung pao chicken, general's chicken, sweet-and-sour everything, etc.). Noodles are the specialty. Most entrées are priced around \$10 and top out at \$18. Open seven days, 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m., until midnight weekends. ■

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What do I miss most?" says Kathy. "I miss the life. Iranians know the secret of living. Here, we rush around so much we miss life. There, people take time. They love sharing food and talk at home, with family, with friends. The art of conversation is much more highly evolved. Every Persian's a poet."

Wow. And this is Kathy, all-American, ex-federal attorney. She spent years in Iran with her Iranian husband. Knows Persian cuisine. So the fact that she's eating here is a good omen.

Hank and I came because, well, we were in a hurry. "International Fast Food," the sign said. No hint it was Persian, till you saw the big poster talking up \$4.99 lunch specials. Choice of "Koobideh Kebob, Lubia Polo, Chicken Kebob."

It's a colorful place sandwiched between an employment shop called "Hire Ground" and "Panda King," a Chinese eatery. We passed through pillars and vines to get to a clean, newly designed interior. Counter at the back, waterfall mural on the right. There's a cracked gold surface on the upper part of the walls and a braided rope circling the ceiling.

We came across Kathy standing in line at the counter. Now she's speaking Farsi, the Iranian language. Think she's ordering "zereshk polo" (\$7.99).

Polo, as in pollo, Spanish for "chicken"? Uh, no. "Polo means 'rice,'" says Narges, the sparkling-faced little lady behind the counter. But it is a chicken dish. "So zereshk means 'chicken'?" I ask. Buzzer again. "Zereshk is the dried barberries."

Ah yes. Those tart red curranty things put in to add zest to the rice. "Iranian cooking is all about delicate flavor combinations," Kathy says. "Once you eat Persian, you can't go back to, like, a piece of meat on a plate."

"Do you do a lot of salads?"

Hank asks.

"Oh sure," says Narges. She lists a bunch, including shirazi salad (a combo of cucumbers, tomatoes, parsley, and onions, \$2.99), and three meat-salad combos, \$6.99.

"We have koobideh kebob

salad, which is lettuce, sliced tomatoes, olives, and skewers of charbroiled ground beef and lamb, shish kebob salad — the same salad, but with beef — and chicken kebob salad."

"Sounds good," Hank says.

"The chicken?" she asks.

"The chicken."

Narges looks at me.

"And you, sir?"

"See ya," says Hank. "I'm sitting. Don't think my legs'll hold up for how long this is gonna take."

"Buddy boy," I say. "I'll have this order in before your butt hits the chair."

So quick now: I race through those \$4.99 lunch specials again. Lubia polo is rice mixed with green beans, koobideh kebob's a skewer of charbroiled ground beef and lamb, with pita bread and yogurt, and chicken kebob comes with basmati rice and salad.

"Comin' in to land," says Hank.

Turns out lubia polo is known as "the Persian

stew." You can also get it with ground beef or lamb. For some reason, though, I'm thinking vegetarian.

"Vegetarian?" says Narges. "No problem. We have a special every day, \$4.99. Today it has eggplant, zucchini, cauliflower, cabbage, squash, bell pepper, carrots..."

"Wheels down?" Hank says. "Final approach..."

"Okay, I'll have that," I say.

"And touchdown! That's one small step for Bedford, one giant relief for mankind."

"Very funny," I say. "You know what your problem is? You can't experience the joys of indecision, tasting, smelling, imagining each of the things..."

"You've just said it all, bro. You like to imagine, I like to eat. Can't eat imagination."

As it turns out, we both get more than we imagined. Narges brings us — and everyone else here — bowls of lentil soup to start off. "On the house," she says. Then my vegetarian dish comes, along with basmati rice. As Kathy said, it's all gentle tasting, led by that delicious squelchysound of the eggplant.

Hank's chicken kebob has half a dozen charbroiled chicken chunks at one end of the oval plate, lots of greens, purple cabbage, tomato slices, green olives. "Saffron. I'm tasting saffron," he says.

Narges's son Paul says the soup extra was typical. "My mom has a big heart. As Muslims, we're expected to feed the poor on certain days. Back

in Tehran she would always make huge amounts, like 150 pounds of rice and food to feed, like, 200 people. That's my mom."

Up at the counter, Kathy's asking for something called doogh.

"It settles your stomach and helps you sleep," Narges explains.

Hmm. Two bucks. "It's yogurt with mineral water and mint," says Narges. "A lot of Americans don't like it."

Hey hey. Now there's a challenge. Glug. Oh man. See why. It's a little sour. Natural yogurt. But the mint sure gives it a lift. Second slurp, it's more refreshing. Kinda makes you feel mellow, too. We sit back and chat awhile, about how old the Persian culture is. About Persian food, Persian kings, Cyrus the Great, who, turns out, created pretty much the first-ever human rights statutes. And when it comes to Persian poetry, 'course I have to let loose a verse from "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," the only poet I can ever remember.

"Here, with a loaf of bread beneath the bow, A flask of wine, a book of verse, and thou..."

"Beside me singing in the wilderness — And wilderness is paradise enow."

"Enow?" says Hank.

"Poetic license, dude."

"Whatever, we gotta split."

"Slow down, dude. Think Persian. Uh, got dough for another doogh?" ■



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Leaving aside qualitative descriptors better suited to critics such as Robert Parker, fill in the blank: Heidi Peterson Barrett makes _____ wine. "High-scoring" might be as good a guess as any; the aforementioned Parker awarded 100 points to her '92 and '93 productions of Dalla Valle's "Maya" and another pair of 100s to the '92 and '97 Cabernets from Screaming Eagle. "Cult" would do nicely; besides those two just-try-to-find-'em labels, she has made wine for Grace Family Vineyards and Vineyard 29. You could even try "a parade of" — Screaming Eagle is just the start of her client list, which includes Showket, Paradigm, Lamborn Family, and Lynch, among others.

A more unlikely choice would be "bulk." Bulk wine is wine destined to be sent into the wine-producing world sans pedigree, where it is blended or simply repackaged by some other outfit, then sent to market. There is no shame in bulk — Castle Rock has built a solid brand by buying and blending others' excess, and premium wineries are surely glad to have somewhere to go with juice they can't get rid of at their higher (image-mandated) price point. But if you're used to seeing your wines hailed as royalty, it can be disconcerting to see one headed down into the anonymous throng.

That was the situation Barrett faced in 1994. "One of my custom-crush clients wanted to make a little bit of Sangiovese," she explains, "and they

hired me to make it for them. Then the client ran into a conflict-of-interest situation. The rest of the family owned another winery, and they said, 'You're either on your own or you stick with the family.'" The client stuck with the family and the

wine was headed for bulkworld. "I thought, 'This is my chance. Why don't I buy it?' I went to the bank, got a loan, and within a month I had put the whole thing together — came up with a name and a label, finished the blend, and got the thing bottled." She made

La Sirena Sangiovese from '94 to '99, when the vineyard she bought fruit from was sold. In '96 she started producing Cabernet, the varietal that had made her famous, and 2000 saw her first Syrah.

"The Sangiovese was a good ride," she says, though she grants that "it probably wouldn't have been what I would have chosen to start with." I remember thinking it curious when I first heard about the wine. I wondered if the Cab queen was indulging a secret yen for less commercial varietals — it's my label and I'll make Sangiovese if I want to. But if Sangiovese seemed odd, then imagine the befuddlement that struck a taster at Fat Tuesday's In Vino Unitas tasting, a tasting that saw Barrett standing behind a table at Baleen and pouring samples for the trade. The first thing she offered him was her Moscato Azul, a dry-style Muscat Canelli served from a cobalt-blue bottle.

"For dessert?" he queried, perhaps wondering

why he was getting the last wine first.

"No, not necessarily," replied Barrett, smiling. "As an aperitif?" he asked, perhaps thinking along the lines of Sauternes with foie gras.

"No, not necessarily," said Barrett, still smiling, before mentioning Pacific Rim, the go-to cuisine for rich white wines that offer a touch of sweetness to counter spice. The Moscato wasn't rich the way Sauternes is rich, however, or even like some Viognier. It was lighter, and its floral notes were more rose than honeysuckle. Unlike Sauternes, it was nearly dry, and it offered more acid than most Viogniers. "It doesn't even read as sweet," says Barrett. "It reads as more of a fruity character."

The Sangiovese was serendipitous; the Muscat was a deliberate experiment. "I just love the variety personally. It's something I would like to drink; I like how it has tropical, perfumey, floral qualities to it. I was also challenged by the fact that there aren't really very many Muscats made in a dry style, and I was wondering, 'Why not? Why can't you do it?'"

One reason you can't do it is because there isn't that much Muscat around these days. "I had been looking for five years," she recalls. Then, in autumn of 2003, "I was driving home from work and I saw that my neighbors were harvesting. I pulled over to chat — and they were picking Muscat. I couldn't believe it; they were right in my neighborhood. I was sticking my head in the gondola full of grapes and the perfumey smell coming out of there... I was just, like, 'Oh, my gosh, I would love to get this.'" Three days later, I picked a couple of tons."

The resulting experiment yielded about 125 cases of wine. "I sold out of it pretty quickly. People tasted it and loved the wine. So in '02 I crushed four tons instead of two, and now I've got about 250 cases. I named it Moscato Azul; 'Muscat Canelli' was too boring, and people wouldn't know if it



Heidi Barrett at In Vino Unitas tasting

was dry or sweet or what it was. So I named it something else, to draw attention to it. The bright cobalt-blue bottle is also something different. Then it says 'Dry Muscat Canelli' under Moscato Azul, so the customer can figure it out once they pick it up." When it comes to Muscat, even Heidi Barrett has to pay attention to marketing. And marketing is what brought her to San Diego.

In Vino Unitas is a small consortium of wineries, nearly all of which have always maintained a winery-direct sales policy — no brokers, no distributors. For the past two years they have been touring California en masse, in what Barrett calls "a great way to showcase small wine producers in a more intimate setting. It's an efficient use of our time and resources — to be able to see all of our accounts in one place. This was the first time

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I've done the Southern California tour, and I definitely made some new contacts, which is terrific. I'm still kind of building the brand, and it's really valuable for a small business to have direct contact with new accounts. It's hard for a little winery. You have to be efficient with your resources and just try to stay in business for the first few years."

That's hard even when you're a celebrity?

"It is. I think part of it is that people assume I'm sold out, so they don't even call. It's not the case — so call! Ask, you know? I don't have trouble selling it, but I still need the contacts. I try not to put all my eggs in one basket. I try to sell as much as I can by mailing list, but consumers are finicky. They like to try whatever is the next hot thing. So I don't count on only mailing-list customers. The market changes," so it's wise to woo new fans through restaurant lists and shops. "It's easiest for me when people call and ask for the wine, and I say, 'I'd love to sell you some.' But you can't count on only that. You've got to go out and pound the pavement a little bit." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too "Frenchy," in the sunny Provençal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barriere, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you'd find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached *foie gras*, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaisse, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — N.W. (8/03)

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)

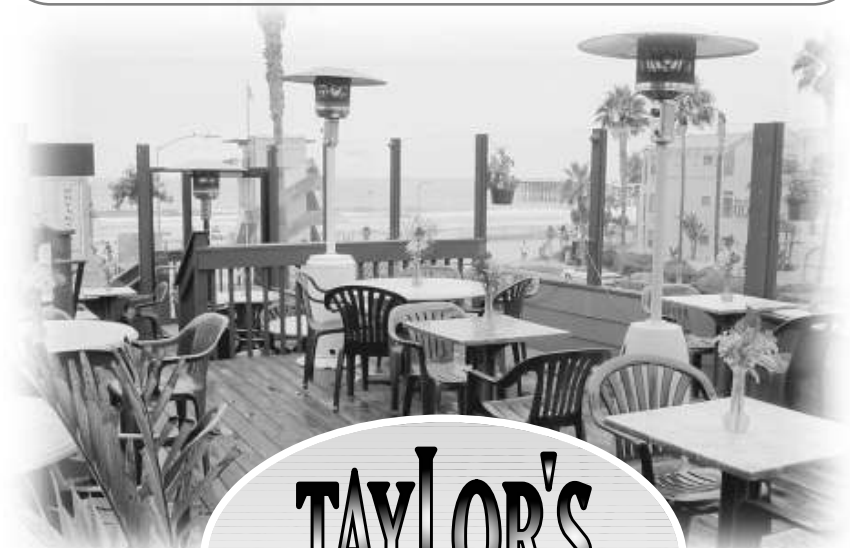


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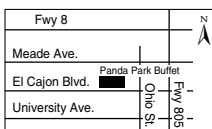
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Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional 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 *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 bargain wine prices 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)

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 either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolate, 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 *muy 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. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly

lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket *ve-r-r-r-y* slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

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.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Moun-

tain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. 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)

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection.

The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini 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)

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Red Tractor'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 Tractor'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 lob-

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Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. 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 Cafe at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. 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 crepe 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

and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) 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 8960 University Center Lane, Aventura complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. This hopping "meet market" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut

sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca* (*carne asada*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to

come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound 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 ambiance 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.

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 *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations.

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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)

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, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDon-

ald'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, boar, alligator, 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. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

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. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Cal-based chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the

dishes regularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — N.W. (10/02)

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)

THE BEACHES

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 omelets, 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)

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 water-side pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is

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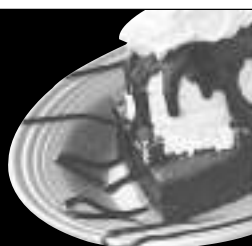
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uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Thee Bungalow 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)

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El Morelense 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelense-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The *Cecina* (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevo rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

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 *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and 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. 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)

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations

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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 seafood gumbo, 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 & STATE COLLEGE

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-8636. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights in-

clude the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ce-viche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha*, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sautéed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, mousaka, *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)*

Izzy's Cafe 1252 Broadway, El Cajon, 619-447-5067. Good-ol'-boy eatery in the middle of Box Town. You're looking for quantity? You've come to the right spot. Izzy's — named after co-owner Lorrie Sellers's middle name, Isabel — is all cream walls, country-scene pictures, little wooden hanging milk bottles. They have great breakfasts, two guaranteed to test your belt buckle: chicken-fried chicken in country gravy, with two eggs,

potatoes, and bread; or "Izzy's Frittata Bar," an open-faced omelet with spuds and biscuits and gravy. You can add anything from sausage to zucchini — up to four ingredients — without paying extra. Or, oatmeal or a short stack will fill you just fine and leave you with more walking-about money. Breakfast and lunch till 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

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, Montry Sengsouyria, 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 slug 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 *musaman*, 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-remnetless 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 "Felaflaf, 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 filets 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 6548 El Cajon Boulevard (at Rolando), 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, crunch-crustured 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)*

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squash bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Sat-

urday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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 dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna (half a

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Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 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*. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

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. No red meat is served, and 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)

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 peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Taste Of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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 some-things 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

A La Carte On Sixth Avenue 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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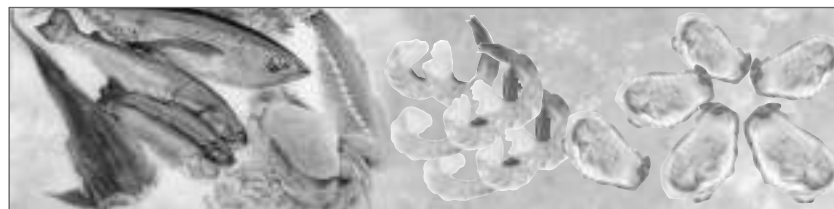
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China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims "New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style take-out? Way better than at the 99-cent joints, soups are 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 Satur-

days) until 10 p.m. Entrées mostly \$7 to \$10. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982 and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, vegetable chop suey, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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. 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)*

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A

steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. At this branch, the chef is Brian Johnston (formerly of Star of the Sea), but most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties — which are pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily, in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

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 greasy Cantonese-American fried classics, 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 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 Gruben" — 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)*

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 — especially 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 daily until 11 p.m. weeknights and 1 a.m. week-ends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Rice Hotel W, 421 West B Street (at State Street), downtown, 619-398-3082. The "W" has dropped its corporate food-consultant menu and hired local chef Matthew Herter. His new menu features global flavors with an emphasis on small plates for sharing — perfect for the chic singles who pour in on weekends. The hard-surfaced room still roars like a TGIF party on the quietest weeknights — but now the food is tasty and unusually craftsmanly for a hotel kitchen: The fish is wild, the chicken is free-range, and even the spice blends are made in-house. (Try Herter's five-spice duck breast for a treat.) Reserve for week-ends. Full bar. Open seven days, three meals, until 11 p.m. Moderate (grazing plates) to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Ruth's Chris Steak House 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown,

619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance for weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.*

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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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 lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Karihan Restaurant 2220 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado*, *binagoongan*, and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and ox-tail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or

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Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café 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 sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

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)*

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty,

quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multi-room aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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)*

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. 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)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

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 mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. 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 Pacific. 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 *sfiatino* 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 house-made brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The piz-

zas 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 Benonhurst 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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One of the arguments in defense of pornography on the screen, perhaps disingenuous in retrospect, was the prognostication that once people had free access to the stuff, they would soon grow bored with it, and it would crawl back into its rightful hole. Time has not

borne this out. Or not yet. Maybe we misunderstood the concept of "soon," and there will still come a day, in the vast scheme of things, when pornography shrivels up of its own accord, followed "soon" thereafter by the day when cell phones vanish from public view and the spectacle of the solitary pedestrian talking out loud will again be confined to the certifiable lunatic. To date, no matter how boring pornography has become, there seems little sign of people getting bored with it. The new documentary, *Inside Deep Throat*, cites the statistic that in the year 2002, or thirty years after the production of *Deep Throat* itself, the total number of Hollywood films cranked out in relation to "adult" films was 467 to 11,303. This, despite the melan-

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choly analysis espoused therein that while the movie pornographers of the early Seventies were motivated by things like freedom and rebellion and bold experimentation, those of today are motivated by money and money and money. The notion of a Good Old Days in the triple-X industry, way back when it was still simply single-X, surely provides some strong evidence for the truism that everything's relative.

However all that may be, the aforesaid documentary revisits, in memory-jogging detail, the advent and aftermath of what we might call, with more literal meaning than usual, the seminal work in adult films of the modern era, or what Camille Paglia calls, with her characteristic amount of self-restraint, "an epochal moment in the history of human sexuality." I myself recall it but dimly, inasmuch as I fall, along with Dick Cavett, into "the handful of people that never saw it." That didn't stop Cavett from hosting his share of televised discourses on the subject, and indeed the clip of Susan



Inside Deep Throat

Brownmiller mopping the floor with Hugh Hefner on Cavett's stage is one of the more entertaining bits in this chopped salad of a film, assembled from archival footage and talking-head reminiscences, by Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato, the documentary team of *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* as well as the docudrama team of *Party Monster*.

A good deal of nonsense gets talked by those heads: "Men want to believe that the clitoris is in a woman's throat," affirms Erica Jong, swallowing *in toto* the silly premise of *Deep Throat*. Norman Mailer and Gore Vidal, meanwhile, who have always had a lot to say about a lot of things, come off as intellectual giants in the rotation of commentators that encompasses John

Waters, Wes Craven, Hugh Hefner (rationalizing his befuddlement on the Cavett show by explaining that he had theretofore regarded the feminists as his allies in the Sexual Revolution), Larry Flynt, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Helen Gurley Brown (attesting to the benefits of semen as a facial treatment), *Deep Throat's* director, Gerard Damiano (a former hairdresser whose

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roadkill toupee is resignedly gray in the present day and fancifully dark in the past), its male star, Harry Reems, and the Memphis prosecutor, Larry Parrish, who hauled Reems into court to answer for his sins: “*Deep Throat* attacks the very core of our being.”

The female star, Linda Lovelace, abused and manipulated by her lover and manager at the time, is unavailable as a talking head, having been killed in a car wreck in 2002. But she talks from the archives, first as a proponent of pornography (“The last person that started censorship was Adolf Hitler, and look what happened there”), then as an opponent of it and a self-styled “rape” victim (letting Gloria Steinem do the talking for her to a remarkably thick-skulled Tom Snyder), before she switches sides again and attempts a pornographic comeback at the age of fifty-one. She is not an inspiring figure, unless maybe inspiring of pity. She is also, to be sure, represented in excerpts from her immortalizing performance, showing off the hard-core skill celebrated in the title, and possibly, with that, inspiring something else as well, something between awe and asphyxiation: *Deep Throttle*. The documentary, when all is said and done, tells an interesting story, or stories: a cultural story, a character story, a courtroom story, a commerce story, an organized crime story. (The original film, costing \$25,000 to manufacture, \$1200 of it going to Lovelace and \$250 to Reems, is calculated as the most profitable motion picture in history, although the profits didn’t go to the people who made it.) All of the interest of it, however, is in the story, not in the telling. The chopped salad is hackwork.

Imaginary Heroes, the feature-film debut of director Dan Harris, is a coping-with-suicide comedy, or dramedy at the very most, and lukewarm either way, about the aftershocks of an Olympic hopeful’s abrupt exit. Those left behind include Emile Hirsch, a sort of cross between Leo DiCaprio and Clea DuVall, as the unathletic younger brother who discovers the body (“That kind of thing can fuck you up for life,” remarks one of his contemporaries); Jeff Daniels as the withdrawn and bordering-on-catatonic father; Sigourney Weaver as the neglected wife and mother who harbors an unspoken grudge against her next-door neighbor, and revives a long-ago interest in pot; and, hardly worth mentioning, Michelle Williams as the older sister who has already left home. Weaver, commanding a broad spectrum of light and shade, is always worth watching. She brings the full Voice of Experience to her topper of her teenager’s lament, “People are so stupid I can’t bear to live around them anymore.” Weaver: “And it only gets worse.” And her reaction to her husband’s offer of cosmetic surgery for her birthday present is priceless, even if the actress, to be frank, *looks* as though she can no longer afford to be snifty on that subject. Viewers these days are required to suspend their disbelief at least above eye-level. The film, originally set to open this Friday at one of the Landmarks, is now set to open Friday next.

Nobody Knows, definitely opening Friday at the Ken, claims to be “inspired by actual events,” though events of any kind are a little difficult to put a finger on. Set in today’s Tokyo, it details the plight, through microscopic minutiae, of four young children left to fend for themselves when abandoned, first for a month and then for

longer, by their single mother. (Their father lives in the vicinity, but doesn’t appear to be an option.) The basic situation brought to mind an old favorite of mine, Jack Clayton’s *Our Mother’s House*, in which a whole passel of children, fearful of the orphanage, bury their bedridden mother in the backyard upon her demise, and strive to carry on as if nothing has happened: a meaningful and ultimately very moving enactment of the universal reluctance to grow up. This, though, is the sort of comparison that’s said to be invidious, because it comes down so heavily to one side’s advantage. Director Hirokazu Koreeda, of *After Life*, unspools his story in a noodling, indiscriminating, time-wasting manner, and in frosty or ashen color, so disengaging that the tale can regain no grip even as the children’s funds run low and the utilities get cut off. The children themselves, at any rate, are convincingly likable, especially the twelve-year-old oldest boy. But at two hours and twenty minutes, the movie seems indisputably over-long. Any dispute would have to center on precisely how soon that complaint can be lodged. A half-hour earlier? An hour? An hour and a half? ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Assault on Precinct 13 — Remake of the John Carpenter shoestring of 1976, about an armed siege on a police station à la the Alamo. But the revised plot, just to give the new team of filmmakers some Creative Input, has been altered for minimum interest and sense. The besiegers are no longer an insatiable street gang, but are now policemen themselves, the members of the elite Organized Crime and Racketeering unit, bent on snuffing out an incarcerated cop killer not because he has killed a cop but because he can blow the whistle on their collusion with him. It takes all the terror out of the terrorism. A specific goal, a quenched bloodthirst, an air of reason. And surely a squad of policemen could gain easier entry to a police station than by stealth and by force. Further plot twists tie themselves up in nonsense. (The “inside” man would have had numberless opportunities to put an end to the siege, even before it began.) Still, the movie is not unbearable. It moves right along, under the imported director, Jean-François Richet. (Whose French heritage, however, does not guarantee he will partake in Carpenter’s *hommages* to that auteurist treasure, *Rio Bravo*.) The action is rough and ruthless, if at times a bit idiotic. The snowstorm effects — for Detroit on New Year’s Eve — are evocative. And there are good contributions from Laurence Fishburne, authoritatively menacing as the cop killer, John Leguizamo as a comic-relief junkie, Maria Bello as a police psychologist with an obsessive-compulsive disorder of her own, and Drea de Matteo as a hot-to-trot police secretary. Ethan Hawke, on the other hand, is in the lead. Reason enough for desertion. With Brian Dennehy, Ja Rule, Gabriel Byrne. 2005. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushing-three-hours epic on the tumultuous career of Howard Hughes (the eternally boyish Leonardo DiCaprio, deficient in gravitas even with the added mustache midway through) in the parallel worlds of filmmaking and aeronautics circa 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes



The Aviator

him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it’s brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, *Hell’s Angels*; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell’s décolletage in *The Outlaw*, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett’s recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale’s unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well — if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese’s pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda. 2004. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR

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role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betrayals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, *Theatre*. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo. 2004.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

Born into Brothels — Do-gooder documentary, co-directed, co-written, and co-photographed by Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman, focuses on eight children in the Calcutta red-light district. Their lives and prospects are as awful as you would imagine, and the film's image is as awful as you have come to expect in the DV era. (The concealed-camera footage of the prostitutes on patrol looks roughly on a par with the video of a vice-squad sting.) The focus widens to include, as the heroine of her own film, the very photogenic Briski, or in the pet name bestowed on her by the children, "Zana Auntie," who devoted her time, when not working on her own photography of the district, to teaching her craft to the children, promoting their photos worldwide through Kids With Cameras (as well as interspersing them throughout the film), trying to place the children in boarding schools, and trying to obtain a passport for one of them to visit a conference in Holland. (The boy's mother, midway through the process, gets burned alive by her pimp.) The kids, naturally, are likable; the on-camera filmmaker is likable; the film itself is another matter, raw, ragged, and a bit of a chore to sit through. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Bride and Prejudice — A Jane Austen-pattern fairy tale cut out of the gaudy fabric of a Bollywood musical. After pointlessly altering the first word of the familiar title, filmmaker Gurinder Chadha (*Bhaji on the Beach*, *Bend It Like Beckham*) aggressively pushes the third word into the realm of race relations, as an Ugly American hotel king, retaining the family name of Darcy, and idly looking to acquire a property in what he views as "Hicksville, India," butts heads with a marriageable but modern-minded native ("I thought we got rid of imperialists like you"), quite impervious to the advice of her conventional mother: "Don't say anything too intelligent." (It is still a fairy tale, for all that, a long way shy of a Kipling-pattern miscegenation tale along the lines of *Without Benefit of Clergy* or *Beyond the Pale*.) The American, played or merely represented by the callow, wooden, male-modelly Martin Henderson, is so unappealing that the viewer is apt to root against *détente*, and is apt to think less of the immensely appealing Aishwarya Rai when she inevitably relents. The song-and-dance number of the four unmarried sisters in their pj's, "No Life without Wife," is the tipsy highpoint, though there are long dry spells during which you can almost forget



Diary of a Mad Black Woman

that the movie is a musical. 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Bright Young Things — Stephen Fry's admiring, not to say admirable, adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's *Vile Bodies*, a moralistic social satire to do with the hard-partying idle rich in England *entre les guerres*, but with obvious "relevance" to today: materialism, hedonism, drugs, sex, sleazoid press, and so on. The sloppy direction leaves you grasping for a single sharp composition, a single crisp color, a single shot worth looking at. With Stephen Campbell Moore, Emily Mortimer, Michael Sheen, Fenella Woolgar, Jim Broadbent, Dan Aykroyd, Stockard Channing, Peter O'Toole. 2004. ● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/28, 6:30 P.M.)

The Chorus (Les Choristes) — Sweet and sentimental French film, a remake of a 1945 one, about the new supervisor — nicknamed Old Baldy — at a school for "difficult" boys, whipping his class into shape as a tight-knit choral group, for one fleeting term in 1949. One of the boys grows up to be the "World's Greatest Conductor" (Jacques Perrin, who also co-produced the film) and remembers the events in flashback. A *Mr. Holland's Opus* with taste and discretion. Gérard Jugnot, François Berléand, Jean-Baptiste Maunier, Marie Bunel; directed by Christophe Barratier. 2004. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Coach Carter — Teacherly sports film, the athletic equivalent of *Stand and Deliver* and *Lean on Me* (with Samuel L. Jackson every bit the equal of Edward James Olmos and Morgan Freeman), a salute to a real-life taskmaster by the name of Ken Carter, who

demanding that his high-school basketballers sign contracts agreeing to maintain a 2.3 grade point average, attend all their classes and sit in the front row, wear a jacket and tie on game days, address one another as "sir." The results were instantaneous: a total turnaround from the 4-22 previous season, a perfect 16-0 record until the academic reports rolled in and the coach padlocked the gym and began forfeiting games in favor of cramming. It's all perfectly predictable (a group shot of the team walking in slo-mo toward the camera at the state tournament: you could bank on it), but there are good lessons here, engagingly taught, for those who need them. With Rob Brown, Robert Ri'chard, Rick Gonzalez, Antwon Tanner, Ashanti, Denise Dowse, and Debbi Morgan; directed by Thomas Carter (no relation). 2005. ★ (VOGUE)

Constantine — Soporific supernaturalism, notwithstanding some startling special effects, with Keanu Reeves as a cool-dude demonologist in a long coat, doomed to Hell for a momentarily successful suicide attempt, and ticketed to an early grave, even now, for a pack-a-day smoking habit. Tilda Swinton, of all people, is cast as the angel Gabriel, and seems to take the job seriously; Peter Stormare is Lucifer, and seems not to. With Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Djimon Hounsou; directed by Francis Lawrence. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12;

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The Corporation — Consciousness-raising, conscience-pricking documentary by Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott, reciting a laundry list, two and a half hours long, of the vices of big business past and present. A rotation of experts (CEOs, Harvard profs, Milton Friedman, Noam Chomsky, Michael Moore, many more) lectures directly to the camera and over a wide variety of archival clips. 2004. ★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/26, 2 P.M.)

Cursed — Wes Craven scare show, with Christina Ricci, Jesse Eisenberg, and Judy Greer. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; FROM 2/25)

Diary of a Mad Black Woman — A discarded wife, after eighteen years of marriage, gets revenge and a new romance, with a made-to-order dreamboat ("I carry you in my spirit") who's almost the living embodiment of a Luther Vandross song. Everyone else, too, gets better than they deserve. A clumsy and bruising piece of audience manipulation, from a stage play by Tyler Perry, who also appears in the dual

roles of a randy old emphysemic and a gun-toting granny. With Kimberly Elise, Shemar Moore, Steve Harris, and Cicely Tyson; directed by Darren Grant. 2005.

● (CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/25)

Elektra — Resurrection of the character of that name, not from Greek tragedy, but from the superhero fantasy of a couple of years previous, *Daredevil*. Resurrection, literally. Just because she got herself killed off, back then, doesn't mean the spinoff has been relegated to a prequel: "Somebody must have brought her back from the dead." She is still, of course, Jennifer Garner (*sans Ben*), built like a railroad spike and just as cuddly, with her chest thrust out in the manner of a teenager impatient with her growth. That last characteristic is significant, inasmuch as the film emerges, from the depths of its muddy color and shadowy cinematography, as an empowerment trip for early adolescent girls, similar to *13 Going on 30* featuring the same leading lady. This one brings together a thirteen-year-old and a thirty-year-old on the same screen at the same time, when the heroine, the world's highest-paid assassin, opts to cancel her "contract" on a handsome widower and a motherless daughter who reminds her of herself in her younger days, and opts instead to take up their defense. Besides insecure young girls, it might appeal to indefatigable fantasists of both sexes who believe there can be no such thing as too many Marvel Comics movies. Everyone else is apt to see this as precisely such a thing. With Kirsten Prout, Goran Visnjic, Terence Stamp; directed by Rob Bowman. 2005. ● (VOGUE)

Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of *Peter Pan* from the soft clay of his real-life relationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: "There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, *and why!*") The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie's stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright's prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance*), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play's subtitle, "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up," applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Hide and Seek — To speed his daughter's recovery from her mother's sudden death, a Manhattan psychotherapist whisks her upstate to a Gothic monstrosity, big enough to house a family of twenty, on the edge of a deep dark woods, where she seems to sprout into a Bad Seed. But is her imaginary new playmate really imaginary? Of the several possible ways for the plot to go, it would be hard to pick a worse. A classy cast — Robert De Niro, Famke Janssen, Elisabeth Shue, Dylan Baker, Melissa Leo, not counting a

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Hitch — An anonymous Date Doctor, working by personal referrals only, dispenses self-help slogans (“With no guile and no game, there’s no girl”) and empirical pearls of wisdom (“Eight out of ten women believe that one kiss will tell them everything they need to know about a relationship”) to a select group of male clients carefully screened for their moral fiber and their honorable intentions. Yet the women in the movie, as the men intuitively fear they will, react to this newfangled advisor to the lovelorn, this better-dressed Cupid, as if he were the satanic spawn of Valmont and Mme. de Merteuil from *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. What, or where, is the beef? Will Smith tries to apologize for his insufferable air of overconfidence by way of a cartoonish depiction of a shellfish allergy (his face swelling like a battered boxer’s), a flashback to his days as a collegiate nerd, and a genuinely funny bout of inarticulacy when pleading his case to his steamed girlfriend. Director Andy Tennant sees to it that the star gets his accustomed surplus of closeups. In fact he sees to it that the subservient support team — Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Amber Valletta, Julie Ann Emery — get more than their share of closeups, too. In fact he sees to little else. 2005.

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Hotel Rwanda — Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s, and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between *The Killing Fields* and *Schindler’s List*, it

mercilessly plays the shame game (“Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them — the French, the English, the Americans”), while it also gives us a real-life hero to identify with and become involved with: a humble hotel manager (Hutu married to Tutsi) who shelters over a thousand refugees in his four-star resort. Don Cheadle is for the most part admirably restrained, though not the part where he rips open his shirt in a cliché of despondency. Nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by the Frenchman Robert Fraisse. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed by Terry George. 2004.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

In Good Company — A new spin on the old boss’s-daughter romance. And not just new, but contemporary, up-to-date, timely, topical. The romancer is now the boss himself — a fast-track junior executive fresh out of business school and still wet behind the ears — and the daughter’s father is now the romancer’s underling, an old-school backslapping glad-handing salesman twice his boss’s age. The relationship with the college-age daughter really takes a backseat to the relationship between the men: “I think you have the potential,” the pipsqueak throws a bone to the graybeard, “to be an awesome wingman here.” Dennis Quaid seems a touch heavy for comedy, or for drama, either, come to that, but he makes sure you always clearly understand his position. Topher Grace, a shade too nice and naive to have climbed so far so fast, still too much the hometown boy of *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, has scads of charm, albeit of an overpracticed, unctuous, sitcommy type. And the alabaster-complected Scarlett Johansson keeps her lips inflated and her waist whittled, the very model of the Girl Next Door down at Androids R Us. The direction by Paul Weitz, who also wrote the smart script, shows abundant evidence of a mind at work, making connections, drawing parallels, placing emphasis, finding significance. He had a long way to go to live down *American Pie* and *Down to Earth*, but if *About a Boy* took a step in the right direction, this one has earned him a fresh start. Marg Helgenberger, David Paymer, Clark Gregg, Malcolm McDowell. 2005.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12)

Inside Deep Throat — Reviewed this issue. Narrated by Dennis Hopper; directed by Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato.

★★ (HILLOREST CINEMAS)

Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject’s upbringing under a puritanical father (“Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show”), yet it’s unapparent why he needed four actors — three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn’t change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There’s an efficient framing device — right at the outset and at intervals throughout — of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species — carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what’s going on in the world at large. It’s clear enough, all the same, that we’re in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself (“I punctured my foreskin... It didn’t give me any pleasure”), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the

balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon’s *Gods and Monsters*), amounts to a clarion endorsement. 2004.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Life Aquatic with Steve

Zissou — With, more factually, Bill Murray in the role of Zissou, an over-the-hill, or over-the-wave, oceanographer *cum* filmmaker, a cut-rate Cousteau: “What happened to me? Did I lose my talent? Am I ever going to be any good again?” Director Wes Anderson, a critical darling and “indie” bellwether for *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, and *The Royal Tenenbaums*, took a lot of money from Disney for the sake of some animated marine life and a marvelous cross-section set of the oceangoing vessel, the *Belafonte* (shown off to excellent effect on a single-take trek from the belly to the deck). To his credit, he hasn’t let the larger investment alter the size of his ambition. He still goes after the muffled chuckle in a quiet corner; and he aims, foremost and hindmost, to please his loyal followers instead of the anonymous crowd. The action scenes, either beyond him or beneath him, are so ridiculous (one-man-army Murray against a boatload of cut-throat pirates) that they play as if they must be fantasies, except they’re not. Maybe they’re a “comment” on contemporary action films in general. The

bonding between father and long-lost son (Owen Wilson with an uncertain Kentucky accent) takes an unexpected turn at an unexpected juncture. And the quest for revenge against a man-eating sea monster ends not with a bang but with an ooh-ahh. Willem Dafoe has more than his share of good moments as a German crew member with a thin skin; and Seu Jorge as another crew member, endlessly strumming a guitar and singing David Bowie tunes in Portuguese, and Cate Blanchett as a pregnant journalist with a two-shades-too-dark suntan, have their moments, too. The whole thing, though, seems quite daftly pointless. Or pointlessly daft. Anjelica Huston, Jeff Goldblum, Michael Gambon, Bud Cort. 2004.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Man of the House — Crime comedy about a team of cheerleaders under the protective custody of Tommy Lee Jones, directed by Stephen Herek.

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become — in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense — the conscience of American cinema. Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman. 2004.

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Nobody Knows — Reviewed this issue. With Yagira Yuya, Kitauro Ayu, Kimura Hiei, and Shimizu Momoko; directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda.

★ (KEN, 2/25 THROUGH 3/3)

Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior — Tacky Thai martial-arts adventure about a

backwater Buddha's head severed and stolen by Bangkok bad guys, and about the acrobatic rube who answers the call: "If we can't recover Ong-Bak's head, our village is doomed." (Ong-Bak and the Thai warrior, clearly, are separate entities.) The filmmaking style places a heavy emphasis on instant replays, and the martial-arts style — which seems to be known as Muay Thai — places a heavy emphasis on elbows, especially the elbow brought down on the crown of the head like a poleax. Tony Jaa, the would-be next Jackie Chan, has a lot of moves, but no movie around them. Directed by Prachya Pinkaew. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Ray — Truncated and time-scrambled biography of singer Ray Charles, with a lot of back and forth between his childhood in rural Florida and his manhood *circa* 1948-

65, to ensure that Jamie Foxx will never be absent from the screen for too long at a stretch. There's a nice scene of the newly blind boy at age seven or eight, getting his bearings from the aural co-ordinates around the wood shanty he calls home, while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been more of that sort of thing. At two and a half hours, the movie takes our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul); and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only tightens the emotional screws. The routine re-enactments of financial exploitation, marital infidelities, drug abuse, backstab discords among band members, etc., hope to be ennobled by the brand name of Ray Charles — or more broadly, by the customary blackmail of True Story. Foxx does a commendable job of mimicking the trademark mannerisms — the rocking

motion whether walking or singing, the self-hug, the twenty-four-tooth grin — but it's a performance condemned to stay on the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Sea Inside — Factual story of a Spanish quadriplegic who, after twenty-some years of paralysis, took his fight to the courts for the right to die. Given its intrinsic limitations, the film is well directed (by Alejandro Amenábar), well photographed (by Javier Aguirresarobe, who collaborated with this director on *The Others*), and well acted (by Javier Bardem, Belén Rueda, Lola Dueñas, Mabel Rivera, Clara Segura). The protagonist, acting as a spokesman for the artist rather than for euthanians, says a good thing: "Who said anything about quadriplegics? I'm talking about me!" And

his relationships with, primarily, four very different women are sharply defined: the empathetic lawyer who herself suffers from a degenerative disease (and with whom our hero explores the boundaries of untactile sexuality), the simple factory worker who insinuates herself at first as a pro-life advocate, the pregnant representative from Death With Dignity, and the silently devoted sister-in-law who, together with a moody nephew, cares for the invalid round the clock. And the out-and-out debate of the issue with a quadriplegic priest is cleverly staged: the priest's wheelchair won't fit up the staircase, and our hero won't come down, so a messenger must shuttle upstairs and down with the points and counterpoints, until the debate degenerates into a shouting match, with no more need of an intermediary. There are further attempts to cinematize the material through flashback and fantasy. Still, for all its valiant struggle, the film is almost as confined as its

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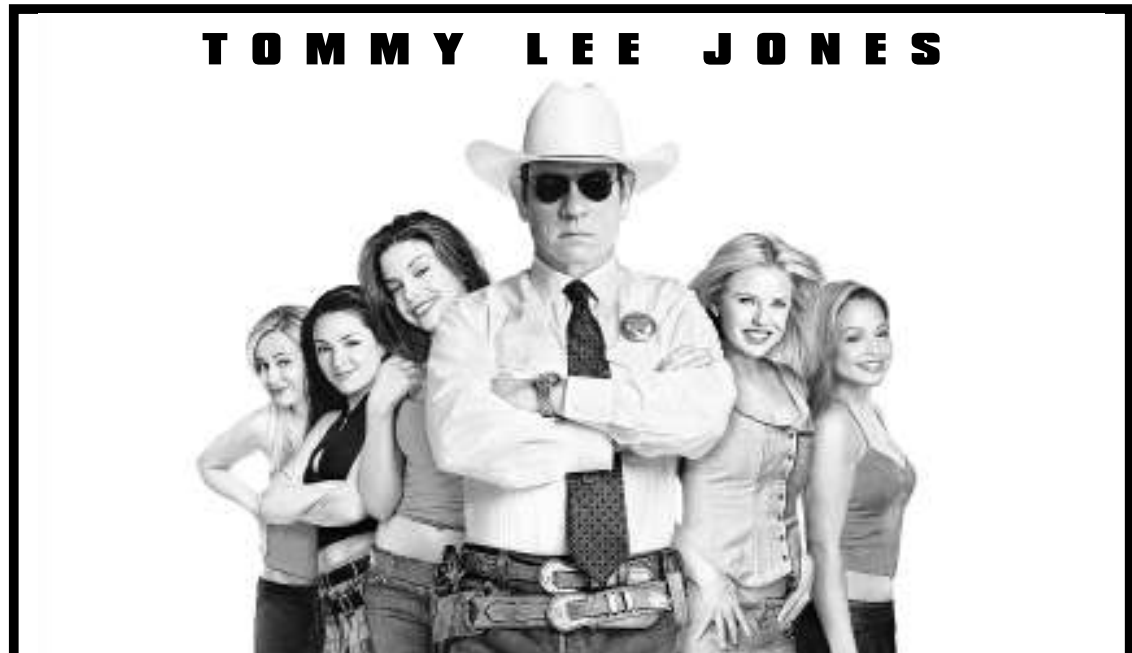
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protagonist: not so much by restriction of movement as by narrowness of scope. 2004. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and wine-tasting a week before the former's wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete; the hack and the artiste. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the bridegroom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous entanglements and his torturous extrications, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let's say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About Schmidt*, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what's best for the film rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker's wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the *New York Times* crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother's birthday card as he walks from his car to her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as



Sideways

an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And the depiction of masculine deceit — self-deception, congenital mendacity — extends as far and as wide as a whole way of life, a fundamental condition of existence, a subject for a film of substance. 2004.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Son of the Mask — Comedy-fantasy

with Jamie Kennedy, Alan Cumming, and Bob Hoskins, directed by Lawrence Guterman.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; 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)

Travellers and Magicians — The

second film from Khyentse Norbu (*The Cup*), and the first film ever to be shot in beautiful Bhutan (no irony), tells of a lowly government official who, posted in a remote mountain village, wants desperately to be elsewhere: "There's nothing here, no movies, no restaurants, and most of all, no cool girls." A narrow window of opportunity opens on his dream of going to America, and he moves to squeeze through it with his spotless white athletic shoes, his blue suitcase, and his trusty boombox and tapes ("Gotta go, gotta get out, gotta get outta here!"), but he misses the one-a-day bus and is stranded on the road in the company of a shriveled old apple peddler and a Buddhist monk. The latter, to pass the time, spins a tale-within-the-tale about another man who lived in a "dreamland," a tale of marital infidelity, illegitimate pregnancy, and homicidal poison, a sort of Far Eastern *Postman Always Rings Twice*. The parallels of this steamy tale to the outer tale — a charming low-pressure comedy — are not always very apparent, yet the protagonist learns his lesson anyway, helped along by the arrival of another fellow traveller, a girl, if not in the least a cool one. His pulse slows; he gets into the rhythm of the journey itself; he settles into the present. The viewer's pulse slows, too, though he would be justified in feeling that the lesson of the movie could have been taught just as well without the arty affectations with which the director adorns it. 2004. ★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/24)

Vera Drake — Mike Leigh's post-WWII portrait of a middle-aged homemaker and housecleaner who performs the occasional abortion on the side: "All right, then, dear,

first thing we've got to do is put the kettle on." (Tools of the trade: a cheese grater, a bottle of disinfectant, a bar of soap the color and nearly the size of a canned ham, and a rubber tube and squeezable bulb collectively known as a Higginson Syringe.) A master of euphemism, the very embodiment of cheery British sublimation, she doesn't so much do abortions as "help young girls out." And the fetus will not miscarry so much as simply "come away." And everyone is to be addressed as "dear," even the police inspector conducting her interrogation. The rights and wrongs of abortion, as distinct from the legality of it in early-Fifties England, or the fact-of-life of it in any place and period, do not enter into it. Far, far from the run-of-the-mill problem picture, the movie is loaded with what might be termed irrelevancies, the flavors and textures of the characters' lives irrespective of any overriding "issue": Vera's husband, in coveralls, at work in the garage with his business partner and brother; their son taking measurements at the haberdashery or having a night out with his chums at the dance hall; their hopelessly mousy daughter testing lightbulbs on the factory assembly line or throwing herself at — no, not exactly throwing herself at, but leaning ever so timidly toward — the lonely bachelor neighbor whom Mum has calculatingly invited to dinner; the circumspect war stories that make up the liveliest topic of conversation at that dinner. The movie narrows its focus and slackens its pace (never very swift) once the police come calling, but by then the reality of the situation — wonderfully, horribly, excruciatingly real — has become so engulfing that you would not want to skip a beat. Faultlessly acted from top to bottom: from Imelda Staunton and Phil Davis (tops) to Alex Kelly, Eddie Marsan, Daniel Mays, Peter Wight, Ruth Sheen, Lesley Manville, Sally Hawkins, Jim Broadbent. 2004. ★★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Wedding Date — It's straight downhill from the title, a decorous double entendre referring at once to the heroine's paid escort and to the social occasion to which she is being escorted — her baby sister's nuptials. The reason for the escort — to enable the heroine to hold up her head in front of family and former fiancé — has roots in psychological reality, but the roots run shallow: it would be a very cavalier woman, especially when coughing up a fee of \$6000, who would wait till she was aboard the airplane to meet the man she intends to present as her new beau. The gigolo's suitability, at a single glance, as a candidate for serious romance in a frothy comedy is a gauge of the movie's superficiality. While he liberally doles out the sort of platitudes that win him the epithet of "the Yoda of escorts," as well as the sort of sweet nothings that clog arteries and rot teeth ("I think I'd miss you even if we'd never met"), his only evident asset is his surface polish. The B-list principals — Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney — take us no nearer a sense of reality while taking us much farther from a sense of enchantment. Under the willfully blind direction of Clare Kilner, the movie eventually earns some laughs only when it turns earnest. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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AUDITIONS. "Godspell." Monday and Tuesday, 3/7, 3/8. 5 men/5 women. Prepare 1 minute vocal selection. E-mail: teridtiger@yahoo.com, more information, www.onstageplayhouse.org. Appointment, directions, 619-269-2317.

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AUDITIONS. The Laramie Project, March 7-8, 7pm. Howard Brubeck Theatre, Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos. Contact Pat, plarmer@palomar.edu or 760-744-1150 x2455.

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- Expressed, as a farewell
- ___ Lanka
- Spotted cat
- The "K" of James K. Polk
- A network
- Catherine of ___ (Henry VIII's first wife)
- "The Jungle" novelist
- Batten down
- Larger ___ life
- Grammy-winning guitarist Carlos
- A network
- Plato's H
- Peyton and Melrose, e.g.: Abbr.
- A network
- Suffix with million
- Test course paths
- Den
- Chic
- Intervening, in law
- Least potent, as beer
- The "A" of James A. Garfield
- Military unit that protects against sneak attacks
- "Witness: For the Prosecution of Scott Peterson" author Amber
- Triangular road sign
- Palm Pilots, e.g.: Abbr.
- A network
- ___ deferens
- Popular commercial campground
- TV prog. with a different host each week
- High and low?
- Letters on Sputnik
- Yasmine of "Baywatch"
- Apt description of each of the networks located within this puzzle?
- Ogle
- Boardroom bigwig
- LI + LI + LI + LI
- Whirlpools
- The Blue Jays, on scoreboards
- Dark times, in verse

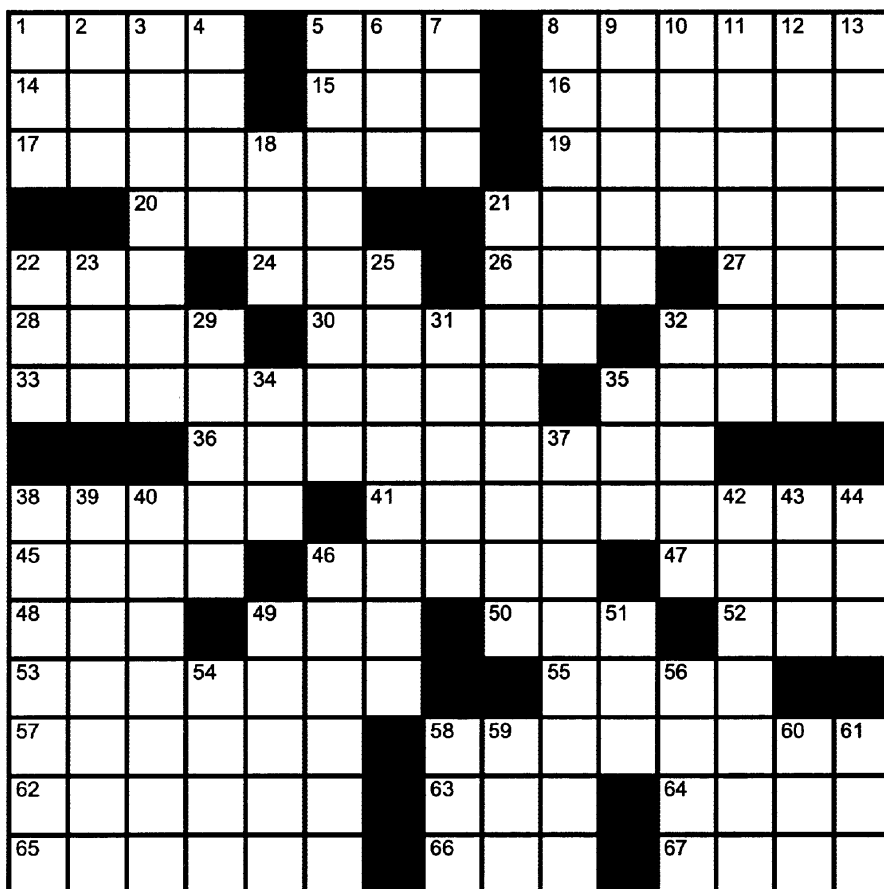
Down

- Lib. of Congress inventory
- "Wheel of Fortune" request
- Comment made while handing someone a Kleenex
- Part of NYSE
- Least adequate
- Sacrifice fly stat
- Place to spend shekels: Abbr.
- Spanish cellist Pablo
- 7-Down's former minister Moshe

- Milk: Prefix
- Tropical lizards
- Place to store ears
- 4,840 square yards
- New Guinea port
- Product 19 alternative
- "___ in apple"
- Took the bait
- *
- Super Bowl XXXIII MVP
- "No, ___, Bob!"
- Relax
- Dr. Seuss' Sam ___
- Chinese food flavoring
- Noah Wyle portrays one on TV
- Easy to talk to
- Like some burgers
- Movie critic who had a cameo in "Superman"
- Source of revenue for newspapers
- Did a 6K, say
- It helps you surf fast: Abbr.
- Palm Beach sights
- Aqua ___
- Oberhausen "oh"
- LPGA star ___ Pak
- Gospel singer Winans
- Halloween's mo.
- Opposite of paleo-
- "There's no ___ team"
- They're often seen parked at a 50-Across

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 2/17/05.

Of the 145 entrants, 140 were correct. The winners are:

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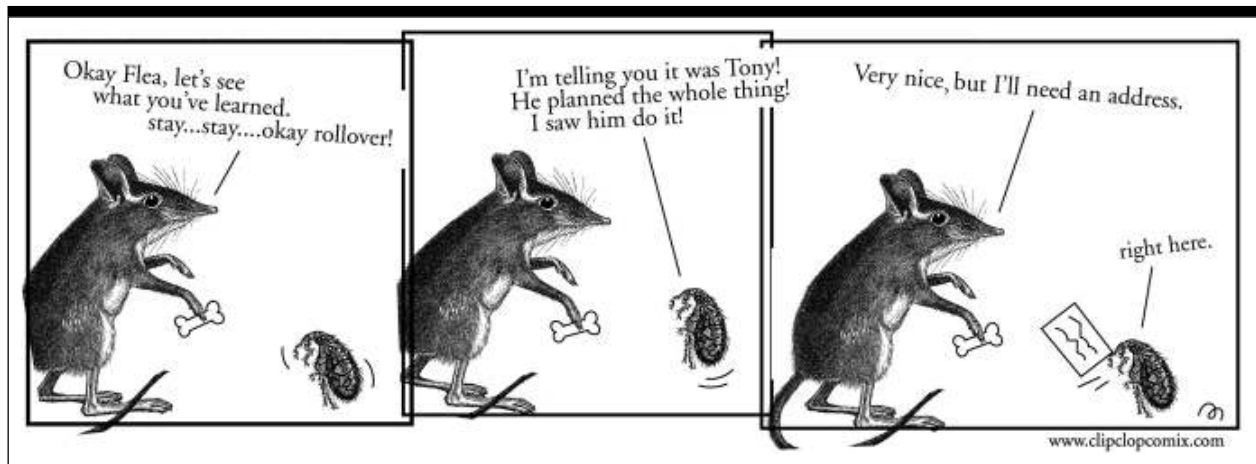
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SPONTANEOUS, OUTGOING, feminine lady, pretty, petite, fit, young at heart/spirit, love adventure, dance, travel, hikes, beach. Seeking fit, fun, spirited,

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TENDER-HEARTED, TALL, tan, terrific, teacher, traveler. Youthful figure intact, good listener, fun, sense of humor, romantic, healthy, intelligent. Seeking same, late 60s, early 70s. (3/9) ☎34024

SEEKING ONE MAN, single white female, blonde/green, fit, attractive, 46, 5'3", 120lbs., enjoy ocean, walks, movies. Seeking male, fit, attractive, strong, kind, 30s-40s. (3/9) ☎34014

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PRETTY REDHEAD, great smile, curvaceous figure. Seeking solid relationship-we're romantic, affectionate, lighthearted, playful, honest, financially secure, pleasant appearance. Leisure, fun relationship, tall, huggable, 50+. (3/9) **34032**

SINGLE MOM WITH A BOY, young looking, 35 and young at heart, 5'8", Caucasian, thin, beautiful. Seeking relationship with enthusiastic, genuine white male, 30ish. (3/9) **34015**

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN brunette, 52, 5'1", 120lbs., English major, secretary, psychology, Democrat-union, pacifist, Sierra Club, Nike, snorkel, raft, cross-ski, music, comedy, travel, children. Clairemont. (3/2) **34002**

BE MY VALENTINE? Attractive, petite, active gal wishes to meet caring, financially stable, nonsmoking, 70+ guy for companionship, walks, bicycling, travel, movies, gardening, dancing. (3/2) **34008**

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Nonsmoker, attractive, curvaceous, fun redhead, dynamic, tall, 50s. You: tall, playful, nonsmoker, handsome, educated, stable,

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ACTIVE, 57, PETITE, WIDOW, nonsmoker, nondrinker, employed Registered Nurse, witty, and sharp. Love theatre, outings, concerts, movies, more. Seeking employed gentleman, 55-65, nonsmoker, outgoing, available. (3/2) **33994**

MATCHES

Men Seeking Women

VALENTINE BIRTHDAY BOY, seeks his long lost sweetheart. Seeking 30-46, caucasian/hispanic, attractive lady for friendship+ if chemistry is there. Interests: jazz, rock, metal, animals. (3/2) **34237**

TALL, 55, RETIRED, financially secure, homeowner, booklover. Prefers 5'10"+, slender lady, nonsmoker for nature walks, exploring, laughter, stimulating conversations, classical music, old westerns, passion, spirituality. (3/2) **34248**

INTELLENT? DOWN TO EARTH? Unconventional? Quick-witted? Competent? Personable? Attractive? Curvaceous? Conservative? Unorthodox? Democratic? Outdoorsy? Sean Conner look-alike, 61, wants to meet you! (3/2) **34241**

BLACK TEDDY BEAR, tall, handsome, funny, charming, down to earth, late 30s. Seeking white/Hispanic female that wants to be spoiled and treated like queen. (3/9) **34285**

GOOD LOOKING, PHYSICALLY FIT, 5'10" brown hair, blue eyes, employed with healthy lifestyle and cottage near beach. College educated. Seeking fit female for monogamous relationship. (3/9) **34267**

STABLE, SECURE, down to earth, easygoing male, 57, seeks female companion to share life's weekend adventures. Have jeep, wants to travel. Let's talk. (3/9) **34283**

STILL KID AT HEART, reliable, casual, 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Outdoors, hiking, biking, new adventures, simple pleasures of life. You: ideas, attractive, one-to-one relationship. (3/2) **34225**

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker, acting and being myself. (3/2) **34235**

SENIOR GOOD GUY, romantic, good-natured, seeks petite tennis and life partner. Nonsmoking, fun loving, optimistic, open-minded woman over 60, please. I'm 5'7", 175lbs. (3/9) **34275**

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE GIRL (7 years), 46 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond, blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing thin woman. (3/9) **34271**

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I HOPE THIS LEADS to a great relationship. Latin, 38, tall, fit, clean cut, humorous. I enjoy life, beach, travel, salsa dancing. Age, race unimportant. (3/2) **34240**

ENJOYING LIFE. Want to date to have fun and make friends. 35-50 or outgoing, peaceful, fun person. Must be real. (3/9) **34274**

LET'S MAJOR IN CHEMISTRY. Homework includes dining, cooking, movies, and enjoying San Diego. 50s, North County guy, sense of humor a must. Fun anyone? (3/2) **34246**

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, very affectionate, attractive, unencumbered professional, 41, 6'1", 215lbs., German-Irish, family oriented. Seeking attractive, intelligent, unencumbered white female, 24-35, possessing inner/outer beauty. (3/2) **34252**

CAUCASIAN, 35 YEARS, father, energetic, romantic. Looking for that special person. Enjoy outdoor fun, kids are a big plus. Seeking soul mate. Smoking OK. (3/9) **34269**

AFFECTIONATE, SENSUAL, spiritual one, 45. Seeking short, well formed spirit with sexy legs, long dark hair, and kissing lips for physical relationship and possibly more. (3/9) **34281**

OUR TIME TO ENJOY LIFE. Caucasian male, mid-60s, active, secure, attractive, divorced homeowner would like to meet Caucasian lady between 50-70. (3/2) **34253**

MATURE, WHITE, nonjudgmental, honest male. Seeking perceptive, amusing, attractive woman. I reside in Ocean-side. (3/9) **34286**

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HANDSOME, 5'4", NATIVE San Diegan looking for companion. 60s child, SDSU graduate, love fishing, movies, romance, long drives with honest woman. Age not important. (3/2) **34249**

HERPES RARELY BUT the stigma remains. Me: hot looking, 37, caucasian, tall, athletic, intelligent, stable, fun guy. Looking for 30ish counterpart. Let's talk. (3/9) **34280**

CARING, FUN, FIT, romantic white male, 54, 5'6", 180lbs., seeks special lady for dinner, walks, camping, and quality time together. Bye for now. (3/2) **34234**

LATINA WOMAN WANTED. Upbeat positive guy, fit, slim, 5'8", college graduate. Seeking super-fine, virtuous Latina, 5'3"+, 25-48. (3/9) **34278**

TALL, ATHLETIC, 50s guy seeks long relationship to share small dog, fitness lifestyle, sensuality, exploration, travel, movies, theater, sensuality, quiet times. Ask for extended profile. (3/9) **34296**

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 47. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 33-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (3/9) **34272**

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 50 years old. Seeking sincere Asian female for long-term relationship. (3/9) **34292**

WOW ENDOWED! HOLY COW! Lets party and have a great time. I'm a funny and open-minded man looking for someone to have fun with. (3/2) **34256**

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SEEKING ADVENTUROUS, FIT partner for skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, desert and river. I'm successful, youthful, 47 years old. I play hard and work hard. (3/2) **34229**

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HISPANIC, 53 YEARS, 5'8", 155lbs., attractive, good shape, quiet, shy, nice personality, marriage minded, stable finances; likes desert, dining, movies. Seeking fair-skinned, petite lady. (3/2) **34255**

ARE YOUR FEET TIRED? Good-looking divorced white male looking for a lady who enjoys foot massage. (3/9) **34288**

VERY ATTRACTIVE LADY wanted. First come, I serve. Tall, handsome, 49, entrepreneur, kind, romantic, funny, smart, wanting one lady, 25-48, to pamper, dine, have exciting time. Please be sexy, monogamous, truthful, kind, caring. Be very fashionable and ready for whatever God brings. (3/2) **34258**

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, romantic, fun-loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoker. (3/2) **34245**

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OCEANSIDE GENTLEMAN, 52, 5'9", sincere, honest, kind, loyal, fun loving. Seeking North County woman; quality conversation, movies, walks, adventure, affection, theater, travel, sailing, sweet kisses. (3/2) **34251**

WARM, HONEST AND TRUE, 47, white, 5'8", 185lbs., sincere man searching for a fun, 40-50-year-old woman to share good times with. Smoker fine. (3/2) **34247**

SWEETIE WITH A SMILE in demand here. Attractive, shapely, fit, inner beauty, 35-40, sense of humor, desired by blue-eyed male, 5'10", professional, stable, affectionate. (3/9) **34291**

SENSUAL, CREATIVELY passionate, saturate the senses, romantic, deep sweet kissing, love nature, dining out. Male, 6'1", self-employed, loving, supportive, dancer, understand the goddess, 40s. (3/2) **34223**

LIKE TATOOS AND HARLEYS. I'm looking for you, good-hearted biker. Looking for fit, nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (3/9) **34285**

HELP WANTED. Happy, energetic, loving person of the female persuasion, white, 45-49, slender, smart, nonsmoker for fun and more for good guy, 53. (3/2) **34228**

TALL, FIT, FUN, HANDSOME, 43, blue eyes, good communicator, happy with life, sense of humor. Seeking slender, attractive soul mate for dining, dancing, travel, relationship. (3/9) **34287**

PHYSICALLY FIT, young looking 59, 6', caring, considerate, knows how to treat a lady. Let's share happy, adventurous times together. You'll be glad you called. (3/2) **34244**

BLACK, 39, GENTLEMAN, career-oriented, passionate. Enjoys music, videos, dinners. Seeking Asian female, 30-55, attractive, successful and romantic for relationship and maybe more. Be sincere. (3/9) **34266**

SENSE OF HUMOR, HONEST, spiritual, psychological minded, passionate, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy coffeehouses, conversation, nature, films, rock music. Seeking someone to share life. (3/9) **34262**

HAPPY HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL I am 51, fit, neat, and live in Chula Vista. I like to have fun, have no baggage. Live alone with pets. (3/2) **34242**

MATURE, KIND, CONSIDERATE man seeks same in a lady. I'm 39, 5'10", black/blue. Possible long-term relationship. (3/2) **34231**

FILIPINA SOUGHT FOR friendship, possible long-term relationship. Mixed race, 53, 5'10", 174lbs. Loving heart, extremely kind, fit, playful, spiritual, attractive. 38-55. All calls returned. (3/2) **34226**

CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL, fit, 48, 5'10". Seeking slender, 33-48, nonsmoking, who loves dogs, steak, long weekends, Chargers, getaways, affectionate, caring, considerate, for soul mate. (3/9) **34277**

ENLIGHTENED, SAVVY, accomplished, artistic, attractive, devoted, good hearted soul. Seeking unjaded, educated, communicative, cultured, sensual, eclectic mate for final chapter. 58, 5'10", dark. No games. (3/2) **34250**

MUSIC-LOVING, NONSMOKING world traveling affluent widower, 80s. Seeking retired senior lady, 70s-80s, sincere, loving, sensual, available for friendship, companionship, social activities, travel, cruises together. (3/2) **34220**

BLOND/BLUE, 56, 5'11", 163lbs., simple, Leucadia trailer owner. Love ocean, ecological, wine, beer, liberal, honesty, integrity, surfing, jazz, Buddha Tao, bicycle. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Nonsmoker. Seeking similar gal. (3/9) **34268**

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NICE GUY, 68, RETIRED, healthy, active, outdoorsy, no baggage. Like foreign films, desert, cruises; stable finance, east county. Looking for a nice lady. (3/2) ☎34222

TRIM, TRACTABLE, TRUE Trevor seeks sweet, sexy, seductive Susan. Be kind, considerate, little crazy, 25-45. I'll be yours, fun, frolic, frivolity, plus prime pampering promised. (3/9) ☎34279

TEACHER, WORLD TRAVELER, caring, loving, secure, seeks woman, 35-54, for fun, romance, long-term relationship, economical adventurous world travel, backpacking, sailing, camping. Retired, 53, homeowner. (3/2) ☎34238

HISPANIC 36 YEARS, 56. Seeking fit, cute, funny, intelligent, warm, white female to have some fun times with friendship, dining, movies dancing. (3/9) ☎34293

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK LADY, 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you! (3/2) ☎34233

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ATTRACTIVE GENTLEMAN, 37, financially secure, physically fit, black. Enjoy dancing, movies, walks, music, sports. Seeking attractive, fit lady who's honest, professional, adventurous, joyful. Let's talk. (3/9) ☎34270

6'3", white,

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SENIOR HANDSOME, seeks attractive, wealthy lady to share adventures. Central San Diego please. Active outdoor type. Must be honest, nonsmoker, nondrinker, unencumbered. (3/9) ☎34264

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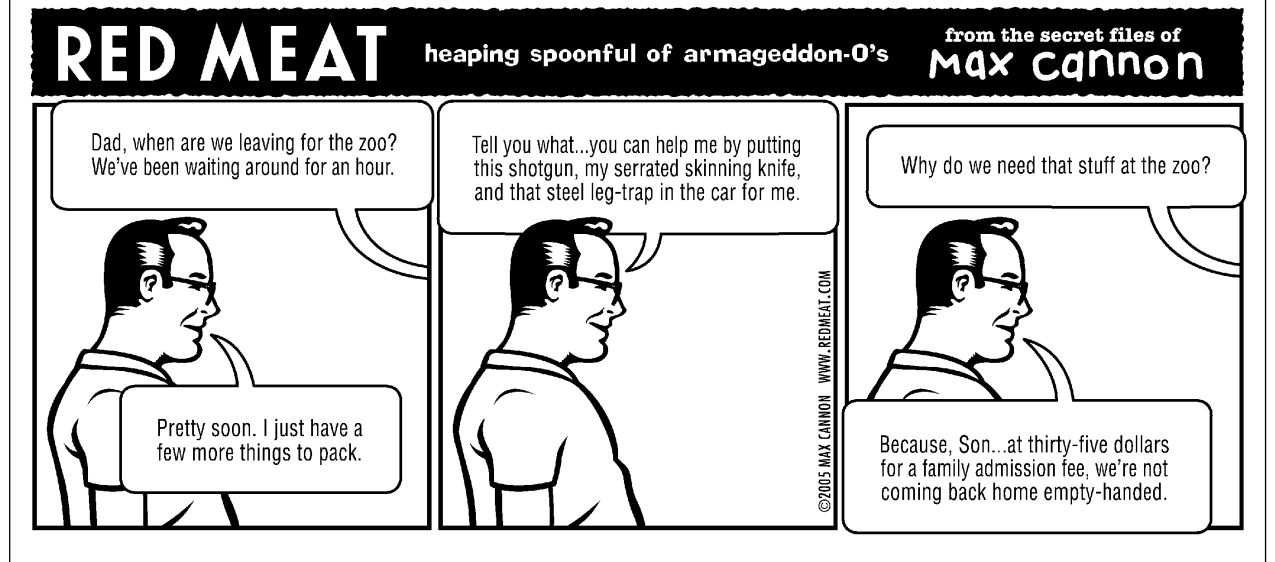
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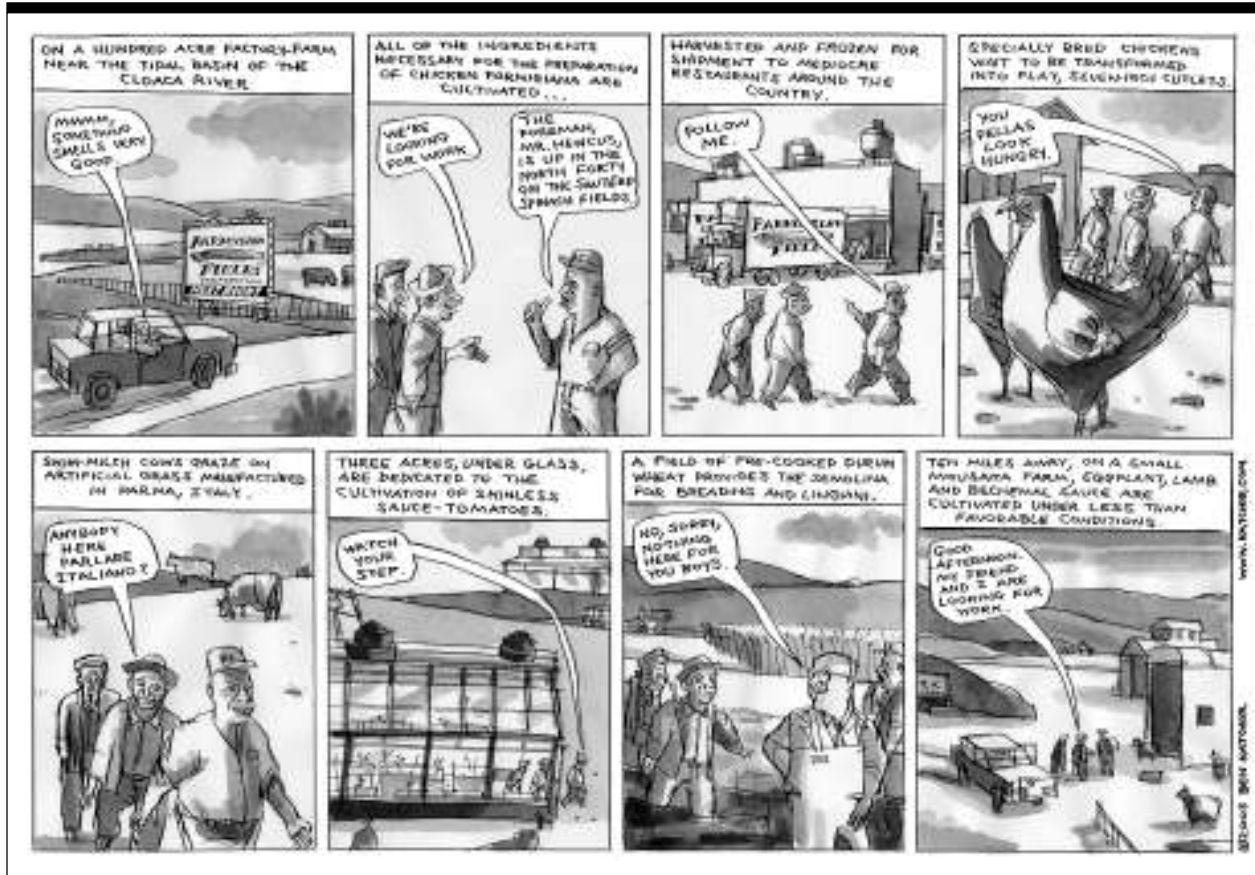
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Robert Lewis
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I'm already going deaf, so I'd rather go deaf because I've already been learning how to deal with it. It's nice to still see where I'm going. I've been learning how to read lips, so it's not that bad. When I was younger, I used to go and see a lot of live music and listen to music really loud. I'm trying not to be content with losing my hearing; I've gone to a specialist to see if there's anything that can be done about my hearing and prevent it from getting any worse.



Erin Wagner
Waitress
Pacific Beach

I'd rather go deaf. I think that if you're blind, you'd miss out on all of the beauty that the world has to offer. Aesthetics heavily rely on what is visually pleasing. I don't think that I'd mind going deaf and have people calling me "deaf and dumb" because my other senses would be heightened anyways. Besides, if I'm deaf, it's not like I'm going to be able to hear anyone calling me anything, anyway. If you're deaf, then you don't have to deal with a lot of the crap that people say; it would make life simpler, in that regard. You still get subtitles on TV and you can always read the words to a song and hope to get the true meaning of a song that way.



Tim Long
Business Owner
Rancho Bernardo

Deaf. There's a lot to see in San Diego. Even if I lived in a desert [where there isn't as much to see], I'd still choose to go deaf over going blind. It's all about keeping my vision. It'd be a hard trade-off because I like music a lot. One of the main drawbacks to being blind would be not being able to see things as harmless as cracks in the sidewalk that you could trip on. I just think that not having your vision would make the world so much more dangerous.



Rebecca Carson
Office Manager
Pacific Beach

I would rather go blind because I love music. I don't think that I'd miss out as much if I were blind. Being blind, you can still enjoy music and read Braille books. I like to read as well as listen to music and I think that if I were blind, I could still take part in both. Being blind, I'd miss colors and seeing my loved ones. I'd miss out being able to see the faces of my family. Also, when you're deaf, you don't speak correctly and that's like losing two senses for the price of one.



Jana Pennell
Teaching Assistant
Point Loma

I'd rather be deaf. I'm inside my head all the time; might as well not be bothered by other people. I'd miss music, but I think it's more important to see the world in order to better participate in it. If I were to go deaf now, I don't think that means that I would also be unable to talk. I mean, if you're talking for 20 years before you go deaf, wouldn't those speech patterns already be there, leaving the person with the ability to talk? The main reason that I wouldn't want to be blind is that I think it makes you more removed from the world, where deaf people can read lips and watch movies and TV with subtitles. Also, when you're deaf, people can't tell right away; whereas, when you're blind, people can tell and take a wide berth around you. It's an irony: when you're blind, people see you better. People are more aware of your handicap.



Emily Zimmerman
Restaurant Manager
Point Loma

Deaf. I'd like to be able to see the world around me. If I were deaf, I'd miss my children's voices. On the other hand, I think that [my children and I] communicate without saying anything. I can give my kids the "Mom look" and they know exactly what I'm saying before I say a thing. There are advantages to being deaf; you don't have to have so many meaningless conversations with people. As a deaf person, people would get to the point when talking with you and not fill your ear with jibber-jabber. If I had to choose whether the person I'm dating goes deaf or blind, I would say deaf for the same reasons. Even if he went blind, I don't think I'd let myself gain weight just because he doesn't see me.

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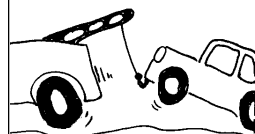
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CORONADO. \$950-\$1195. Beautiful 1 and 2-1/2 bedroom with ceiling fans, laundry facilities and a courtyard. Parking available for small fee, within walking distance to Ferry Landing. 129 D Avenue. 1/2 off first month's rent! Open house Saturday, 2-4pm. Call 858-270-5500. www.msrbrow.com.

CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH. \$895 a month, charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath in garden setting. On-site laundry, near bay and beach. No pets. IPMG, 760-967-4764.

CROWN POINT. Move-in special: \$200 off. 1 bedroom \$995! Walk to beach. Parking, ceiling fans, gated entry, laundry, peaceful. 3833 Jewell Street. 858-483-2869.

DEL CERRO. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Balcony/storage, upstairs, 2-car parking, laundry, pool, jacuzzi. Includes utilities. Near all. \$900 deposit/credit check. 858-337-2571.

DEL CERRO. Large condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony/storage, upstairs unit. Parking, laundry, pool, jacuzzi. \$1250. Near all. 5422 Adobe Falls Road #11. 619-846-0488.

DEL CERRO. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, air conditioning, 2 car parking, Storage. Pet ok. Refrigerator. Washer/dryer. Near SDSU. Agent. 858-492-1142.

DEL CERRO. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, 7379 Caminito Carlotta. Garage, fireplace, recreation facilities. 858-349-8776 or jcrawf6425@aol.com.

DEL CERRO. \$1075-\$1125. Large 2 bedroom apartments. Pool, patio. Near shops and freeway. Move-in special!! 5757 College Avenue. 619-286-1777.

DEL MAR SPECIAL! Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Quiet cozy beach-style complex west of I-5 in Del Mar. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 full bath apartments. Assigned parking, laundry onsite. Year-round heated pool and spa. Less than 1 mile from beach. 858-481-6620.

DEL MAR. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, west of I-5. Hardwood floors, gated, pool, jacuzzi. 13754 Mango #128. Agent. 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

DEL MAR. \$1750. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Light, bright, view, tiled kitchen and bath, dishwasher. Pool, spa, parking. Includes water/gas. 858-481-4345.

DEL MAR. \$1400, utilities included. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, west of I-5, mile to beach. Gourmet kitchen, tile floors, carpeted bedrooms. 13754 Mango Drive #226. Agent. 760-633-1946.

DEL MAR. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Light, bright, top floor, eastern view, pool, spa, all amenities. 858-481-4345.

DEL MAR. \$1585. 2 bedroom apartment. Pet OK. Carpet, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-272-7368.

DEL MAR. 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. \$2005 with washer/dryer, fireplace, garage, close to shopping and beach. Spacious remodeled home. Call Sunrise Management. 858-571-1970.

DEL MAR. Great mountain view! Large 1 bedroom with swimming pool, hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, 1-car garage. Nonsmoking. \$1250. 858-794-7880.

DEL MAR. New upgrades, immaculate condition! Double master bedrooms, 2.5 baths. All appliances. Fireplace. Patio. 2-car garage. Pools/gym. No pets. \$1600. 619-296-6777. 619-838-0493.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Live west of I-5 for less than \$1200/month! Spacious 1, 2, 3 bedrooms. Beautifully landscaped. Private patio, balcony. Resort-style pool. Lighted tennis court. Sports and picnic areas. Near beaches, entertainment, shopping. Small pets welcome! Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.solanahighlands.com, 1-877-698-1789. http://www.sdrreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet, great new stainless kitchen, washer/dryer, pool, spa, tennis courts, fitness center, parking. 858-525-1003; 619-528-4200.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. From \$1395. 12570 Carmel Creek Road #83, 3967 Caminito Del Mar Surf, 13754 Mango Drive #322 (top floor, west of I-5), 1552 Camino Del Mar #601 (almost ocean front). Some ocean views. Interior laundry. Pets OK. Rent to own! Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pic-

tures at www.ILoveDelMar.com. Distinctive Properties RE/MAX. 858-755-8580.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Starting from \$1140! Studio/lofts, 1 bedroom/loft, 2 bedrooms, 2 bedroom/lofts. 2 bedroom special: \$75 off per month! Dishwasher. Balcony. Pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Fitness center. Laundry. Garages available. Near freeway/beach. Cat OK. Esprit Del Sol Apartments, 873 Stevens Avenue. 858-481-1155. www.sdrreader.com/rent/1038.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. \$1000/month, \$1000 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, balcony, new everything. Near downtown and Petco Park. Private parking. 619-985-7736.

DOWNTOWN, EAST VILLAGE. \$1850. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Large usable atic, garage with washer/dryer, balcony. Top floor of fully restored 1890 Victorian home. 12 foot ceilings, hardwood floors, large modern kitchen/dining, lots of storage and much more, bright and sunny. 1117 19th Street. Norm. 619-295-0742.

DOWNTOWN, CORTEZ HILL. Studio. \$745. Limited access building, charming, quiet, residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

DOWNTOWN, CORTEZ HILL. 1 bedroom, \$825. Bright, upper unit. On-site laundry. Utilities included. No pets. 8th and A Street. 619-233-5330.

DOWNTOWN. \$2400. City Front Terrace. View, luxury, 8th floor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony, concierge, washer/dryer, 2 pools, gym. 858-259-8680.

DOWNTOWN. Best value, Gaslamp District, \$360/month, community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x103. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. \$475 and up plus deposit. Furnished room available in residential hotel with shared kitchen/bath. Includes microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. 1545 Second Avenue, between Beech and Cedar. 619-595-0078.

DOWNTOWN. \$1650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking. Pet OK with deposit. Appliances. 11th floor view. Water/gas/trash paid for. Pool. Jacuzzi. 619-252-7666.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful building, new furnished rooms. Free wireless internet! Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. \$160 weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN. Renaissance. Beautiful views, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, gourmet kitchen, washer/dryer. Secured entrance, parking, large storage. Gym, pool. Walk to shops/restaurants. \$2675/month. 714-969-0078.

DOWNTOWN. A must see! Recently remodeled, large, stylish studios. Murphy bed, hardwood floors, separate kitchen, full bath, walk-in closet with built-ins. Laundry and ample storage. \$895+, \$500 deposit. Call to schedule appointment. 619-423-3893. www.floot.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$975. 2 bedroom, lower level, private entry, hardwood floors, crown molding, beautiful turn of the century style. 619-230-0998.

DOWNTOWN. Outstanding furnished rooms, \$400-\$500, heart of Gaslamp, shared bathrooms, community kitchen, free cable TV, no pets, 843 4th Avenue, Windsor Hotel. 619-231-2385. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Near City College. Single rooms with kitchenettes from \$150/week plus deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmed-sd.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$1350-\$1500. Newly renovated loft. New paint/hardwood floors. Washer/dryer in unit. Month free with 13-month lease. Bright, full kitchen, full bath. 825 5th. 619-544-4488.

DOWNTOWN. Stunning 8th floor luxury condo. New, spacious, 2 bedroom, 2 bath located in the heart of Marina District. Bay/city views. \$2500. 619-660-1785; 714-335-7348.

DOWNTOWN. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath Condo. Gated, fresh paint, washer/dryer, 2-parking spaces, \$2,000 includes water/maid services. No pets. 619-508-1301. Photos/details: http://www.rent235market.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$2095. Stunning upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath/den. Hardwood floors. Granite counters. Appliances. Pool. Spa. 2 parking spaces. On approved credit. Craig. 858-243-4071.

DOWNTOWN. 2 units: 3 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1480. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1100. New carpet/paint, 2 weeks free rent. Section 8 OK. Liz. 619-221-2100.

DOWNTOWN. \$2495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful downtown row home. Parking. Kitchen/granite counters. Fireplace. Built-ins. Pets accepted upon approval. Shannon, 619-223-1500; 619-347-7325.

DOWNTOWN. Close to all! Quiet 1 bedroom condo with balcony and tropical garden view. All new appliances. Secure parking. Pool, spa, exercise room. \$1275. 858-354-4320.

DOWNTOWN. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condominium. Remodeled. Views. Concierge, valet. Gym. \$2000. Available now. Secured building, elevators. 702 Ash Street #405. Call Jason, 858-688-1113.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable rooms and studios near Gaslamp District, \$400-\$675, very quiet and clean. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, community kitchen, shared bathrooms. Near shopping, restaurants, movie theatres and Horton Plaza. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Avenue. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639 x 103. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2097.

DOWNTOWN. Cozy rooms, \$400-\$550, grab these little jewels today! Very comfortable, convenient location, historic building near C Street trolley. Choice of shared or private bathrooms. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator, no pets. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B, Hughes Management, 619-239-3808. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2099.

DOWNTOWN. Economical furnished rooms, \$385-\$500, best price, save money. Conveniently located on C Street trolley line, near restaurants, free cable TV, shared bathrooms, on-site laundry facilities, vending machines, elevator service, no pets, 636 C Street (between 6th and 7th). C Street Inn, Hughes Management, 619-234-4165. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2098.

DOWNTOWN. El Cortez Hill. \$1795. Huge, deluxe, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, granite, fireplace, laundry. 4th floor, 2 underground parking. 1640 10th Avenue. 619-222-9308.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. \$1600. 912 square feet. All appliances. Fans. 2 secured parking spaces. Pool. 1580 Union Street #310. 619-421-9090, Agent.

DOWNTOWN. \$725. 1 bedroom, ground floor, just restored, authentic hardwood floors, fresh paint, new tile, new appliances. 619-230-0998.

DOWNTOWN. \$590. Nice studio. Section 8 OK. 1157 10th Avenue #5. Available March 1. A&J Property Management, 888-530-7942; app@ajprop.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Available now with off-street parking. Address: 2763 G Street. Xlarent.com. 619-683-7638.

DOWNTOWN. \$1350. The Mills. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stainless steel kitchen, upgraded new carpet and tile, washer/dryer, balcony with view, gym, parking. 858-525-1003; 619-528-4200.

DOWNTOWN. \$1600. Park Row. Fabulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lush grounds, secured entry, new carpet/blinds. Cat OK. 701 Kettner Boulevard #141. Agent. 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

DOWNTOWN. 7th/C. Live/work. Trolley Lofts. \$915-\$1375. Hardwood, some vaulted ceilings, laundry, heat/air. Great central location! Parking or most pets (extra fee). 619-702-7222.

DOWNTOWN. \$1500. New large, bright 1 bedroom. Amazing views: Bay, coronado, Point Loma. No pets/smoking. Pool, jacuzzi, gym, barbecue, air conditioning. Ready now! 619-274-1900.

DOWNTOWN. Gaslamp City Square. 450 J Street. Five, newly built 1 bedroom condos available. \$300 off first month's rent! Pool/spa/fitness/parking. \$1500/month. 858-405-9704.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom plus den condo. The Grande, 1199 Pacific Highway. \$3500/month includes utilities. 858-547-8073 or 858-382-1164.

DOWNTOWN. Studio, \$725. Quiet complex. Gated parking with remote entry. Laundry on premises. 1830 Market. No pets. Available now. Section 8 OK. 619-405-7368; 619-742-2100.

DOWNTOWN. Urban loft. 1000 square feet. \$1400. Exclusively unique historical building. 12-foot ceilings. Original hardwood floors. Full kitchen. Bay windows. Full of light. On-site laundry. Controlled security access. No on-site parking. No dogs. Available now. Must see! 619-235-5601.

DOWNTOWN. Renaissance. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1295 square feet, city/bay views, eighth floor, gym, spa, 2 parking, washer/dryer, \$2490/month. No pets/smoking. 619-595-4314.

DOWNTOWN. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1350. Great unit located in Treeto community. All new appliances. Must see! 1277 Kettner

Boulevard #310. 858-598-1111, x190. www.utiopiamanagement.com.

DOWNTOWN. 645 Front Street, Renaissance, \$3100. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 level townhouse in the Marina! High ceilings, huge windows, upgraded kitchen, 2000 square feet of space! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN. \$750, studio, \$200 off first month. Laundry facilities, security. Near City College, trolley. Drive by 1028 14th Street, then call 619-299-6424.

DOWNTOWN. \$2100. Park lofts condo. 1431 square feet. 2 bathrooms. Wood floors. Washer/dryer. Parking. Close to PetCo Park. 877 Island Avenue. 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$1795. 350 K Street. Crown Bay 2 bedroom, 2 bath available. Parking, Third floor. Quiet. Courtyard view. Washer/dryer. Granite. Upton Property Management, 619-297-7368.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright, corner studio, \$795. Hardwood floor, nice kitchen, bearclaw tub-shower. Charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front, near Beech, 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1350. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, secure parking, washer/dryer, fireplace, balcony with courtyard view, gym, pool, spa, rec room. Near all. 619-200-5595.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Up to 3 weeks free! 1 bedrooms from \$1324. 2 bedrooms from \$1465. Low deposits! Views! Controlled access. Elevators. Clubhouse. Landscaped courtyards, barbecues. Subterranean parking. Storage available. Fitness center. Pet friendly! Full-size washer/dryer. Air conditioning. Internet. Porta d'Italia, 1970 Columbia Street. 1-866-465-2127. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2095.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1600. Work/live loft across from Petco Park! No pets. 619-291-4441; evenings/weekends. 619-291-4441.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Hardwood floors, granite, washer/dryer, walk-in closet. Includes parking, gas and water. Fitness center with jacuzzi and spa on site. Upper unit, available now for \$1350. Call 619-980-2793.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$700. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Residential block with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Amazing new 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer. All amenities. Spacious and fun! Secure building and covered parking. \$1995/month. Call Megan, 858-688-0968.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1100. Available now. Hardwood floors, on-site laundry. Close to all. Charming garden units in quiet neighborhood. 712 Cedar Street. Top floor Victorian house, 1100+ square feet. \$1500. 740 Cedar. 619-544-1948.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Panoramic view! 20th floor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, club room, storage, etc., 2-car space. Brand new. Walk to everything. No pets. \$2750/month. Call Caesar, 619-889-8804.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Modern lofts, only for the truly urban at heart! Super cool 1, 2 bedrooms! \$995-\$1695. Some high ceilings, huge windows. Patios/balconies. Stained concrete or wood floors. Euro kitchens. Washer/dryer. Pets OK. Highly desirable location! Near trolley, restaurants, shops. Kandace 619-750-9642, Brian 619-370-8826, Anthony 619-233-4118. www.sdltofts.com.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Union Square. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1100 square feet. 2-car parking garage, security, gym, spa, washer/dryer, appliances, College, grocery, freeway access. Available March 1. \$1795. 760-432-0069.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$725+. Sassy, sexy vintage studio. Historical building, decorator colors, hardwood floors. Pet considered. 619-231-8723.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Acqua Vista. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new condo, all appliances. Pool, spa, gym, parking. 425 West Beech Street #208. Leasing Unlimited. 760-436-7273.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$700. Spacious quiet studio. Full size kitchen, bath. Controlled access. On-site laundry. Cats OK. Available now. 942 Beech Street. 619-239-8357.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. From \$650-\$750. Beaumanoir mini lofts, located blocks from Petco Park. Unique urban lofts with approximately 250 square feet, 12-foot ceilings, brick, hardwood floors. Solid wood furniture available. Paid cable, electric, water. Most spaces include sleeping lofts. Includes refrigerator and microwave. DSL available. On-site laun-

dry, barbecue deck. Impeccable renovation. 927 6th Avenue. No pets. Map available on sdrreader.com. Call Michael, 619-232-1517.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1350. 1501 Front Street, Palermo. 5th floor, 1 bedroom, 1 bath with large deck. Walk-in closets, granite kitchen, pool/spa, workout! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 300 W. Beech, La Vita, \$1550, 11th floor! Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath with bay/city views, large deck, fireplace, pool, spa, workout! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 1601 India Street, Porto Siena, \$1395. 1 bedroom, 1 bath top floor. New paint/carpet, huge deck with city views. Perfect location! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. City Square, 450 J Street, \$1400. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, walk-in closets. Good city views! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. \$1395. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath with amazing views! Custom paint, all appliances, secured parking. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. No rent until April 1, 2005! Undeniably stylish apartments and townhomes. 1 bedroom flats from \$1355; Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$2220! Near Gaslamp Quarter, Horton Plaza, more! Heated pool, spa, fitness center, parking, Washer/dryer, central heat/air. The Heritage, 1471 8th Avenue. 1-888-707-3529. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2010.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$850. Studio. 600 square feet. Full kitchen. Fireplace. Secluded. Walk to Petco, Gaslamp. Near all. 8-unit colonial brick. Utilities paid. No pets. 935 Date Street. 619-670-7484, 619-917-3121.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$625 and up. Studio, clean nonsmoking building. Hardwood and ceramic floors. Charming built-in storage. Laundry. 1 cat OK. On trolley line. 830 Park Boulevard (12th). 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/EL CORTEZ. Newly remodeled, second floor unit, overlooks pool, 750 square feet, 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Valet parking. Pets. Nonsmoking. \$1295. 619-723-3811.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. 1480 Broadway, Union Square. \$2200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft! Huge rooftop deck with views of city and harbor. 2 parking. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Best prices downtown! Call for specials! New in Gaslamp! Studios from \$785. 1 bedrooms from \$1135. 2 bedrooms, \$1140-\$1500. Deposits \$300-\$400. Floor-to-ceiling windows. Great city views! Gated community. Water/garbage paid. Laundry. Storage. Underground parking, \$80/month. Pets OK. 900 F Street. 619-233-4787. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2020.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Lofts in the heart of the Gaslamp from \$975! 85 lofts, 17 different floor plans, 890-1300 square feet. Move-in specials! Select pets OK. Roof deck, barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Parking available. Pioneer Lofts leasing office: 315 4th Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdrreader.com/rent/2064.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. \$121/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Safe and secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Views, views, views! Luxury condos available immediately! Secured parking, pool/spa, concierge. Furnished/unfurnished. Studio to 3 bedroom. \$1500-\$2500. 619-325-2820; 619-315-1520.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath in La Vita. Granite countertops, parking, pool, spa, fitness, courtyard view, washer/dryer. \$1500. Call 619-885-8003.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Studio and 1 bedroom apartments from \$995. Luxury lofts in Little Italy from \$1600-balconies. Berber carpet, on-site laundry facilities. 619-255-0526. www.sdrurbanliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath Acqua Vista condo on 5th floor. Rooftop pool/jacuzzi. 24 hour gym & valet parking. Balcony with city/ocean view. \$1799. Alex. 619-520-6402.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$900. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow next to Amici Park and Little Italy. Hardwood floors, refrigerator. 1662 Front Street. Call Jim at 619-435-0145.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Move-in special! Corner Ash/Union, great views, 1

and 2 bedrooms from \$1195-\$1495. Stainless steel appliances, 17-foot ceilings. Pets OK. 619-501-6731. www.thebillboardlofts.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1275. Palermo. Brand new 1 bedroom condo, large balcony, courtyard view, all amenities. Pet OK. 1501 Front Street #435. Agent. 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 2 bedroom condo. Sunny, balcony bay/city views. Furnished, new appliances, washer/dryer. 9th floor. Parking. Pool/spa/gym. \$1990. 619-820-0677; 619-301-5532.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$2100. 1580 Union Street, La Vita. 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom, brand new building, huge deck, all amenities, perfect Little Italy location! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Village Walk, \$2200. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath on 2 levels. Hardwood floors, upgraded stainless kitchen, patio, 2 parking. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 1 bedroom, 1 bath La Vita complex, awesome kitchen, fireplace, appliances, large private patio, parking, pool, gym. Never lived in! Reduced \$1375. Pet considered. 619-847-4254.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA. City front. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Views! \$2500. Call now for move-in special. @ Home San Diego, 619-571-9977.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. Marina Park 1 bedroom. \$1850. Call for move-in special! Full service building, all amenities. @ Home San Diego, 619-571-9977.

EL CAJON. \$725-\$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry. Available 3/4/05-3/7/05. 452 Emerald Avenue #7 and #11. 619-295-1100; www.ctrhon.com.

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munity. 2 pools. 2 laundry facilities. Available now. Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30am-6pm, Saturdays 9am-3pm. 619-442-8306.

EL CAJON. Newer trailer for rent. \$475/month plus utilities/deposit. \$30 fee for credit check/rental history. Laundromat. Gated community. Bill. 619-444-4843.

EL CAJON. \$1075. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome with large private patio and balcony, dishwasher, central heat and air, pool, jacuzzi. Call 619-447-7386.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, \$750/month. Central air and heat, pool, barbecue area, laundry. Gated community. Wheelchair accessible. Select pets on approval. Move-in special: 1/2 off first month's rent! 346 South Mollison Avenue. 619-312-0606.

EL CAJON. 1164 Decke Street #B. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Gated parking, gated community. \$1425/month. Deposit \$1200. Fireplace. 619-696-7368. www.sandiegobestrentals.com.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. 1019 Peach. Upper unit with air conditioning. Pool, on-site laundry, parking, quiet area. 858-200-9408; Sandy, 619-588-4773.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$625. Move in special! 1/2 off first month's rent with 6 month lease. On-site laundry, pool, parking. Great freeway access. 800 North Mollison. 619-447-0531, 858-200-9408.

EL CAJON. \$895. Spacious apartment. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. On-site laundry, picnic area, close to all/freeways. Gated parking. Section 8 OK. Call 8am-8pm, 619-957-7272.

EL CAJON. \$755, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$940. 2 bedroom. \$1270, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Community complex. Gated pool. Parking. Air conditioning. No pets. Central location. 933 Peach Avenue. 619-447-9193.

EL CAJON. \$915. Sparkling 2 bedroom, 2 bath completely remodeled apartment. Unit has washer/dryer, dishwasher, private garage and more. No dogs. Cats OK. 960 East Chase Avenue. Call 619-244-9882.

EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, \$850. 441 Dominguez Way. Courtyard apartments. No pets. 619-262-0909.

EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$895, available now. 1 bedroom, available March 5. Amenities include pool, gym, barbecue. Ask for move-in specials! OAC. www.villasofwashington.com. 619-440-1774.

EL CAJON. \$1095. New 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo, granite counters, downstairs, gated, pool, gym. Covered parking. Nonsmoking. No pets. Between Madison and Ballentyne. Agent. 619-921-8518.

EL CAJON. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, refrigerator, stove, laundry facilities. Off-street parking. 1028 Magnolia. Call 619-440-4607.

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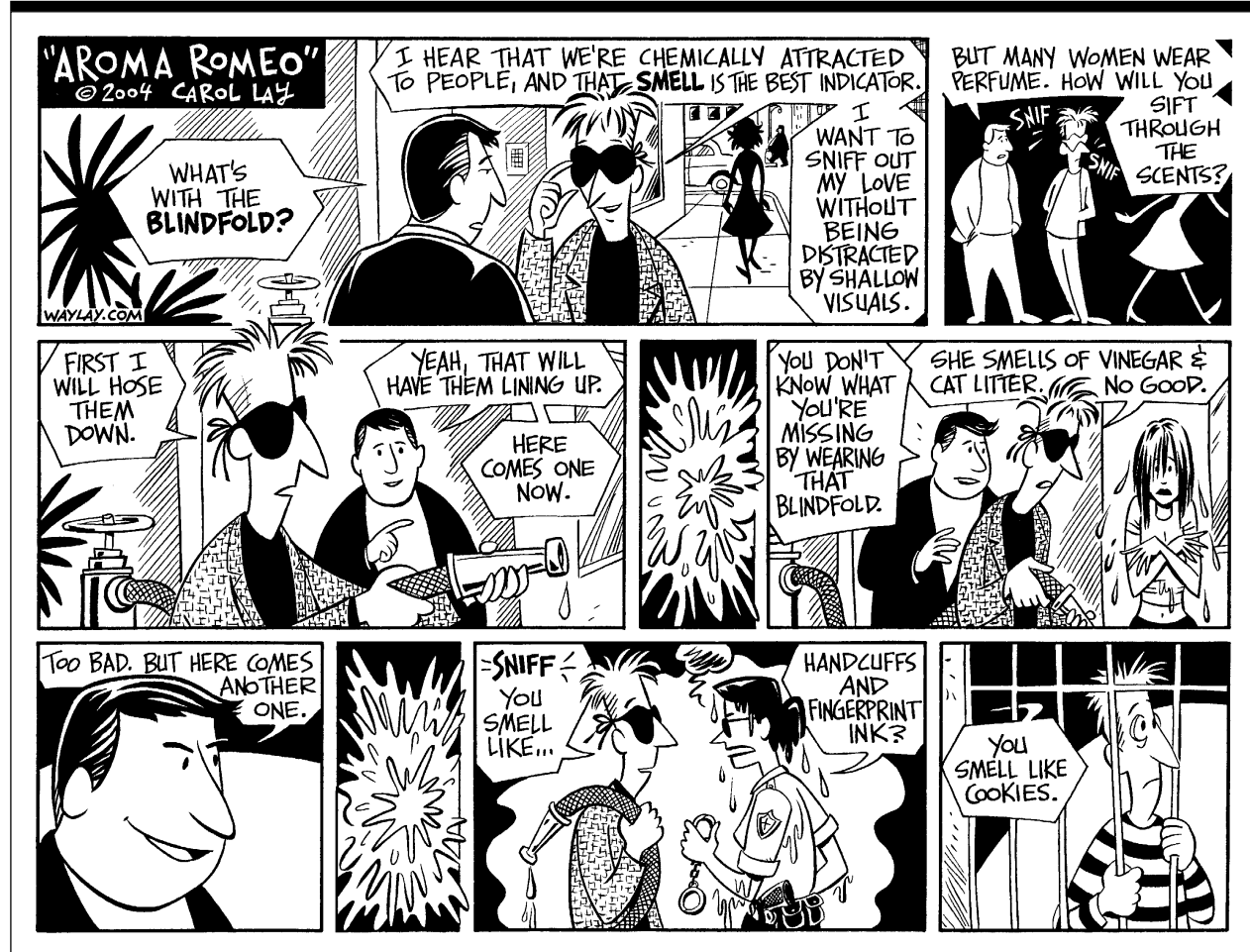
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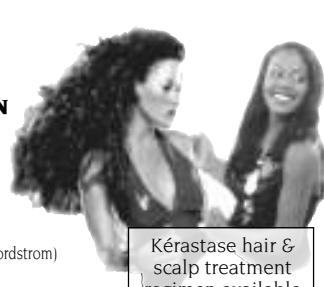
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HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. Adorable 1 bedroom Craftsman style duplex. \$1200. Secluded with great view. 2-car garage with washer/dryer hookup. Will consider pet. 619-322-2478 or 619-347-3805.

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HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. Half off first month! Must see! Spacious 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. New carpet, tile, paint. New range. Dishwasher, microwave. Screened balcony. Elevator. Laundry. Sauna, recreation room, pool table. Gated parking. Pet OK. \$1425. Message. 619-293-3378.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedroom, \$1295/up. Great move-in specials! Great location. Elevator, Pool. Laundry. Lovely courtyard. Gym. Sauna. Barbecue. Off-street parking. No pets. Hillcrest Towers. 1030 Robinson Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2066. 619-295-9673.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Apartment homes available for immediate move-in! From \$1195. Low deposits! 2, 3 bedroom townhomes. Low deposits! Patios. Storage. 2 pools. Covered carports, storage. Fitness center. Close to beach! Pets welcome! Near award-winning schools. Sports park nearby. Imperial Beach Gardens, 319 Imperial Beach Boulevard. 866-509-6750. www.sdreader.com/rent/2105.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom townhomes and ground floor units available. Steps to beach! Ocean and mountain views, fireplace, heated pool. \$1295-\$1495. Agent. Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in nice complex, washer/dryer hookups, walk-in closets, dishwasher, underground parking. \$995 for unit with 2 master bedrooms. \$975 for regular 2/2. 1070 Georgia Street. 619-429-3630.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2-story townhome style apartment. New carpet, paint, laundry on-site.

Off-street parking. 732 Calla Avenue. Jim. 619-435-0145.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Townhouse 3 minutes to beach, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Private, fenced patio, deck, garage, off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Cat OK. \$1275. 858-637-9021.

IMPERIAL BEACH Penthouse. \$1650. 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 bath, 2 stories, fireplace, 4 balconies all with panoramic ocean views. 1 block from the beach. One-car garage, washer/dryer. Optional partially furnished. Military preferred. One-year lease. thevog@dslextre.com, 951-552-4243.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1550. All new! 2 bedroom, 1 bath oceanview. Steps to water! Fireplace. Carport. Laundry. 1580 Seacoast Dr., #B. Open Sunday, 1pm-4pm. 619-920-8319.

KEARNY MESA. 1 bedrooms from \$810. 2 bedrooms from \$1000. Centrally located at I-805 and I-163. Pool, spa, laundry, microwave, parking. Vista Capri North Apartments. 3277 Berger Avenue. 858-560-6067. www.rasnyder.com.

KENSINGTON. \$860. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath newly remodeled upstairs unit in triplex. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Available 3/1/05. \$600 deposit. Call Richard. 619-741-4922.

KENSINGTON. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. Walk to Village. Garage. Laundry. Patio and balcony. Fireplace. Small pet considered. No smoking. Available 3/15/05. \$1675. Agent. 619-540-8869.

KENSINGTON. \$1575. Live/work loft, 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, washer/dryer, air conditioning, balcony, garage. No pets, no smoking. 4134 Adams. 858-259-4994. www.kensingtonplaza.com.

KENSINGTON. \$825-\$1150. Very spacious 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, 2 bath suites. Best value! All amenities. Security building. Parking. No pets. 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. \$1040. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Nice, newer building. Washer/dryer included, fireplace, carport. No pets. 4452 Highland Avenue. Agent. 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

KENSINGTON. 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath canyon view, first floor of 2-story tudor. Pool, fireplace, gourmet kitchen, hardwoods, tranquil, private. Call for details. 619-283-9600.

KENSINGTON. \$895-\$850 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. Very nice! Available now. 4118 Adams Avenue #3 and #4. www.ctrhon.com; 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious upstairs unit. Dishwasher, air conditioning, in gated complex. Garage space. Walk to local coffee shops and library. Available 3/1/05. 4101 Park Place #7. www.ctrhon.com; 619-295-1100.

LA COSTA Hills! \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in gated community with fireplace and garage! Washer/dryer/refrigerator included. Recreational amenities include pool/spa/gym/tennis! 858-675-0200, www.twhm.com.

LA COSTA. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Large masters, 2-car garage, hardwood, fireplace, patio, balconies, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Pool/spa. Near shops, beach. \$1575/month. 760-492-3122.

LA COSTA. \$1325. Navarra Gardens. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, golf course view, underground parking. Common pool and spa. 2507 Navarra #104. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

LA COSTA. \$1500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully furnished, fireplace, ocean view. Available 1-4 months starting 2/15. 7001 Ballena Way #29. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1275-\$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Prestigious La Costa community with views of golf course. Amenities include washer/dryer. Fireplace and central air conditioning with each apartment. 2385 Caringa Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1495. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Prestigious La Costa community with views of golf course. Amenities include washer/dryer. Fireplace and central air conditioning with each apartment. 2385 Caringa Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA JOLLA COLONY/UTC. 2 weeks free! 1 bedrooms from \$1275, 2 bedrooms from \$1545. On-site cybernet cafe. Fitness center. 2 sparkling pools, 2 therapeutic spas. Jogging path. Private patio/balcony. Premium upgraded home. In-home washer/dryer. Pets welcome. Verano, 7503 Charmant Drive. Toll free: 800-921-1693. www.sdreader.com/rent/1054.

LA JOLLA COLONY. \$1595. Immaculate bright, sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry, hardwood floors, new appliances, pool, parking. Near UCSD. No pets. Available February 26. 858-688-1433.

LA JOLLA Village Tennis Club. Must see! Tri-level condo. Near UTC. 3 bedroom,

2.5 bath. New carpet. Hardwood. Fireplace. Laundry. 2-car garage. \$2150. 619-441-0912.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Charming 1 bedrooms and studios from \$1250. Nice community. Pool, laundry, elevator. Walk to La Jolla Cove, dining, shops and nightlife. No pets. 7621 Eads Avenue. 858-459-8254. www.casalindaapartments.com.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Best lifestyle, \$1650, 1 bedroom. Dream views by beach, park. Near tennis, restaurant, pet walk. Great location. Truly in Eden. 858-551-8893. www.inEdenLaJolla.com.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Great location! 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Stove/refrigerator. Washer/dryer. Patio. Parking. \$1875. 7347 Fay Avenue. Available now. 619-39-8516.

LA JOLLA. \$350 off! 2 bedroom. Walk to UCSD shops. Balcony. Garden window. No pets. Available now. \$1400. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive #11. 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. Great location! Can be used as office or apartment. \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Tile floors, Berber carpet. 920 Kline Street. For information, call 858-459-5840 or 760-613-1104.

LA JOLLA. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. Close to park, UCSD, shopping center, restaurants, cinema. Vaulted ceilings, all appliances, fenced patio, pool, spa. 619-218-8221.

LA JOLLA. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, trash compacto. Great UTC location. Close to parks, beaches, UCSD. \$1600/month. 858-736-6735.

LA JOLLA. \$1700. Close to Windansea Beach. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 311 Nautilus. 619-508-1513.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Amazing location 1 block to ocean in heart of Village on Prospect! Kitchen with appliances. Walk-in closet, laundry. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. All new appliances, 2-car garage, tile floors, fireplace, brick patio. Community pool/spa. Available now. \$2295, one month free! 858-717-5665.

LA JOLLA. \$1550. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, large condo, new stainless appliances. 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings. Fireplace, balcony, washer/dryer. \$127 Evening Way. 858-405-2454.

LA JOLLA. \$995. 1 bedroom apartment. No pets. Nonsmoking. Fireplace. Near beach. Carpet/paint. Quiet. Patio. Nice! 8040 La Jolla Shores Drive #C. Agent. 619-275-3455.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, spacious, more 2 storage. Near UCSD. \$1850/month. 619-276-9343.

LA JOLLA. Comfortable/stylish. 1 bedroom, \$1199/up. Lush landscaping, laundry facilities, pool. Cat OK. 1/2 block to ocean! Call 858-536-1900.

LA JOLLA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1150. Fresh paint. Controlled access. Pool. Security parking. Laundry. No pets. Steps to beach. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-775-0387. 858-395-9942.

LA JOLLA. \$1650/month. Bright, quiet, unfurnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Lease. 2 balconies. Fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea. No pets. 858-459-8943.

LA JOLLA. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo on Noble Drive. 1100 square feet. All appliances. Fireplace. Access to pool, spa, tennis. Lease \$1700. 619-708-4342.

LA JOLLA. \$2600. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Garage, pool, tennis. 8690 Villa La Jolla Drive. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

LA JOLLA. Beautiful Coast Boulevard neighborhood, ocean views, walk to beach, quiet street. \$1995, 2 bedroom, 2 bath with carport; \$1095, studio, corner unit. No smoking/pets. 441 Ravina Street. Photos: http://home.san.rr.com/emiller. 619-602-4116.

LA JOLLA. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet Village living. First floor. Close to shops and beach. 7427 (back) Herschel. Available 3/8. Torrey Pines Property Management. 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$1800 rent. \$1500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, newly built, new appliances, pool, spa, cabana, patio, balcony. 3167 Via Alicante #24. 619-804-8711.

LA JOLLA. In Village, \$1745. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. Gated entry. 7601 Eads. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

LA JOLLA. \$1195. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Just steps to the beautiful Wind 'n' Sea beaches! Fully gated, on-site laundry, dishwasher, ceiling fan and more! Great floor plan! 363 Playa Del Sur. 858-551-8786. www.msrowar.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. 6051

La Jolla Hermosa. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. \$950. Studio 1/2 block to beach. Will consider small pet. Refrigerator, stove. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-272-7368.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer in unit. Fireplace, balcony, vaulted ceilings. Pool, spa, tennis courts, covered gated parking. Close to shopping and freeways. 858-452-4307.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2250. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Playmor Terrace. Spacious. Patio. Pool. Balcony. Near schools/shopping. No pets. 3918 Via Tranquilo. 858-453-4494.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Up to \$150 off per month! 1 bedrooms from \$1145. 2 bedrooms from \$1530. Washer/dryer. Patio/balcony. Cyber cafe. Pools, spas. Fitness center. On-site salon, day spa. Walk to shops, dining, entertainment. Near I-5, 805. Villa Vicenza, 8895 Caminito Plaza Center. 800-921-1643. www.sdreader.com/rent/1037.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, quiet greenbelt. Nice patio, pool, 1000 square feet, carport, all appliances. \$1400. Available April. 3831 Camino Lindo. 858-344-6585.

LA JOLLA/PACIFIC BEACH. \$2800-\$3000. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 3-story townhome. Views, hot tub on roof! 1800 square feet. 2 or 4-car garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace in master and living rooms. Small pets OK. Available April 1. 909 Agate. 858-204-5299.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. Huge, 1200-square-foot apartment, 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher, air conditioning, carport space, \$1300. Available April 1. Call 949-244-5163.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Open house Saturday, Sunday 12-3pm. 2 bedrooms from \$1362, move-in by 3/31! New Mediterranean community. Studios, 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$1150. Patios/balconies. Full-size washer/dryer. Cable/Internet. Fitness center. Racquetball. Aerobics. Pools. Hot tubs. Parking. La Jolla Crossroads, 9085 Judicial Drive. 1-866-829-8271. www.sdreader.com/rent/2112.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Open house Saturday, Sunday 12-

619-460-7955. www.sdreader.com/rent/2054.

LA MESA. \$750, studio, \$350 deposit, \$880, 1 bedroom, \$450 deposit. Carport space, storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$1225/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with private patio, all new flooring/ceramic tile kitchen and baths. Walk-in closet with built-in organizer. Designer colors on wall. 5543 Shasta. Scott, 619-725-3648.

LA MESA. \$1545. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, dishwasher, fireplace, 2-car garage, yard. 858-525-1003; 619-528-4200.

LA MESA. \$1100. Spacious 2 bedroom duplex. Large kitchen, cabinets galore! Washer/dryer in unit. Large fenced yard. Pet friendly. Agent, 619-298-7224.

LA MESA. \$775. Studio cottage, 550 square feet, fenced yard. Pet OK on approval. Off-street parking. Rent includes cable. 4414 Dale Avenue. 619-244-6085.

LA MESA. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit. Balcony with view. Laundry hookups, yard. Pet negotiable. 6042 Horton, 91942. 619-698-6911.

LA MESA. \$895-\$925. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Unit #4 has patio. Nice townhome. Close to all. Parking. Laundry. Must see! 4261 Lowell Street, #4, #11 and #13. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

LA MESA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Nice, sunny unit with new carpet/paint, fireplace, balcony, washer/dryer in unit. Garage space with storage. A must see! Available now. 4847 Parks Avenue #12. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

LA MESA. \$1165. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Spacious upstairs apartment. Laundry on-site. 7656-D Normal Avenue. 858-531-7575; www.cal-prop.com.

LA MESA. \$650. 1 bedroom Studio. New carpet and appliances. Walk to Grossmont Center. Small pets ok. 760-855-0460.

LA MESA. \$775. Nice 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Quiet cul-de-sac. Small complex. Off-street parking. Drive by: call. Small pet considered. 5045 Woodyard. Agent, 619-246-7715.

LA MESA. \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1100+ square feet. Washer/dryer, Berber carpet, fireplace, vaulted ceilings. Complex amenities. 7780 Parkway #104. 619-440-4607.

LA MESA. \$1450. Move-in ready! Perfect 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo walking distance to Lake Murray, restaurants, grocery store and more. Close to SDSU and Grossmont. New carpet, paint, 2 attached parking spaces, laundry in unit. 20 second walk to Jacuzzi. Cats ok. 619-713-0052.

LA MESA. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 2-car garage, refrigerator, washer/dryer, end unit. 5440 Baltimore #122. MTM, 619-464-6444.

LA MESA. \$715. 1 bedroom. Small, well-maintained community close to I-8. No pets. Call 619-463-3882. www.villaparks.info.

LA MESA. \$800. 1 bedroom upper unit in lovely, landscaped courtyard. New appliances and decor. Walk to shops/trolley. No pets. Available now. 7932 La Mesa Boulevard. 619-460-6003.

LA MESA. \$890. 1 bedroom duplex in quiet landscaped courtyard. Hardwood floors. Walk to shops and trolley. Available now. No pets. 4866-1/2 Pine Street. 619-697-4831.

LA MESA. \$1015. Deposit \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit with stove, refrigerator, new carpeting, off-street parking. 6004 Lake Murray #C. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA. \$950 rent, \$800 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. 4610 Nebo #8. 858-273-8800.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$850 and \$925. Spacious, near all, air conditioning, pool, laundry. 4201 Spring Street. 619-464-4255.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom at \$895. A meticulously cared-for community with lots of extras. No pets. Call 619-466-8444. www.villageaptslamesa.com.

LA MESA. 1 bedrooms, \$845/up. 2 bedrooms, \$1050/up. 2 heated pools. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Tennis and putting green. Exercise room. Air conditioning. Playground. Lounge. Billiards. Patio or balcony. Sorry, no pets. 5333 Baltimore Drive. See: www.sdreader.com/rent/1004 or call 619-461-3541. E-mail: hearthwoodApt@att.net.

LA MESA. 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$866, tucked in quiet, park-like gardens. Newly renovated. Refreshing pool, laundry, air

conditioning, barbecue. No pets. 619-464-7676.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, freshly painted, laundry, balcony, parking, pool. Free service. 619-296-2787.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$750. Large nice unit, laundry on site. Parking available. Near school. Easy access to freeway. Available 3/12/05. 4763 Jessie Avenue #2 and #13. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom duplex, washer/dryer hookups, garage. Cats OK. Free service! 619-296-2787.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, air conditioning, 950 square feet, excellent landscaping with trees. Pool, parking, \$895/month. 4261 Lowell. Call Margaret, 1-800-528-3664.

LA MESA. Beautiful, peaceful La Mesa location. 1 bedroom, 900sq/ft. 2 bedroom, \$1125/up. Ask about move-in special! Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Laundry. Gym. Patio or balcony. Covered parking. Clubhouse, pool, spa, sauna. VillaSangriaApts@att.net. Villa Sangria Apartments. 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. www.sdreader.com/rent/1002. 619-462-1633.

LA MESA. Like owning your own home! Large, 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Air, dishwasher, laundry, private gated yard, pet-friendly. Great location, across from Grossmont Center, freeways and Trolley. Must see! \$1335. 619-744-8889.

LA MESA. Lush gardens, sparkling pool, cathedral ceilings are just a few of the amenities in this newly refurbished community. 1 bedroom at \$995, 2 bedrooms from \$1175. No pets. Call 619-464-8985; www.fletcherhillstc.info.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA. Studio, quiet residential neighborhood. \$725, includes utilities/bi-monthly cleaning service. Large walk-in closets, private entrance. Small yard. No smoking/drugs. 619-300-2628; CoachBrenda@juno.com.

LA MESA/FLETCHER HILLS. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large very clean, convenient location, covered parking. 689 Tyrone Street. 619-463-3412.

LA MESA/SDSU. 1 bedroom, \$850/up. 2 bedroom, \$1075. Ask about deposit specials. Secluded hillside convenient to all. Air conditioning. Dishwashers. Disposals. Patios/balconies. Exercise room. Laundry area. Clubhouse, billiards. Barbecue. Heated pool. Spa. Sauna. Month-to-month lease. SouthridgeApts@att.net. Southridge Apartments. 7200 Saranac Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/1001. 619-462-1940.

LA MESA/CASA DE ORO. Best value for your dollar! 3 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1325! 1 bedrooms from \$850! 2 bedrooms from \$1075. Elegant, sculptured flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming, New Orleans style community. Patios/balconies. Restricted access gates. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. 619-462-1212. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

LA MESA/COLLEGE. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1000 square feet. Parking. 6 month lease. 3717 69th Street. 619-583-0575www.cal-prop.com.

LA MESA. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with parking. 800 square feet. Private yard. New paint, carpet and appliances. Pets OK. Available now. 619-847-6141.

LAKESIDE. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, new kitchen, 1200 square feet, view, deck, \$1200. Trash, water and utilities paid. Garage available. 619-445-4164.

LAKESIDE. \$1195. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2 story, hardwood floors, dining room, air conditioning, yard, carport, pool, playground. 8010 Wintergardens #A. 619-698-6911.

LAKESIDE. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage. Stove, refrigerator, air conditioning. No pets. \$850/month; \$600 deposit. 12356 Lakeshore Drive #9. Please call 619-698-1400.

LAKESIDE. \$895. 2 bedroom, newly renovated, ground floor. New washer/dryer, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator. Gated backyard. Centrally located, walk to lake. Off-street parking. Pet-friendly. 619-405-3688.

LAKESIDE. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint, carpet, appliances, etc. On-

site laundry, lake view. Close to all. Section 8 OK. Available 3/1. 619-957-7272.

LAKESIDE. \$875. 1 bedroom cottage. Near I-67. Air conditioner. Laundry hookups. Immaculate! Studio. \$650. Kitchen/appliances. Much more! Must see! Nonsmoking. Off-street parking. 619-390-9427.

LAKESIDE. \$1350. Lindo Lake. Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings central heating and air. Near lake and park. Gated community. Nonsmoking. Available 3/1. Section 8 eligible. 619-226-4728.

LEMON GROVE/ENCANTO. Newly renovated 2 Bedroom apartment with yard. In small gated complex. All appliances. On-site laundry. Parking, walk to trolley. \$900. 619-203-4270.

LEMON GROVE. Central location. Near trolley and shops. Clean, cozy and quiet apartments. Move-in ready. Sorry, no pets. 619-252-5175.

LEMON GROVE. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. New paint, verticals, private patio, air, microwave. Pet OK with added deposit. Nonsmoking. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-944-2816.

LEMON GROVE. 4950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Newly remodeled. New stove, refrigerator, upper unit, new carpet, laundry, pool. 7465 Pacific Avenue. 619-698-6911.

LEMON GROVE. \$700. Big 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1/2 off move in special OAC! Newly refurbished, laundry, parking, great location. Close to all. Available now! 3320 Vista Avenue #9. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

LEMON GROVE. 2 units available. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, approximately 1000 square feet, gas stove, refrigerator, shared garage, water/trash paid. No pets. Section 8 OK. \$1150/rent. \$1150/deposit. 619-985-6870. 619-660-9200.

LEMON GROVE. Everything new! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$860. Spacious, quiet, near shopping/trolley. Laundry on site. No pets. 619-252-5175.

LEMON GROVE. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. \$1900. 2-story in planned community. Fenced yard (dogs OK). 2-car garage, fireplace, marble counters and floors, new carpet and window coverings. 2351 Star Pine Drive. 619-297-1483 x110 or 619-851-7986.

LINDA VISTA. 1/2 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom, 1 bath townhouses, \$950-\$1050. Great location, assigned parking, private backyards. Deposit same as rent. No pets. Office: 2451 Ulric Street. Call for an appointment. 858-278-3610.

LINDA VISTA. \$660. studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. \$400 deposit. No pets. Astro Vista Apartments, 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. Newer 3-level townhome. 2 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath, 2-car garage. Great location! All appliances. No pets. Available now. \$1650. Agent, 619-370-7103.

LINDA VISTA/USD. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, large, beautiful, view, huge deck, private drive/yard, gated, parking, dishwasher, hookups, new appliances. No dogs. 6528 Lanston. 619-993-4269.

LINDA VISTA. \$1100 plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Near USD, easy 163 access. Hardwood floors, new kitchen. 6310 Quillan Street. 858-277-1760. http://www.molamini.com/quillan/

LINDA VISTA. Genesee Summit. Secluded, private. Starting at \$1050, 2 bedroom apartments. Refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal and gas stove. Patio. Air conditioning. Laundry hookups. Central location, near all. No dogs. 2219 Judson Street. 858-576-0420. www.flit.com.

LINDA VISTA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Dishwasher, parking, storage. No pets. 3262 Ashford Street. 858-490-1600. kandrproperties.com.

LITTLE ITALY. \$1690. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new! 8th floor. Views! Deck. Balcony. Pool. Barbecue. Gym. 24-hour valet. New harbor. 619-253-7674.

LITTLE ITALY. Price reduced: \$1795. Condo with full ocean view. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, granite kitchen, pool, gym, parking. 714-969-0078, 714-330-7668.

LITTLE ITALY. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in La Vita. \$1400. All stainless kitchen, secured parking, 1 month free! Available now. 300 Beech #207. 619-421-9090, Agent.

LITTLE ITALY. \$1575. Fun location! Brand new 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. All new

appliances, free valet parking underground, pool, spa, gym. Available now. 858-335-2552.

LITTLE ITALY. Brand new 1 bedroom plus den/2 bath condo. New stainless steel appliances, granite countertop, fireplace, washer/dryer, storage unit. Private balcony overlooks courtyard and fountain. Pool, spa, clubhouse, billiards room, fitness center and gated parking. \$1900/month. No pets. 619-280-8789.

MIRA MESA. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, 2 parking spaces. Secluded location. Excellent condition. Freshly painted. No pets. \$950. Cox Properties, 858-922-9599.

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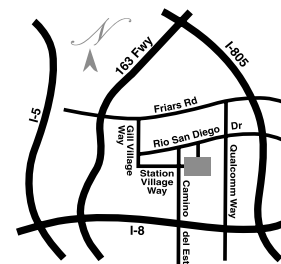
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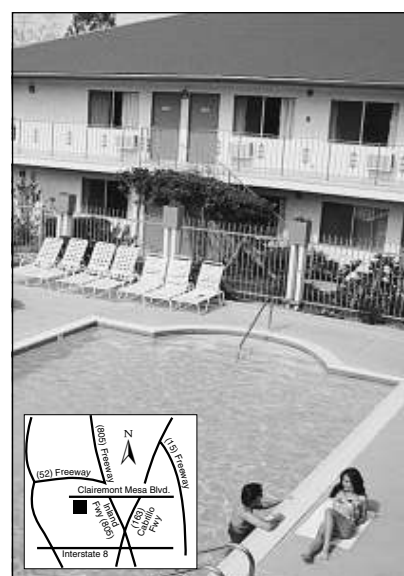
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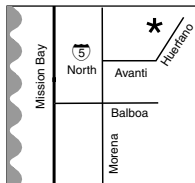
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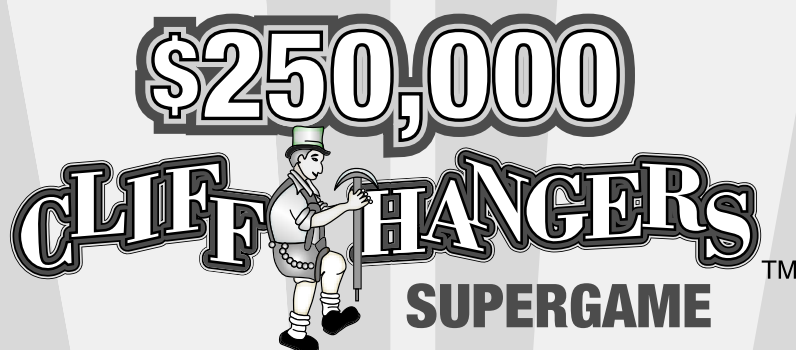
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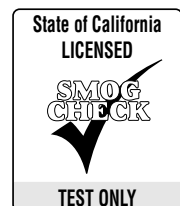
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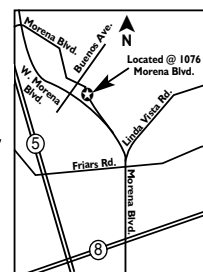
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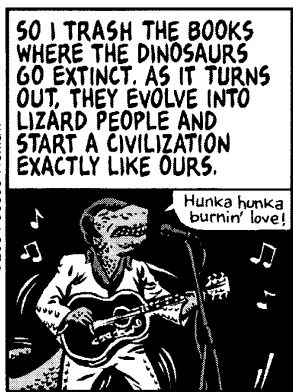
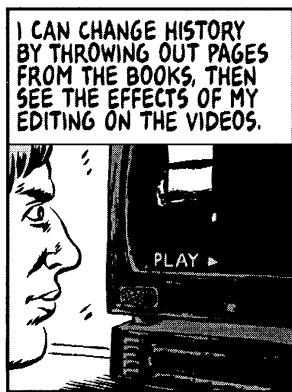
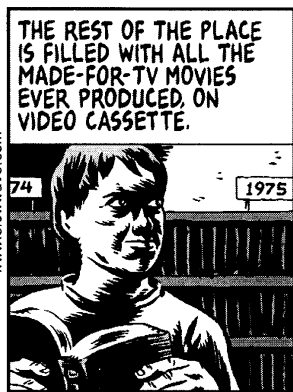
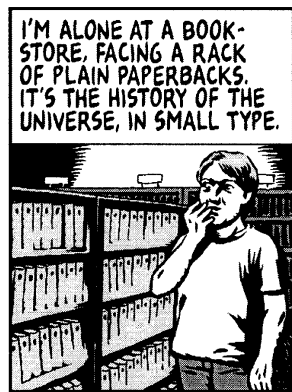
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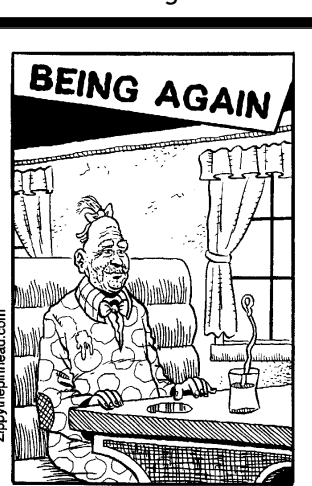
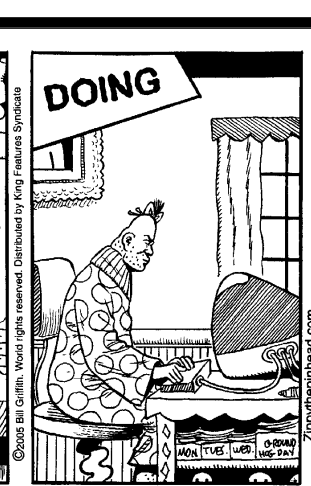
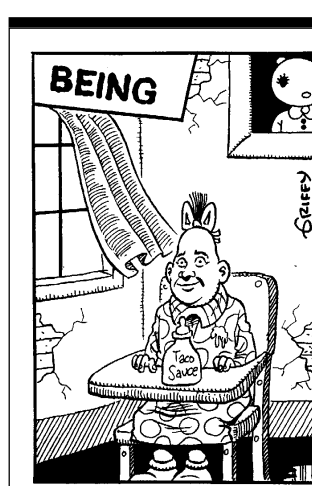
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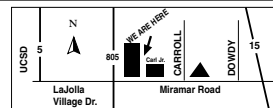


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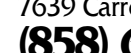
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LEAD STORY

— Most Competent Criminal: Jeffrey "Roof-man" Manchester, 33, was recaptured after six months of police-dodging in Charlotte, N.C., after having escaped from a prison nearby. According to a January profile in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Manchester (a handsome, athletic, personable man who got his nickname from a multistate series of ceiling-entry burglaries) built a home behind a cubbyhole at a Toys-R-U's, then at an abandoned Circuit City next door, outfitting both digs with a surveillance camera. Manchester volunteered at a church, befriending the pastor and dating a parishioner, who eventually helped police capture him. Said a police sergeant, "We can learn a lot from him."

Male Flies and Male Monkeys Are Just Dogs

— In articles in recent issues of *Current Biology*, researchers separately studying the dance fly and the rhesus macaque monkey concluded that males will be males. The male dance fly was found by a team from the University of Western Australia to sometimes present a female with worthless tokens for the opportunity to mate with her, but by the time she discovered their worth, he had already hit and run. A team from Duke University found that the male monkey will forgo his own rewards (juice) in exchange for being permitted to view pictures of female monkeys' bottoms.

America's Real Gun Problem (all new)

— The following people shot themselves recently: Joey Lujan, 22, shot himself in the head while trying to show that his gun wasn't loaded (Rialto, Calif., December). Abran Godoy, 20, shot himself while tucking his gun into his waistband after a robbery (King City, Calif., November). A 20-year-old man shot himself in a femoral artery while showing off for friends (Salt Lake City, November). Latie Whitley, 34, shot himself in the face while allegedly robbing a delicatessen (New York City, December). Jeffrey Wagner, 22, shot himself while tucking his gun into his waistband

after showing it to a friend (Dayton, Ohio, January). Lance Cole, 24, won \$2500 in damages from the police after an officer kicked him in the groin two days after he had shot himself in the genitals (St. Louis, Mo., January).

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) According to a January Associated Press dispatch, an outfit called Rent-a-Priest supplies independent Catholic clergy to perform mass and communion on board cruise ships, even though the reason some are independent is that they're no longer in good standing. (The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said it has begun to screen out unqualified candidates for cruise-line jobs.) (2) In a January CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, in answer to the question whether President Bush is a "uniter" or a "divider," exactly 49 percent of Americans said he was a uniter, and exactly 49 percent said he was a divider.

Compelling Explanations

— Farmington Hills, Mich., elementary-school teacher Nancy Seaman, 52, on trial for murdering her husband, said it was self-defense, even though a reported autopsy said he had been stabbed 21 times and struck with a hatchet 15 times. She was convicted in December. ... University of Virginia student Andrew Alston, on trial for fatally stabbing a firefighter after a night of bar-hopping, said the victim had inadvertently stabbed himself during aikido horseplay (even though there were 18 stab wounds, spread among the heart, arms, back, shoulder and face). Alston was convicted of manslaughter in November.

— Ms. Sandu Florenta, 18, a Romanian, was arrested for shoplifting at a Tesco store in Wrexham, Wales, in December with "four packs of frozen lamb, three fresh chickens, three packs of stock cubes, finger chilies, a packet of burgers, garlic, peppers, socks and underwear, plus almost five pounds of oranges and apples" in a sack under her robes. She told police that not many stores in Romania have carts, and thus, this is how people shop.

— Pro boxer Hector Macho Camacho Sr. was arrested in Gulfport, Miss., for a Christmastime incident in which he, feeling morose, broke into the computer store next to his office in order to get his computer (in the shop for repairs) so he could e-mail family members, and that meant climbing over a wall and onto ceiling panels, which gave way, sending Camacho crashing onto several computers. Said Macho, according to police: "I don't see myself looking too good." Later, describing his motivation for the break-in: "I guess I ran out of ideas." — Alan Johnson was arrested in Taunton, Mass., in November and charged with burning his girlfriend's 19-month-old boy with a cigarette lighter while baby-sitting. Johnson's explanation: The boy went into a seizure, and Johnson, recalling his lifeguard training, thought the solution was to raise the boy's body temperature to alleviate the seizure.

Least Competent People

— Kyle Hans, 24, drove his car through the front of a Target store in Fort Wayne, Ind., in January, down an aisle, where he told employees he had a gun and wanted to see his estranged wife so he could reconcile with her. When the employees informed Hans that his wife didn't work there anymore, he got frustrated and took one of them hostage, forcing the evacuation of the store and an eventual standoff with police. Officers talked Hans down, got the hostage freed and arrested him.

Recurring Themes

— "I don't think I've done more than two days' work in three years," said the New York Liquor Authority's director of wholesale services, Patricia Freund, explaining to the *New York Post* in December that she is another example of how bureaucracies deal with "problem" workers who are hard to fire. Freund was exiled to an office with no work and no responsibilities (though continuing to draw her \$82,000 salary), which she said was in retaliation for raising a stink about Gov. George Pataki's Christian prayer breakfasts and Jesus-laden mementoes, which she said

was discriminatory toward Jewish employees, such as her.

Fetishes on Parade

— Recent Sexual Obsessions: (1) surgical masks (Norman Hutchins, 53, was convicted in Leeds, England, in January, of tricking hospitals into sending him masks for his collection). (2) underwater photos of strangers' legs and buttocks (U.S. Army Maj. James V. McGovern was convicted in January of taking numerous such photos at the swimming pool at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea).

Readers' Choice

— Thinning the Herd: A 23-year-old woman, attempting a handstand on a hotel balcony railing in North Fort Myers, Fla., fell to her death but only after shouting to friends to "watch to see what I can still do" (January). ... A 21-year-old student at the University of Nebraska Lincoln was killed when he was ejected from the back seat of an SUV in a crash. He wasn't wearing a seatbelt. The student was prominent for his libertarian political views, including a stand in the student newspaper against mandatory seatbelt laws. He described himself as one of "a die-hard group of non-wearers out there who simply do not wish to buckle up."

Rodents in the News

— In January, sanitation workers in Nairobi, Kenya, after ten years of complaints, cleaned up the Wakulima Market, the country's largest fruit and vegetable facility. They removed an estimated 750 tons of garbage, 38 tons of human waste, and about 6000 rats. ... Also in January, Cleveland paralegal Austin Aitken filed a lawsuit against the TV show *Fear Factor* for \$2.5 million, claiming that the episode in which contestants ate dead rats made him ill, causing him to vomit, become dizzy, and hit his head as he ran from the room in disgust.

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ROBBERY

Location: 3700 6th Avenue, Hillcrest

Time/Date: 10:45 p.m. on 2/07/05

Investigation: Joseph E. and Marci G. just finished dinner at Lavash restaurant and were walking home on the west side of the street, southbound on 6th Avenue from Robinson Avenue. As they passed the Rite Aid they



were in a poorly lit area. A vehicle pulled up behind them and stopped. The vehicle

was a blue 1980s "Toyota Corolla style" 4-door sedan with a rusty unfinished paint look. Both males in the vehicle got out and approached Joseph and Marci. The passenger [had] two bottles in his hands. The bottles were brown and "Michelob Light style." One male told Joseph, "Give me your cash." Joseph stated, "I don't have any cash." The male then told them, "Give me your wallet and show me your pockets." The males also stated, "What about your wife?"

At that time, Joseph pulled out his front left and right pockets, showing the suspects that he did not have anything inside. The suspect that demanded the cash was described as a stocky Hispanic male in his early 20s with a shaved head, wearing a dark gray baggy T-shirt and dark pants.

While this was happening, Marci walked around Joseph and into the middle of the street. She waved her hands and stopped a passing truck with two males inside. While Marci was walking away, one of the male suspects told her, "Don't go anywhere or I'll come after you." She told the driver of the truck they were being robbed.

When Joseph returned home, he began to call all his credit card companies. He called Capital One [and] was

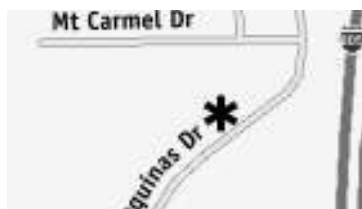
told his credit card was possibly used at an ATM at an unknown location to withdraw \$101.50.

GRAND THEFT BY EMPLOYEE

Location: 2020 Alaquinas Drive,

Otay Mesa

Time/Date: 12/30/04-2/04/05



Investigation: \$1200 was stolen from Mt. Carmel Catholic Church on December 30, 2004. The theft was not discovered until February 4, 2005, when Nancy E. returned to the church to cancel the hall rental and obtain a refund, less the \$250 deposit. The cash was received by Yolanda O. I received a phone call from Deacon Jose M. regarding the theft. I advised M. that I would respond to his location in order to obtain photocopies of receipts and other documents.

Statement of Deacon Jose M.:

The money was for rental of the hall. The receipt does not exist in my receipt book. The copy has been removed. The secretary collects the money and issues the receipts. I asked Yolanda about it but she told me she does not remember it. Yolanda stated that she had been the person to sign

the receipt but does not remember the money. The reason we found out it was missing is that Nancy came in on Friday to cancel the rental hall.

Yolanda made the check request out and forwarded it to Rita. Rita could not find a copy of the receipt in order to refund the money. Yolanda turned in her keys and said that I was already accusing her of stealing the money so she did not need to work here anymore. She left. I called her later to talk about the incident and to try to clear it all up. She told me she was not feeling well and was not going to come back today. She said she might be able to come in tomorrow.

ROBBERY

Location: 1800 Bacon Street,

Ocean Beach

Time/Date: 12:30 a.m. on 2/07/05



Investigation: Christian A. was at a bar (he thinks on Newport) with two friends. He is not familiar with the area and doesn't know the name of the bar. He said it's "the main, big bar." His two friends left the bar around 11:00 p.m. and walked back to the motel on Bacon Street. A. left the bar around 12:30 a.m. The suspect came up from behind him, then on his side and

punched him in the face. He was knocked unconscious and fell to the ground. His wallet and checkbook were taken from his rear pants pockets.

When he woke (approximately 30 seconds to a minute) an unidentified male was helping him up [and] said, "You're bleeding! Let me help you!" A. didn't get the male's name. The male walked him to the motel, offering to call police. A. cannot identify the suspect. He sustained a laceration and a bloody nose. He did not seek medical attention. He said his nose did not feel broken.

A. cancelled his credit cards and checking account. He was informed that one of the cards had attempted to be used at Enterprise Car Rental. I went to Enterprise at 2740 Lytton Street and obtained a copy of the rental agreement. They had a photocopy of the stolen driver's license (the picture is not visible) and a photocopy of the credit card. The branch manager said the suspect looked similar to the photo in the DL except for the teardrop tattoos near his eye. The suspect started the rental process over the phone. [The branch manager] picked him up at the Jack-in-the-Box on Sunset Cliffs and Voltaire. She brought him back to the office to sign the contract and issue the vehicle. The credit card was denied; however, the car was still released because the suspect said he would bring back another one. [The branch manager] said the suspect asked her if she wanted to go out with him.

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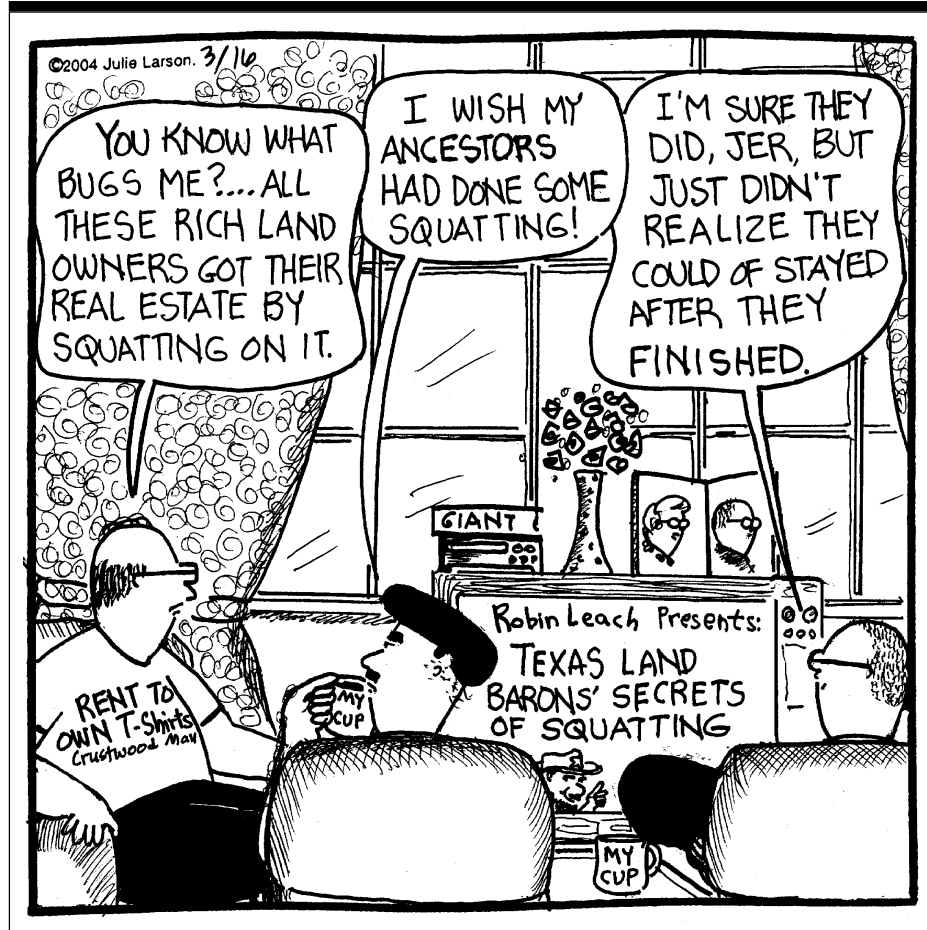
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Dallas Field is putting his 1968 VW bug back together. He tells me, "I had a wreck. I still have to get the new front lid painted like the rest of the car, with the Porsche Guards Red paint."

"How did you wreck it?" I ask.

"Going fast," he admits. "It's a fast car. It's got a 2276cc engine and dual 44 Weber two-barrel carburetors. And a fiberglass front end, super light."

"I'd think it would lift up and do wheelies too."

"It could probably do wheelies."

Dallas's dad is standing by.

"What's most bitchin' is the custom windows. Look, no wind wing. Now that's cool."

"Did you buy it like this," I ask Dallas, "or did you rebuild it?"

"It had the same motor but smaller. It was already built up some

when I got it, but we put a bigger cam in it and milled everything. The motor was built at Johnson's Bug Machine in Santee. Those guys are good."

"Do you race it?"

"Oh, yeah. I like eating V-tech Hondas for breakfast and V-8s for dinner. Guys think they have a fast car, and I'll beat them in my old VW. Because my transmission is geared really low. So I go through the first, second, and third gears quick. And then my fourth gear is high, for the freeway."

"How fast will it go?"

"You know," he says, "my speedometer only goes to 100, then it stops at a little pin. But I think I've had it up to 130, floored all the way and winding out. I'm surprised it didn't blow the engine up."

"But you've got all the weight in the back," I say, "and the front end's so light, doesn't the front end lift up and make it hard to handle at high speeds?"

"No. Because it's riding so low. It's lowered about halfway to the ground. It's, like, six inches off the ground. A lot of scraping goes on. The front-end mount has things that go down, and they scrape. The worst is when those things scrape on asphalt, and the asphalt shoots up at the windshield."

"Tell me about your wreck."

"Well," he laments, "I was on El Camino Real up by Rancho Santa Fe, and I was going a little too fast and there was dew on the ground. It was late at night, and it gets foggy up there sometimes. I hit the brakes but they locked up. The front end of my car is so light, it started sliding and wouldn't stop."

"I ran into a Dynan factory Porsche. Brand-new. It only had about 200 miles on it. And the owner was letting his nephew take his girlfriend for a ride. They were only going around the block. It was the worst nightmare."

"He was stopped in a turn lane,



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The others at the party hardly noticed the frilly petticoat purposefully pouring from his hemline because they were absorbed in attracting their own gazes. A girl just barely out of her teens pranced to make her viridian hair swish and bob. "People see me and they're freaked out. I'm changing their perceptions. Shopkeepers follow me around because they're afraid I'll steal something. It's prejudice."

"Well, men have never been allowed to wear makeup," proclaimed a fellow, reapplying his foundation. "I'm going to change the world. Some days I wake up and just want to feel pretty. I like girls. I just like the way they look and want that for myself. Why can't I? Do you want some lipstick, dear?"

"No, no, thank you," an ancient woman clonk-clonking through the kitchen declined. "Sell it and buy a piece of gum for that breath," she mumbled with her back turned to the primping man. Spinning quickly back around, she shouted, "Look at how beautiful and strange we all are. Especially me," she touched her exposed breasts which resembled oranges, kidnapped and stuffed into flesh-colored gym socks against their will. "Just look: how many women in their 50s can honestly wear combat boots?" the hostess asked before doling out heaps of mashed potatoes and thick purple sheets of barbecued ribs onto each plate.

"I'm a vegetarian," protested the girl with the fried tomato locks.

"That's nice, dear," continued the naked maven. "Think of it. Me, a grandmother, actually wearing boots! I could be on a talk show. Oh, they'd love me."

The skirted gentleman leaned across the table and hissed to the wildly tressed imp, "You can trade your rib in for a —" and he pointed to the last word on his shirt that read, "I (heart) my penis."

"Why, you offensive thing!" cried the girl.

"What?" asked the man. "It's biblical. Adam and Eve. I'm very spiritual."

"I'm lactose intolerant," the businessman in eye shadow said to the back of his hand as he regarded his midnight-blue-lacquered nails. "I can't eat the mashed potatoes if there's milk mixed in."

"There are so many old jokes about grandmothers and combat boots. I wonder if Donahue still has a show."

"I wonder what skirt I'll wear on Oprah."

"If men repress women in the workplace, then women shun a man's makeup sensibility."

"My green hair will release people from their daily drudgery. Dr. Phil could do a whole series on how I'm actually freeing those poor drones. It's a psychological thing."

The four munched off the plates put before them. The vegetarian decided to challenge her conception of animals and try the ribs. The dolled-up man with the dairy affliction figured he could just take a pill later to remedy his bloated gut and gobbled up spoonfuls of the whirled potato mixture. The remaining two were contemplating their inevitable rise to stardom and hardly touched their dinners.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

LOOK WHO'S TALKING (1989)

COMEDY 48, 3:00 P.M.

Why can't I make it through one week without something like this darkening my doorway? I'd rather put on a bunny suit, have hair spray shot into my eyes, and "scrubbing microcleansers" propelled up my keister than suffer through John Travolta's madcapped antics while babysitting Mikey. The *Look Who's Talking* trilogy, now with 25 percent more cruelty!

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HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS

MSNBC 39, 4:00 P.M.

COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN

MSNBC 39, 5:00 P.M.

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ing, aren't they? I have tougher stains in my carpet than these two. If I were in a position that required some "hardball" or involved a "countdown," I certainly wouldn't rely on a pantywaist political commentator with pancake makeup and hair-spray on his collar. What would he do, stamp his feet and give a stern glaring? They should name these shows "Ivy-League Milquetoasts Talk to Each Other."



The Surreal Life

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

YOU SWALLOWED WHAT?

DHC 73, 5:00 P.M.

Coupled with *160 Pound Tumor*, Discovery Health seems to be traveling down some strange paths. I thought the channel would discuss broader health questions in the range of diet, exercise, and relaxation. It's just a matter of time before FCC regulations relax enough to deliver *You Put What Up Where?*

AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA

FNC 37, 7:00 P.M.

Remember when Geraldo got busted in the mush with a chair? That was awesome. I love the theatrical face-cast he wore after that. "*Bwoo ah-ha-ha!* I am the phantom of daytime talk shows! *Bwoohaha!* Give me your tired, your weak, your transvestites and neo-Nazi groups." No, wait. That's the Statue of Liberty. What does the Phantom of the Opera say?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

THE SURREAL LIFE

VH1 46 11:00 P.M.

"Aaaaaaaah!" my roommates and I screamed in unison as Chyna's hobgoblin face flashed on the screen. The battered catcher's mitt she's using for a countenance could stop rain. She looks like a shaved bigfoot reflected in a spoon. We each scrambled for the remote but only managed to knock it farther out of reach. "They should have a warning!" Renee screamed just before we got the station changed.

STRANGE LOVE

VH1 46, 11:30 P.M.

After the *Surreal Life*, be sure to stick around for *Strange Love*. If you don't have enough moments in your life where you just stare at

something, mouth agape, and in a deep trance, give *Strange Love* a shot. Brigitte Nielsen desperately clutches at a youth gone by, and Flavor Flav slips from colorfully eccentric to frighteningly bizarre. Only in America, folks.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

COYOTE UGLY (2000)

USA 2, 8:00 P.M.

My first night in Scotland I went into the hostel pub and found *Coyote Ugly* on the big screen. I have to say, it was strangely alluring. I always pooh-poohed big Hollywood crafests like that, but dammit if I could pull myself away. When a crowd started forming, the bartender said, "Sorry folks. But, I have to shut it off and play music." I instantly screamed, "But, she just wants to play her music! Don't you get it? That woman's soul is dancing up on that bar!" Travel makes me emotional.

THE AMAZING RACE

CBS 8, 9:00 P.M.

Get it? It's called *The Amazing Race*. It's a race. But, we're really the amazing race. The human race. It showcases our accomplishment and natural wonder. The truly awe-inspiring thing is that the contestants don't end up strangling the bejeezus out of their teammates.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN COMPETITION

ESPN, 1:00 A.M.

I haven't been able to work out in a week. One night after a heavy session of lifting I tried to get out of bed and hurt my back. I wasn't even lifting. I WAS GETTING OUT OF BED TO TAKE A WHIZ! I described the pain to my friend Steve, and he diagnosed me with "a pulled love handle." Sweet, sweet middle age, here I come hobbling to you.

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