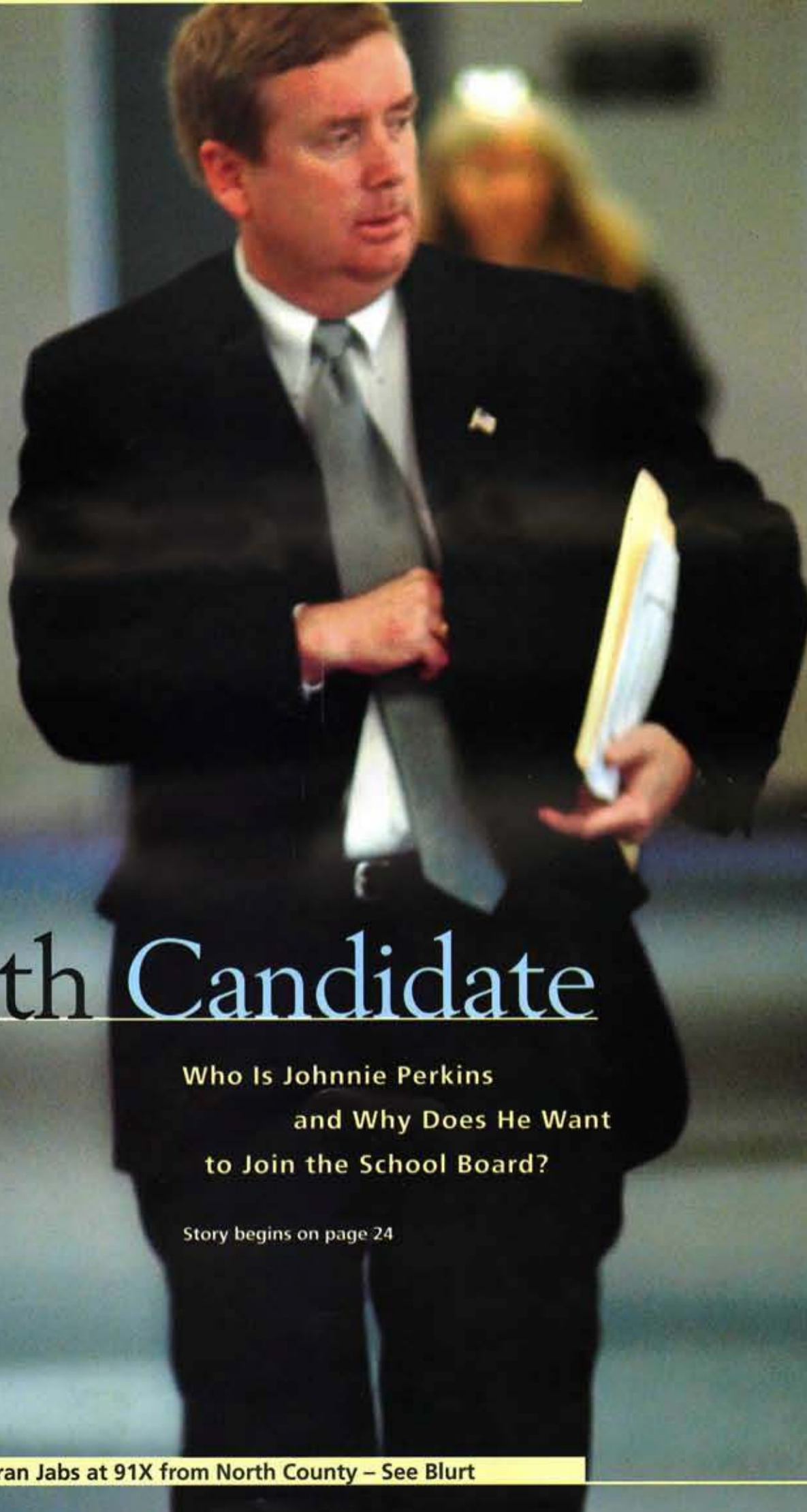


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Stealth Candidate

Who Is Johnnie Perkins
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Compassionless Reactionaries

“Permanent Crisis” by Justin Wolff (“City Lights,” January 24) fails to state the salient facts in this tragedy that is ongoing and growing by leaps and bounds. This is an endemic problem in the county of San Diego and in America: involuntary homelessness. The so-called solution is a revolving door that throws Americans on the street.

In North County, thousands of undocumented working Mexicans live in Third World conditions, hovels, that defy description. Our Republican brethren are for family values, and so am I for all. President Bush is a compassionate conservative, and the North County Republicans are compassionless reactionaries. The French philosopher Anatole France stated that the law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges. The misery equation is growing in our county before our eyes.

Dr. Art Salzberg

CORRECTION

The phone number given for Lehmann Bindery in the January 31 “Best Buys” was incorrect. The correct number is 760-758-4142. The Reader regrets the error.

God Bless Adam And Manuel

I would like to respond to the story on David Medina (“Trigger Happy or Just Plain Happy?” January 17). I think he has had his 15 minutes of fame, and to have to see that story just made me sick. His parents should be ashamed of him, after having worked so hard and come so far to be where they’re at and give him a good life as well as an education, just for him to be the big loser he is.

I think a story should have been written on his victims, my cousins Adam Joshua Vasquez and Victor Manuel Vega. These two were the most beautiful boys ever, both promising, with bright futures, both smart and with a huge family that loves those two unconditionally. Adam had just graduated high school and enrolled in Southwestern College, fulfilling two promises he made to his dad. He lived the normal teenager life with friends and so much family around; he was

never alone. He had the sweetest, fun-loving personality that you would just want to be around him. Manuel was the same sweet, quiet type. He didn’t work for just any dry-cleaning company; he worked hard for a dry cleaners owned by his grandma and operated by the family for 21 years. Just about every cousin and aunt and uncle put their time into this family business. Even customers grieved for Manuel, having known him for so long, watching him grow. He was quiet, but he loved to party and dye his hair odd colors. But that is all we have now of those two, so many memories. The only thing they ever did wrong is to cross the path of this idiot’s, who got denied entry to a party that my cousins would not make it home from.

It made me sick to have to read about all these professors and people who vouched as character witnesses for this loser. I can’t believe they couldn’t see the facts of this case...blah, blah on all his leading the double life stuff. Ted Bundy was a very promising and prominent lawyer; Ted Kaczynski was a Harvard graduate and could have been the next Albert Einstein; except they had no respect for human life, just their own sick fantasies that are not any different from this Medina punk, who needed a gun to feel secure, because his life isn’t worth a damn. Yet everyone is still so shocked to believe that this punk could do such a thing: it’s such a travesty, “oh my God.” I saw this punk in court and I wasn’t impressed. He looked like every other stupid gangster to me. Adam’s dad Armando was so right when he said David was a “waste of a human being.” Medina’s son should be so proud. Oh, how he took care of his girl while she was pregnant. Who cares? What about the pregnant girl he shot? What a great guy!

Anyhow, I just wanted to express that my cousins have too many people holding on to their memories and their beautiful faces to ever be forgotten. Adam was the last male to have the Vasquez name in our family, and the family name will always be with him. They both made our family happy and have forever changed all of our hearts. God bless them as they rest. As for Medina, I hope he lives out the rest of his pathetic life in prison, where he belongs. And thinks of my cousins and all his victims every day.

Andrea Ayala

Incomprehensible Stupidity

I used to always read the letters first. Unless, of course, I just saw a flick and wanted to read Duncan Shepherd on it. But now, an alarming trend — I go straight to “Kid Stuff.” Though I comfort myself with the fact that, after all, Anne Albright’s column is the very last page, easy to locate, and that is part

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Moore's and more Add another local big shot to the growing list of those who got in on a sweet stock deal with Padres



Stephen Weber

owner **John Moores**. San Diego State University president **Stephen Weber** lists an investment in Neon Systems stock, which he values between \$1000 and \$10,000 on his conflict-of-interest filing for 2000 as well as 1999. But Weber doesn't list the specific date of acquisition, which may ultimately prove troublesome for the educator, who last year moved into the university's multimillion-dollar official presidential residence, purchased from none other than **Malin Burnham**, the downtown real estate mogul and business partner of Moores. Neon, of course, is the company that ex-city councilwoman **Valerie Stallings** bought stock in back on March 5, 1999. The deal later turned out to have been arranged as a favor by Moores; Stallings pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and was forced off the council in January 2000, after an investigation revealed she had taken numerous gifts and plane rides from the team owner. She later amended her financial-disclosure statements to show some previously undisclosed items. But while Stallings properly reported her initial Neon investment, listing the specific date of the purchase as required by law, Weber's statement, filed March 20, 2000, and covering the previous calendar year, leaves blank the acquisition date for the Neon stock, an apparent violation of state reporting law. His disclosure for 2000, the latest available, showed he still owned the stock. Weber failed to respond to repeated phone calls left at his office regarding the reported transactions. Other investments listed on the disclosure for 2000 include a holding in Leap Wireless, valued between \$1000 and \$10,000. Moores was on the board of Leap, along with UCSD chancellor **Robert Dynes**, where both served on the two-man executive-compensation committee until Moores left the board last year. Besides Stallings and Weber, other well-connected local Neon-stock purchasers have included county supervisor **Ron Roberts**, a friend and supporter of Moores who reported purchasing between \$10,000 and \$100,000 worth of stock in the company on February 18, 2000, and selling same on September 26, 2000. Two weeks ago, Moores threw a fundraising bash at his Rancho Santa Fe estate for **Ward Connerly's** new state-ballot measure against racial statistic keeping. Two Neon board members were listed as cosponsors.

Naked politics City councilman **George Stevens**, who is also an ordained minister and uses the title "Reverend" when giving sermons, performing weddings, and presiding over funerals, has picked up a strange bedfellow in his current bid for the state assembly. According to his latest campaign financial-disclosure statement, Stevens collected \$3000 from Cheetah's, the all-nude, all-the-time nightclub on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard in Kearny Mesa. Last year it was revealed that the owner of Cheetah's, Las Vegas-based



George Stevens

Michael Galardi, and his associates had given thousands of dollars to an array of San Diego City Council candidates, including Eighth District councilman **Ralph Inzunza** and Stevens's would-be successor, his chief of staff **Charles Lewis**. Stripper at the club also spread the campaign wealth around, making \$250 contributions to various members of the city council. It turned out that Galardi was looking to build a new topless joint on Convo Street but ran into zoning troubles. He sued the city in an attempt to jumpstart the project but later dropped the case. Stevens is basing his campaign for assembly around a return to traditional moral values, including his oft-stated advocacy of a permanent ban on gay marriages: "Marriage was initiated by God, and to me it's a very sacred thing between a man and a woman. It was in the beginning, when God made Adam."

Gun in cheek An heir to a mobile-home manufacturing fortune — who made a 1982 splash in San Diego County politics when he spent hundreds of thousands of dollars of his personal fortune in a failed bid for a Republican congressional nomination here — has been busted for bringing a loaded weapon into the Orange County courthouse. **Johnnie Robert Crean**, 52, told the *L.A. Times* that he'd had a "senior moment" and forgot he was carrying the loaded 9mm Glock.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Survival T-Shirts

By Robert Kumpel

Mad Engine produces T-shirts for department stores, designer clothing lines, and specialty stores in the U.S. and 17

other countries. In 2000, they shipped \$27 million of T-shirts worldwide. That number has dropped to about \$15 million. Alby Amato, CEO of Mad Engine, tries to sound hopeful as he describes the mood of an industry that seems to face doom. "We've lost production to overseas importers. We manufacture T-shirts to all of our customers' specifications, whether they're screen-printed, embroidered,

minimum wage has just gone up to \$6.75, and we're competing with people across the border who work for about 45 cents an hour. We used to do a huge amount of contract printing. We used to do 85 percent of Reebok's T-shirts. There isn't that much contract printing left anymore because it's being done across the border."

When Amato started Mad Engine 15 years ago, he found

cutting back costs and see how you can run your operation on a lower budget."

Last summer's energy crisis made things worse. "It's been doubly tough for us in California because of the high utility bills. They went up from about \$8000 to about \$24,000 a month. We worked two ten-hour shifts seven days a week. We started one shift at 2:30 in the morning so we could beat the heat and avoid power outages — and we actually got a bit of a price break for that as well. We had to cut back to one shift. And 9/11 didn't help the garment industry at all."

The slowdown resulted in a big layoff that has not recovered in what is normally the busiest season. "From our 2000 levels,

laying off his employees, Amato says that most have managed to find work. "I have a really good manager here who trains people well, so we've always been like a training school for other screen printers. Our people get picked up pretty quickly. If we start to get a little busy, we'll try to get some of our people, and many of them have already found jobs. At this stage, I'm sure that our unemployment rate [payments] may have gone up, but I don't think that's really hit us. A lot of these people are really good printers, and they find jobs fairly easy.

"The results of winter weren't as bad as everybody thought they were going to be. The discounters did very nicely — department stores like



Alby Amato

hand-painted, whatever they want. We don't actually make the shirts — we subcontract the shirts out and work with suppliers who manufacture the garments for us. The other side of our business is selling to retailers like Miller's Outpost, JCPenney, Sears, Mervyn's, and some of the other major department stores. On our 'package' business, we work with Polo jeans, Calvin Klein, Lee, Wrangler, and Levi's. I'm one of the last American contractors for Levi's.

"It's sad to see how much of the business is leaving this country. I look around and say, 'What is actually going to happen to us manufacturers?' California's

that using high-tech machinery to design cutting-edge T-shirts could be profitable. His experience in the garment industry goes back to his native South Africa. "I actually owned the rights to the name Gap. I had no idea there was a Gap in the United States!" Overseas competitors and increasingly aggressive maneuvering by retailers has thinned out the profitability of his business and forced him to adapt to a changing market. "We've always been able to reinvent ourselves. All that these other people are interested in is price. It's pretty tough. If you're going to survive the recession, you have to start

we employed up to 220 people at our peak, during the busy season. Normally, we'll drop back down to 180. The first six months are the busy season. We normally slow down in July and August because we're in between seasons. We had to lay off half, maybe a few more. It was a good 120 people. We don't have a second shift anymore, and we're not working weekends anymore either. That's a reduction from an \$80,000-a-week payroll to about \$40,000. That was before 9/11. Now we've cut back even more, to about \$30,000. We cut production people and in the front office."

While he feels terrible about

Federated and that. They were only 9 percent off where they had predicted to be — I'm not sure of the exact numbers. A lot of places made their whole December the week after Christmas. Everybody just held out for the sales.

"We had an unbelievable 2000. This company just grew. But when we got into the fourth quarter of 2000, there was a change. The garment industry feels a recession before it hits everyone else, and we move out of it first and everyone sort of follows. The first quarter of 2001 was way off, and we knew we were in a deep recession, and we

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Your Dad Arrested My Dad

By Ernie Grimm

For most people who live “down the hill,” as San Diego’s backcountry residents refer to everything west of the mountains, the thought of living “on the mountain” usually ends when the subject of work arises. Jobs are scarce and low paying around Julian, Warner Springs, Pine Valley, Borrego Springs, and Campo, and commutes into the city are long and can be dangerous.

One group to whom these problems don’t apply is the 27 deputy sheriffs who work in the department’s rural-enforcement division. They get paid higher than deputies in other divisions of the county. And, since they are required to live in their service areas, they have no commute. Still, it’s not always easy for the sheriff’s department to fill positions in its rural posts. Lieutenant Ken Culver, who oversees all of the rural division, offers an explanation. “Historically, positions up here have been looked at as very desirable positions, and typically they’ve been filled by senior, more experienced deputies. What’s happening now is that candidate

pool is shrinking.”

The “candidate pool” for positions in the rural division doesn’t include new deputies. “They need to be experienced deputies,” Culver says, “before they come out here. We don’t do any initial field training out here. Typically, in the sheriff’s department, a candidate would hire on, do some time in one of the county’s jails, then rotate out to a patrol assignment at one of the major stations. Then they might be considered for a more specialized spot like this.”

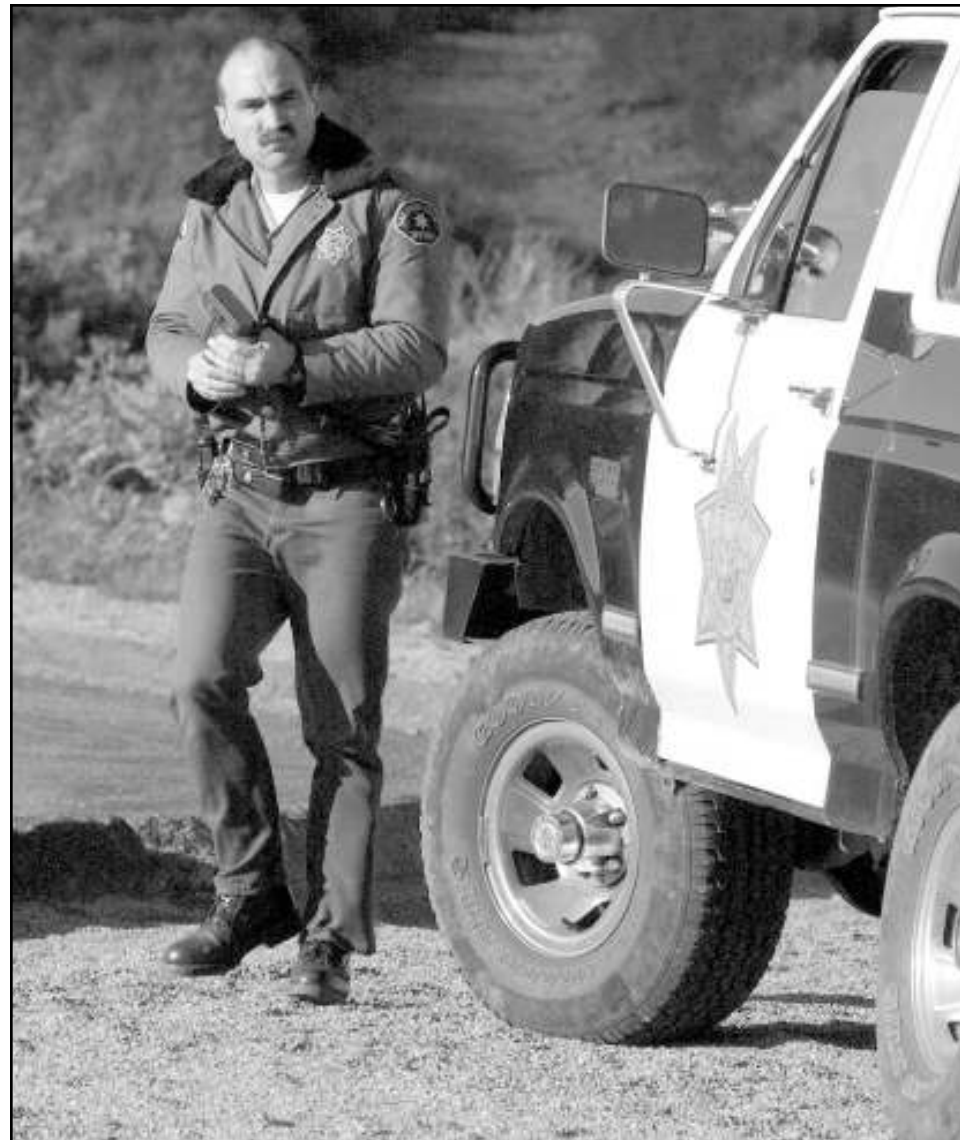
By one measuring stick, crime in the rural-enforcement area of San Diego is half of what it is in the whole San Diego region. “The rate out here,” Culver says, “is 15.6 crimes per thousand. By comparison, for the San Diego region, it’s 32. So our crime rate in rural is half of what it is countywide. And I think that we’re less afflicted by the predatory kinds of things that fill the newspaper. It tends to be more juvenile issues,

teenagers getting into trouble, property crime, vandalism, burglary.”

Despite the lower crime rate and less-violent nature of the crime in rural areas, Culver insists experience is more necessary in backcountry law enforcement than it is in urban areas “because they work so independently,” he says. “A deputy that’s out taking care of some situation, his closest cover unit would be a half hour away, 45 minutes away, or more. So that deputy needs to have the answers. He needs to be very, very self-sufficient. That comes with experience. The guys who work out here are very self-sufficient. They are independent, problem-solving kinds of people. Each of the rural stations has one supervisor who works 40 hours a week. So most of the hours of the week, there isn’t going to be a supervisor on duty. So the deputies work mostly on their own, largely unsupervised, or supervised from a considerable distance. So they have to be dependable, experienced deputies.”

Culver says the average deputy who transfers to rural has six to eight years of experience on the job. And though, occasionally, someone is promoted out of rural and returns to town, the well-worn path is to work out of a rural office until retirement. “The two deputies in Borrego Springs,” Culver says, “one of them has been on that beat for, I think, 18 or 19 years. And the other one is not far behind that. So we have two deputies with over 35 years of experience just in Borrego Springs. So the institutional knowledge that we have in those deputies is very valuable.”

The sheriff’s department offers a financial incentive to work in rural. “They receive a 10 percent premium,” Culver explains. “In round numbers, if a deputy in Lemon Grove made \$50,000 a year in base pay, if he moves



Keith Dalton

up here he’ll make \$55,000.”

Deputy Keith Dalton, who works in the Julian area and carries the rank of corporal — itself a 5 percent pay raise — makes about \$70,000 annually. “Assuming I was corporal down in town, I would be making about \$63,000 down there.”

Despite the extra pay, deputies don’t seem to be tripping over each other to get to the rural posts. Lieutenant Culver bristles at the suggestion of a hiring crisis for rural enforcement. But when a deputy was promoted out of the Julian station recently and Culver put out the call for transfer requests from the department, he received only

two requests. An opening in the Campo office drew four. Sergeant Rod Gilmore, who patrols the area around Pine Valley, says the creation of the rank of corporal, and its 5 percent pay hike, has softened the incentive for officers working in urban stations to move out to rural. “Certainly, there was a time,” Gilmore says, “when people said, ‘Hey, I can make 10 percent more by going out there,’ and that was pretty attractive. However, we now have a corporal position that is between top-step deputy and sergeant. And we have many corporals throughout the department. So they get 5 percent more than a top-step deputy, so that narrows that gap of that 10 percent. Now [working in rural division], is really only 5 percent more than you could make at some other assignment in town.”

The difference between the \$55,000 the hypothetical deputy in Lemon Grove whom Culver spoke of earlier can make by moving to Campo and the \$52,500 he can make as a corporal staying in Lemon Grove is only \$2,500 — seemingly not enough to make him want to

make the move. Because, as Culver says, “If they don’t already live out here, you’re asking them to change their lifestyle. A deputy in Lemon Grove can live in Encinitas. That’s not the case here. The deputies that work Julian live in Julian. Their families are here. Their kids are in the schools here. They’re very integrated into the communities. That’s really the defining nature of rural enforcement.”

“Quite frankly,” Dalton says, “since there are so few of us, it’s kind of a high-profile position in the community. So we’re often approached to become involved with a community, whether or not you’re actually involved with that organization. It may be a Rotary, or a Kiwanis, or a Lion’s Club. They may form a committee regarding some community issue, anything from a youth program to mitigating parking problems to parades — we have an annual Fourth of July parade that’s put on by our merchants’ association. We sit as members on that committee. We like to say you’re not just a deputy sheriff up here, you’re the department. Because to these

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Ken Culver



Rod Gilmore

Survival T-shirts

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started to consolidate. Then we had the energy problems, which made it more expensive to produce, and retail started to slow

down. The man in the street hadn't felt it yet, and we hadn't had the big layoffs. Those came in the second quarter. But when I looked around in July and August last year, I already had a sense of improvement. After 9/11, we didn't actually have can-

cellations, but everybody was put on hold. They basically froze their efforts to buy."

Since 9/11, Amato's company has been holding steady. "We work three to six months ahead for the seasons. We just finished holiday 2002 and we're looking

at spring 2003 now. When you work with people like Levi's, you have to plan far ahead. That's the one asset that we have by manufacturing in this country: We can turn product fast. It's very difficult for them to do away with us completely, because we can give

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stuff for them in ten days. With the overseas places, they need five or six months.

"I had a customer in New

York who told me that he had \$7 million worth of merchandise on his floor that he was shipping to a customer that was canceled. Indirectly, people are just being more cautious."

If things are bad for the retailers, it's worse for the manu-

facturers. "The thing is, our whole industry is in trouble. I've talked with a lot of printers in L.A. and Orange County and pretty much everybody is hanging in. The T-shirt industry is taking a huge knock. People like Hanes and Fruit of the Loom

have shut down their facilities in the United States. Now they're making all their stuff abroad. If you don't have these offshore 807 type of facilities, you can't make it.

"807 facilities" use fabric from the United States and finish

it in other countries. "We'll send fabric to Mexico, and they'll sew it up, and it comes back as shirts. Look, on our basic T-shirts, you can save between two and three dollars a dozen. In the market that we're in, that makes a difference. When I started in this

business 15 years ago, a blank white T-shirt cost \$2.15. Now you can buy that same T-shirt anywhere for \$1.15. Costs haven't come down since then, so you can see why some of the major mills have shut down, like Burlington. They were one of the biggest denim producers in the country. China is making denim, and you can get it for a fraction of the price it would cost from here."

Another pressure that is squeezing smaller clothing manufacturers like Amato's is the phenomenon of "markdown money" — profit guarantees, which were once demanded only by upscale retailers but are now employed by virtually all department stores. If, for example, Macy's expected to make \$26,000 profit on a line of clothing for the summer and only made \$20,000, they would expect the manufacturer to pay \$6,000 to make up for the loss. The mere fact that Amato refused to discuss "markdown money" guarantees suggests the intimidating power of major retailers. "You want to have me thrown out of the industry?" he laughs.

One thing Amato will admit is that while retail profit margins are higher, the manufacturers' stay low. "We get pennies for each T-shirt. It's not a big margin. Retailers can go back to us to make up for losses, but we've got nobody to go back to get anything. That's just the business we're in. If you don't do it, somebody else will.

"Right now, everything is driven by price, not quality. The one thing that's kept American manufacturers going is that we've always been better, technology-wise and technique-wise. In today's world, everything travels pretty quick. We do a lot of printing processes that they couldn't do offshore. We end up doing all the difficult products, and all the easy stuff goes offshore. We had a case where Polo gave us some stuff that was really difficult and gave them the samples and goods and they came back and said, 'We want to pay you this price.' This was after we had made the samples and quoted them our price — for 40 or 50,000 units. They were asking for a dollar off the price that we had quoted them. They told us they could have it made in Mexico for a dollar less per shirt than what we quoted them. My pre-production person asked them, 'Why did you give it to us then?' Their answer was, 'You're

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the only ones who can execute it.' When it comes down to the final thing, they weren't even looking at the thing you were putting on the product, they were just looking at 'All T-shirts are X, so that's what we're going to pay.' I think what's happening is that a lot of the stuff they get from offshore has to be ordered six months in advance. We work on a 10- to 12-week lead time building from the start, with the measurements and everything. When it comes down to actually doing the design we're going to put on the garment, they can give it to us four weeks before they need it."

For Amato, survival has meant adapting. "We have had to constantly reinvent ourselves. Right now, a lot of buyers aren't even traveling, so if you want to do business, you've got to go to them. We're now looking at licensing. At times like these, people want to buy something that they recognize. We're looking at some properties to license. We're looking at maybe getting into Marvel comics license, like Spider Man and other superheroes. We're probably going to take on the Gordon and Smith license. You have to be able to adapt or you won't survive in this industry. I'm glad I'm my age, because I don't know if we will be a manufacturing country in ten years' time." ■

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people, that's what you are.

"You're not anonymous here," Dalton continues. "Everybody knows who you are, where you live, where your kids go to school, how old they are, what their names are. It's a very close-knit community. That's what is very, very unique about our job. It's not uncommon for us to receive a phone call at home even before we get the call at the communications center. A person will say, 'Hey, Keith, a couple of people are arguing across the street.' I've even had suspects call and say, 'Hey, I just had a loud argument with my wife. You're going to get a call, where do you

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That loss of anonymity, according to Dalton, can be inimical to deputies for a couple of reasons. "A lot of cops are — I don't want to say paranoid, but they see a lot of things, and it makes them cautious, and they like to keep their families separate from their jobs. Up here, you can't do that. You live and work right in the community. You might have to arrest somebody you've known for years. That's difficult. And the next day at school his kids are giving your kids a hard time. 'Your dad arrested my dad last night.' Many people wouldn't be comfortable

with that situation.

"Also," Dalton continues, "you have to be willing to live up to a certain moral standard in order to enforce the law effectively. You can't just obey the law. For instance, if you were closing the bar every night, you'd lose credibility. It's not illegal to do that, but you'd lose credibility with the people up here. It's not illegal to have an affair with somebody else's wife. But pretty soon everybody would know, and you'd lose credibility. So you have to live up to higher moral standards. Some guys wouldn't be comfortable with that."

Another defining characteristic of rural law enforcement is being on call during off-duty hours. Rural stations are not staffed 24 hours a day, but the

deputies who work those stations are called out of their homes at all hours to answer calls. "It's the normal part of our job that you wouldn't normally find in a deputy's job description," Dalton says. "We're on call from the end of our previous shift to the beginning of our next. If the phone rings after midnight, I know I'm going to work."

Though rural deputies are paid overtime for after-hours calls, Dalton says it can be difficult. "In the last six months, I've been down off this mountain maybe three times. You're not as free to move around when you're on call. Some nights I get called out of my bed four times. Then I have to go to work in the morning. That can be tough." ■

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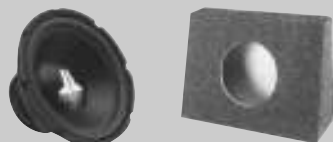
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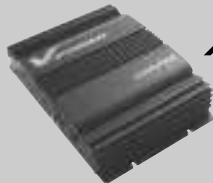
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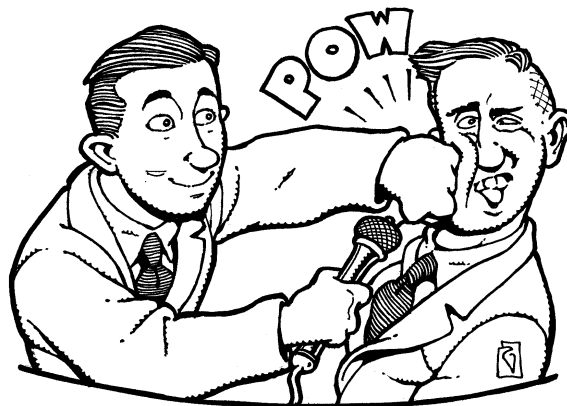


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Mattmonger:

Growing up on television and movies, I was continually presented with one man hitting another man in the face with a closed fist. It always had this distinctive noise: a sound somewhere between meaty and metallic, a way-audible PKK! Being a strict, born-and-raised pacifist myself, I've always been curious. Is that the sound a closed fist actually makes at high velocity on a face? And what did foley artists back then use to get that oh-so-distinctive noise?

— J.D. Boucharde, North Park

Man, you've got the elves going at it. A big free-for-all in the family room. Dope slaps! Bitch slaps! Uppercuts! Grandma's hiding in the laundry room. Pa Alice just turned up the TV so he could hear *WWF Smackdown* over the bedlam. We'll sort it all out in a minute, but in the meantime, what's up with the foley stuff. For those who don't know, the foley artist is the guy/gal who supplies the synchronized sound effects for a movie — sounds that couldn't be recorded accurately on the set during filming: footsteps, mosquitoes buzzing, kissing, doors closing, fenders crunching, sighs, burps, the rustle of clothes, a match being struck... As much as 80% of any movie might have sound (including dialog) added or altered in postproduction. Ya see, real life isn't real enough for the movies; a director can always make it more real than reality.

Seen the TV ad for *The Count of Monte Cristo*? The metallic sword clash sounds were the work of a foley artist. The swords used on the set were most likely plastic. C3PO's footsteps were created by a foley artist wearing a child's wooden skis that sounded like flippers. The sound of horses' hooves is still made the way they did it in the 1930s — with half coconut shells clomped on some appropriate surface.

As for the classic sound of fist meeting jaw, there are a couple of ways to achieve it. If you're going for a meaty-squishy sound with overtones of a high-pitched *smack*, hit a frozen head of Romaine lettuce on the edge of a table, then combine that with the sound of a wooden slat being snapped. Cabbage smacked with a hammer also works. Or a boxing glove hitting a phone book. The sound of Homer Simpson getting hit in the gut with a baseball.

Naturally, the sound of a real fist meeting a real face isn't what the foley artist is trying to replicate. Most likely the director wants an exaggerated, shocking sound. So it doesn't really matter what a real punch sounds like. We believe it sounds the way it does in the movies. Besides, I couldn't hear the real sound over all the elf screams.

Quick, Matt!

Need an answer ASAP! My wife wants to start buying those sets of china dog figurines sold by the Franklin Mint. You see the ads in Parade magazine. Are they worth anything? Does the Franklin Mint have anything to do with the U.S. government?

— Frantic Frank, San Diego

Hah. All those china puppies and Civil War chess sets are created to be worth whatever someone is willing to pay for them. They have no intrinsic artistic or historic or materials value. They're kinda like baseball cards or the old Pog craze. Once people decide they don't want to buy what you're selling, then all you've got is a house full of worthless dust catchers. And you might say the U.S. government is to the Franklin Mint what the World Bank is to the dinner mint.

Hey, Matt:

I have this really gross habit of biting not only my fingernails but the skin around them. I've been doing this since I was a little kid and have been told it's a "nervous habit." But I'm not really a nervous person. I just enjoy doing it. Why am I doing this? Is it common? I know about that stuff parents put on kids' fingers to get them to stop, but it'll never work with me. I'll just get used to the taste.

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As for getting rid of it, how about willpower? You may bite your nails unconsciously, so try to catch yourself before you do and stop the habit pattern. Substitute a good habit for that bad habit (toothpick, gum, something mouth-satisfying). Carry nail clippers and a file to keep your nails neat. And, hey, I'll bet anything there's a 12-step Nail Biters Anonymous out there somewhere.

Got a question you need answered? Get it straight from the hip. Write to Matthew Alice, c/o the Reader, P. O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or fax your questions to 619-231-0489, or e-mail to heymatt@cts.com via the Internet. A searchable archive of past columns is available at SanDiegoReader.com.

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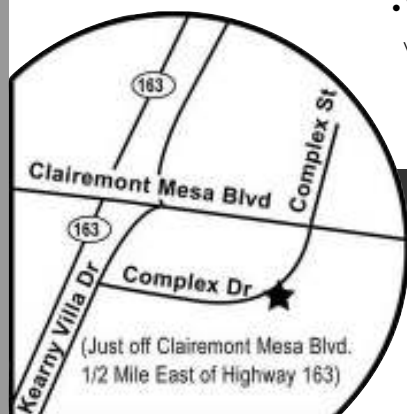
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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Your Cleveland Browns Sports-Oriented Biker Bar

Of course, every sportswriter is writing Super Bowl roundup columns. Well, I'm not going to be left in the dust gnawing on gumbo-encrusted paper plates and sucking down two-day-old warm beer out of plastic glasses with dead insects stuck to their bottoms.

So, I call Mike at Club Naha, on the 2500 block of University Avenue, and ask, "How was your Super Bowl crowd?" using my manly, world-weary sportswriter's accent.

"We didn't have anybody." Mike sounds a little lost.

"How come?"

"I think they all had parties to go to." Mike is laughing, sort of.

"How many people in the bar?"

"Right now?"

"No, I mean during the Super Bowl."

"Oh, we had about six." This is said s-l-o-w-l-y.

Okay, time to go for the hard-news angle. "How was the bar split? How many for New England, how many for St. Louis?"

"We had about two people for St. Louis and the rest were for New England."

Better fact-check. "So, New England had four fans and St. Louis had two fans? In other words, Patriots fans outnumbered Rams fans by a margin of 2 to 1?" Mike says nothing; I take this as a yes. "Who were you for?"

"I was for New England."

Better jot that down. "Did you think, ten minutes before the game, 'Something is going to happen. Any moment more people are going to come in,' and then, when the kick-off came, did you think, 'I'm bound to get more people in here,' and then, as the game wore on and on and on, and nobody showed up in the bar, did you think, 'Nobody showed up?'"

"Yeah, nobody showed up."

"I see. In that case, tell me this, were your customers all men or did you have women in the bar as well?"

"Just my wife. The rest were men."

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"It was all right. The crowd wasn't too big. There are other bars around here that had things going on." Speaking is Myla, your hostess at the Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill out on Greyling Drive.

"How many customers did you have?"

"Twenty, thirty people were here all the time. Others came in and out."

"How did the crowd split between New England and St. Louis?"

"Maybe 50, 60 percent going for the Patriots."

"Did you follow the game?"

"Only toward the end. I'm not into sports."

And now, the hard-news angle. "What's that like? The whole world is watching a football game and..."

"... I didn't know who was playing. Two days before the Super Bowl I had to ask a coworker who was playing."

"And suddenly you're in the middle of a Super Bowl bar?" Gads!

"I was amazed how people acted. They got really loud, louder than normal. They were having a good time. No one was violent, they were just having a really good time. The day bartender here follows sports. I walked in at change-of-shift and everybody is busy yelling. It's interesting to me, but my Friday nights are probably a little crazier than her football nights."

* * *

"We did real well."

Finally. Speaking is Gary, manager of The Playhouse, which can be found on the 4700 block of El Cajon Boulevard. "How many people in the bar?"

"About 40, it's a small place."

"Did they seem to be rooting for one team or

the other?"

"Everybody who figured the Rams were going to win got disappointed toward the end. Personally, I thought the Rams would score two touchdowns in the first quarter and the game would be over. There were only two other ways that New England was going to win that game and that was if Kurt Warner took a shit or it snowed."

I agree completely. "Do people get more drunk during the Super Bowl or is it just another Friday night?"

"I've been here for 12 years. This is the first year we didn't have any problems. Not a fight, no pissed-off 'Goddamnit, my team lost, I'm gonna beat somebody up'-type shit. This is a sports-oriented biker bar." Gary thinks for a moment. "We're the only place in town that supports the Cleveland Browns. Their last game was great."

This could be a hard-news angle. "What's the Cleveland connection?"

"About 14 years ago, a bunch of Navy guys who were from Cleveland used to hang out here. They started the Southern California Browns Backers Association.

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We were one of two venues in San Diego who showed, specifically, Cleveland Browns games."

"How did the Navy people get along with the biker people?"

"Not a problem."

"I see, they both like Cleveland." One heartbeat, two heartbeats. "That was a joke." Silence. More silence. "What you got going this week?"

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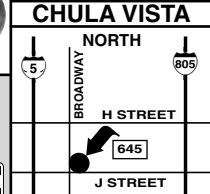
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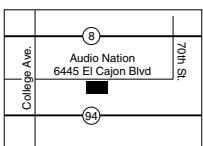
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Around 10:30 a.m. last Sunday morning, Pandit Satish Shukla, the slight and handsome 28-year-old senior priest at Shri Mandir temple, began preparing for the morning's service. Wearing a pink dhoti and red shawl, he swept the temple's white marble altars with a brush made of twigs. The temple was quiet and Pandit Shukla hummed to himself while he worked.

The morning's service, or *puja*, was in honor of Shiva, a personification of God associated with destruction and with procreation. Because of Shiva's paternal, procreative aspect, he's symbolized by the *lingam*, or phallus. Shri Mandir's *lingam* is a small egg-shaped object made of polished black stone. The *lingam* rests atop a thin wooden pedestal that sits in a large silver basin.

When Pandit Shukla was done sweeping, he brought to the altar the big, round, metal trays holding all the things necessary for the *puja*. One of the *puja*'s "ingredients" was a brass jar that Pandit Shukla suspended above the *lingam*. The jar has a small hole in its bottom and when Pandit Shukla filled the jar with milk, it released a slow steady stream onto the *lingam* below. The morning's *puja* is technically known as *Shiva Abhisheka* — *abhisheka* meaning "bath."

As people arrived for the *puja* — women in flowing bright-colored punjabis, men most often in Western clothes — you got a feel for Hinduism's vastness. No two people greeted the temple's gods in the same way. Some prostrated themselves before the statues. Others knelt and touched their foreheads to the floor. Others simply brought their palms together. Each greeting was individualized by a hand gesture, a turn of the head, a unique bow, or genuflection. Many people brought baskets of fruit or gallons of milk or jars of clarified butter to offer to Shiva. Some people first paid respects to Krishna, others to Ram, others to Lakshmi. The family sponsoring the *puja* gathered on a carpet spread before the *lingam*.

A man sitting with the family told me, "Shiva is of course known as the 'Destroyer.' But he is the very powerful destroyer of all evil and

misfortune and sorrow. Two of our temple members are very ill. One has cancer; the other recently had a bypass operation. On the first Sunday of every month, the temple has *Shiva Abhisheka*, and so we thought this month we would sponsor it in honor of our two sick friends. We thought of it as something nice we might do for them."

Like clergy in other places of worship, Pandit Shukla, and the priest who works with him, receive a salary from the temple. One skill the two pandits provide is a prodigious memory. Sitting beside the *lingam*, Pandit Shukla chanted the two-hour liturgy by heart. He wasn't idle for a second. While chanting, he rang bells, lit incense, lit oil lamps. While chanting, he anointed the *lingam* with milk, honey, sugar, flower petals, chopped fruit, water, yogurt, butter, sandalwood paste, Ganges water, rose water, coconut milk, and ashes.

"Sometimes," Pandit Shukla told me, "people will offer ashes from a funeral pyre to Shiva. Shiva loves that. He loves those ashes. After we die and are burned, we are but ashes, and who, in the end, will remember us? Shiva will. This is his fatherly aspect. A father's love. He says, 'Give me those ashes and I will remember you.'"

After the long liturgy, after Pandit Shukla had distributed to everyone *prasad*, or portions of the milk, sweets, and fruit offered during the *puja*, he and I went to talk in a small bare office.

"I come from a poor Brahmin family," he told me. "We had nothing. There hadn't been a pandit in my family for perhaps four or five generations. But my father and grandfather were religious. They followed the same guru. And before I was born, my father promised his guru that I would be a pandit. I was sent to study with this guru when I was four or five years

old. He had nothing more than a little hut. That is where I studied. And this is very rare in modern India. Brahmin families now usually want their sons to become doctors or engineers or computer programmers. There's no money in being a pandit. And even my guru said I ought to have a degree. So I went to college and got an MA in Sanskrit."

I asked Pandit Shukla if his work was motivated out of love for God, or if Hindus even spoke of their devotion in such terms.

"Of course we talk about love for God. Which isn't to say I feel it always. Sometimes when I'm very busy and am required to perform a ritual, it's difficult to feel anything. I do it because people expect it. But there are other times, say at six or seven in the evening, when I'm performing a ritual and nobody shows up. I'm here all alone in the temple. And I'm performing the ritual, chanting and singing, and I'm quite filled with joy. With great joy. I am filled with love for God."

— Abe Pinocar



PANDIT SATISH SHUKLA

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My current girlfriend, Susan, is a waitress in a trendy restaurant. The other day I went to the restaurant for lunch and was waited on by Susan. When I received the bill I paid with a credit card and opted not to give Susan a tip. This upset Susan greatly. We have been seeing one another for about eight years and have lived together for the past five years. We have separate bank accounts, but since I make more money than she does, I spend more money paying the bills, rent, food, etc. If I give Susan \$20 to put gas in her car, I do not expect to be repaid. It seems to me that if I tip Susan for serving my lunch, it is equivalent to paying myself. What is the protocol for tipping a girlfriend? What if she was my wife?

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Wife or girlfriend, I don't think there's any official protocol on the books for this unique situation. You and Susan have to invent your own. The difficulty seems to be that while you are operating from a standpoint of financial logic, Susan may be taking a more emotional view. I understand your well-taken point that since you are the major breadwinner and billpayer, tipping Susan would be paying yourself. On the other hand, Susan obviously is offended when you don't tip her. As I'm sure you know, not leaving a tip is considered an insult, a message of disgust from the patron indicating that the service was poor. While you don't mean it that way, Susan may be unable to shake that association when she sees the forlorn empty tip tray. Sometimes in love relationships, one does small things that one may not feel are utterly sensible, simply because they make one's mate happy, spare their feelings, etc. Tipping Susan seems like a pretty insignificant concession to mutual happiness and peace at home. And since it actually lines your pockets anyway, as you so intelligently pointed out, where's the harm?

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I can't tell whether I'm being petty or whether I have good cause to be upset with my husband. Will travels on business every other month. He's usually away about a week. We've been married ten years and he has been in this line of work the whole time, so I am accustomed to his absences. I miss him but know he must travel for his job. What I have never been able to get used to is the fact that for some reason he has a hard time communicating with me when he is on the road. We used to have big fights about it when we were first married. He'd go off and promise to stay in

touch by phone and then call once the whole week, if that. I've tried everything to get him to stay in better touch while he's away. Nothing works. I've wept, threatened, had long discussions with him about why he can't seem to do this simple thing I'm asking. I've let him know how much it would mean to me and how bad it makes me feel when I don't hear from him. I don't think he's hiding anything, and otherwise he is kind, loving, and responsible. When pressed about why he seems unable to call home, he seems perplexed and says, "I don't know why I always screw that up. I get busy and distracted and forget. I'll try to do better." I have a happy and fulfilling marriage. I'm just stumped as to why this otherwise smart and considerate man won't call home. I know he hates talking on the phone, but that's no excuse. Should I just give up? Is there some magic enticement I haven't tried?

LONELY GROSSMONT WIFE

Dear Lonely Wife,

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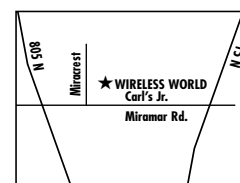
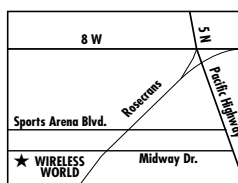
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Stealth Candidate

Who is Johnnie Perkins

and Why Does He Want
to Join the School Board?

With the future of San Diego Unified School District superintendent Alan Bersin and his once-vaunted blueprint for educational reform hanging in the balance, the race to replace outgoing school-board member Sue Braun — who caused a furor last year with her e-mailed threat to shoot fellow board members Fran Zimmerman and John deBeck — was expected to be a donnybrook. Five candidates signed up for the open seat. One is Braun's favorite, attorney Katherine Nakamura. Another, former Navy officer Jeff Lee, is a Bersin critic. Both had long ago announced their intention to seek the office and had begun building bases in the district, which extends from Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa to Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, and the College Area.

To most outside observers, the contest was shaping up as the traditional battle between those, such as Braun, who support Bersin, the controversial ex-U.S. Attorney who has repeatedly clashed with the teachers and their volatile leader Marc Knapp, and those looking for a candidate who would cast a third vote with boardmembers Zim-

merman and presumably deBeck to end Bersin's career in education.

But that scenario suddenly changed with the last-minute entry into the race of Johnnie Perkins, a trash-company lobbyist, veteran Republican operative, and ex-aide to city councilman Byron Wear. Though he has no children of his own (his wife is pregnant with their first child) and no experience in school-board politics, Perkins, who jumped into the fray just weeks before the December filing deadline, has emerged as the candidate to beat, rapidly collecting the endorsements of the San Diego Labor Council and the San Diego Education Association, the union representing 8300 of the district's teachers and other employees. The early

endorsements have allowed Perkins to list them on his ballot statement, giving him what local political experts say is a substantial leg up in the contest.

The collective embrace of Perkins gained even more momentum last week when Perkins announced that the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, consistently at odds with most of the teachers' union agenda, also endorsed him, and he filed campaign-finance disclosure forms revealing a host of sizable donations from members of the downtown establishment, which has favored Bersin. They include real estate mogul Malin Burnham and wife Roberta; nursing-home owner and one-time city council candidate Karen McElliott; and the William D. Lynch Com-



Unauthorized shot of Perkins at school-district headquarters

pany of Rancho Santa Fe, whose founder, Bill Lynch, has been one of Bersin's biggest supporters and whose foundation has contracted with the district to provide various educational services.

The abrupt appearance

of educational neophyte Perkins, along with the emergence of the politically strange bedfellows who are backing his campaign, is causing consternation and confusion among the teachers' union rank and file.

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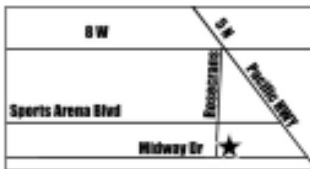
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plot by Bersin and his wealthy political backers — who poured more than \$750,000 into the attempt to defeat Zimmerman — to put another rubber stamp on the board, cementing his position for years to come. Some even claim that teachers' union president Marc Knapp is in on the plot and will be rewarded with a high-paying executive spot at the school district when he leaves his position as head of the union later this year.

Others speculate that city councilman Byron Wear, who is prevented by term limits from running for reelection and is seeking a lucrative job on the new regional airport board, is building his own San Diego version of Tammany Hall by engineering the election of his trusted former aide to the school board, which oversees a multibillion-dollar budget and each year awards millions of dollars' worth of contracts for everything from pencils to high school construction. The board also controls millions of dollars' worth of real estate, which some say

is highly coveted by an array of would-be developers, all waiting to pounce once the friendly four-to-one board majority legally required to market the land is elected.

Other key constituencies, like big labor, according to this theory, are being bought off by promises of contracts, choice jobs, and favorable treatment by local government. Perkins's role as lobbyist for San Diego Landfill Systems, a subsidiary of giant Allied Waste Industries, is fueling the suspicions. Others simply credit the political skills of the well-connected Perkins, who reportedly spent months researching the standoff between Bersin and his critics.

Perkins, a 39-year-old native of the city of Cypress in Orange County, says he bears no hidden agenda and denies he has entered into secret deals of any kind with Bersin, Wear, the teachers' union, the chamber of commerce, or anyone else.

"I told both sides clearly that some days you're going to be pleased with me and some days you aren't, but at the end of the day you're



From Perkins's campaign pamphlet

going to look back and say, 'He did what was best for the children,' " he said in an interview last week.

Perkins also denies that Wear is a major behind-the-scenes force in the

Perkins campaign juggernaut. "That's not true. In fact, Byron and I have had plenty of disagreements over a number of policy issues, even when I worked for him. But I haven't

worked for Byron in four years. I've had two other jobs since Byron, and so I talk to him every now and then, but I'm certainly not involved in his political operation, and I'm not involved in his policy operation at all, either.

"He called me when he heard I was interested in the [school board] race, and said, 'Hey, if you consider running, I think that would be great; I would support you.' But I did not call him and seek his advice or ask for his endorsement or anything like that. He had heard, and he had called and said, 'I heard you were thinking about running,' he thought that would be great."

Perkins adds that he is against selling off school-district property to well-connected developers in the way that the San Diego City Council has over the past decade sold city-owned real estate in order to raise money to fund operating costs. "I'm not inclined to support that, and the reason is our school district is going to continue to grow with the amount of popu-

lation growth in San Diego, and I think it would be irresponsible of any member of the school board to start discussing selling off assets. That's, in my opinion, what got the City of San Diego in so much trouble. They took all those assets they had, and they started selling assets every year to balance their budget."

His critics claim that, for all his mastery of educational jargon, Perkins is an empty suit who got a quick course in how to win a school-board race by saying the right buzzwords to the right constituencies, but once elected would be at the mercy of his handlers in labor and the downtown establishment. "Mr. Perkins lacks depth in his responses to questions regarding the Blueprint," argues Frank Lucero, a math teacher who is backing Jeff Lee. "His responses indicate that he is an educational neophyte. He uses the same response to many questions: 'The teachers are the experts,' 'parents are the foundation,' 'fundamentals come first,' 'reading, writing, math,' 'sit down with the stake-

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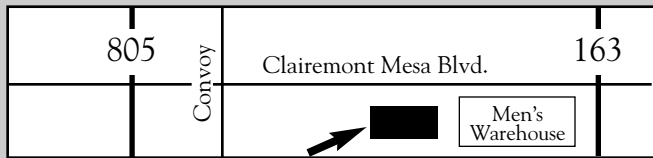


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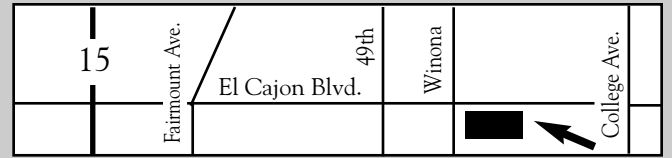
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holders at local schools to empower them,' 'The Blueprint is a top-down management approach.' In other words, there is no depth to his responses. I feel like yelling out, 'Tell us something we don't already know!'"

Perkins counters that his position as a newcomer to education politics is actually a plus and says he would base his service on the school board around his experience in the public schools of Cypress. "I'm a public-school-system product myself. Graduated from UCLA and went through the public schools myself, and I want to make sure that my child and the children in the community have the same kind of opportunities I had when I was in public school. I was held back when I was in first grade, and if not for the tremendous teachers I had then, I don't think I would have been able to get to the next level, because my folks moved from one city to another late in the school year."

"And I went to Cypress Junior College before I went

to UCLA, and I didn't know how to study out of high school, and I had tremendous professors at junior college that really focused me on studying, which enabled me to be successful when I got to UCLA. So I value and respect our teachers for the tremendous and awesome responsibility they have in educating our children, and I just want to make sure that the kind of privilege I had going through public school...that the children in San Diego have that same opportunity."

Lucero and others who favor ousting Bersin are also suspicious of the carefully studied position Perkins has laid out regarding the future of the superintendent. In his videotaped interview with the teachers' union, he studiously avoided calling outright for Bersin to go, instead suggesting he would convene a meeting of teachers, ask for their opinions, and then present Bersin with a list of unspecified policy changes. "If they aren't addressed in a certain amount of time, then I'm willing to reevaluate



Perkins at Catfish Club, January 2002

the administration." Counters Lucero: "His worst answers regard questions about his support for Alan Bersin. Perkins says that he could work with Bersin and that Bersin could be changed. He panders to his target audience and blows

with the political wind. "I told the SDEA, you did not do your homework," Lucero concludes. "If they had gone into any in-depth process, he would never have been endorsed." Not so, argues teachers' union president Marc Knapp, who

voices confidence in Perkins and his ability to deliver for his members. "Perkins says, 'I'm going to give you [Bersin] a chance to change, but if you don't, you're gone.' That is, if they have the votes to do it. Frankly, that's the approach I would take, even having been across the table from the superintendent all the time. If I was running a campaign, I would never run on saying I'm going to throw the superintendent out. What I would say was that I was expecting change; if it doesn't happen, this leadership is going to change."

Perkins adds that any policy changes to be made by the school board, including the potential firing of Bersin, will require time for him to evaluate once he gets elected. "I'd like to have a time period — and I don't know what it is, because I need to think through more about those issues and how complicated they would be to change quickly — but let's say we give him six months to a year; let's say just hypothetically. If those issues aren't changed within that time period that I think

is reasonable, then, yes, I would very seriously consider making a change in the superintendent's office."

Both Perkins and Knapp deny the persistent story that the teachers' union president made any secret deals to engineer the endorsement of Perkins. "At least one of the other candidates is putting out all of this spurious crap about SDEA sold out or I sold out or Alan Bersin is paying me off," Knapp says. "My favorite is the part where my contract with SDEA was supposed to run out on the 31st of December, and then on January 1st Alan Bersin was going to give me a high-powered job, maybe even Tony Alvarado's. I got to tell you, out of all the people in the world Alan Bersin would do anything for, I'm last."

The argument within the union over its endorsement of Perkins has become so heated that last week Knapp posted an article on the union's website, headlined "Setting the Record Straight: Rumors Fly in the Face of Facts," vehemently denying he had cut a deal

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with Bersin. "The President was only one of the approximately 150 votes cast, and had no veto power. We are recommending to our members one of the best pair of pro children/educator candidates SDEA has ever supported," Knapp wrote. "Misguided souls — It never ceases to amaze me how uninformed and stupid some people can be, so I probably need to clear up a few inaccuracies put out by these misguided souls."

"I am a dues-paying member elected by you to serve and represent the policies and positions of the Association in all dealings with the District and other agencies through July 31, 2002. This spring you will elect a new President to represent you."

"Alan Bersin can't offer to hire me to a District position; I am already a District employee. You can find me listed in the staff directory under Labor Relations as regular teacher at cost center #520. My term as President ends this school year, and I will be going through the regular Post and Bid process just like

many of you. I am not guaranteed a position. I have not been offered any position by the Superintendent or anyone else."

"We've seen these kinds of slanderous tactics before; most recently during the Fran Zimmerman School Board race. I guess 'those misinformed people' never ever get it. They believe they will divide and defeat us. Instead of spreading rumors and defaming our leadership and our candidates, 'those people' ought to call me with their rumors... I need a good laugh."

Over at the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, the umbrella group for 110 AFL-CIO locals in the region, political director Donald Cohen says there has been little or no controversy over the Perkins endorsement, largely because the council is convinced that he would vote its way on an array of bread-and-butter issues of special interest to its members. (The labor council is not affiliated with the teachers' union.)

"He passed the test. He seems good on our issues and is a viable candidate



Katherine Nakamura

and seems like he would be independent of the superintendent, independent of the chamber, independent of everybody. We want to ramp this down by having people on the board who aren't in one camp or the other but who actually have an opportunity to vote with the kids."

Cohen would not make public the questionnaire used to evaluate the school-

board candidates, but he said the labor council was confident that Perkins would vote with labor on a number of crucial issues, which largely involve unionizing the district's contractors and higher wages for its workers, or else he wouldn't have received the council's endorsement.

"We want construction, definitely. A lot of schools are being built. We

want to make sure they're done — we helped the school district to put together a labor-compliance program at the school district. Even though they have to pay prevailing wage, a lot of them [school contractors] were cheating. It's the law, but a lot of them don't do it."

"We'd like for [schools] to be built with project-labor agreements to actu-

ally get a well-built school. We'd like all public agencies, including school districts, to look at living-wage policies to make sure that subcontracting isn't used to downsize wages and benefits for workers. Living-wage policies usually apply to the contractors of school districts."

"We don't want people who support vouchers. We don't oppose charter schools, but we want to make sure there are collective-bargaining rights within charter schools. That's important, it's a core union value. Those kinds of things."

In an interview, Perkins confirmed he supported prevailing wage laws and voiced qualified opposition to vouchers. "I am not in favor of vouchers, and the reason is, I am a product of the public school system, and I just look at what it did for me, and I think I turned out pretty good. So, vouchers are not really something — at least at this time — that I'd be willing to support. Because there are still some things we can do at the public school level to get that improvement,

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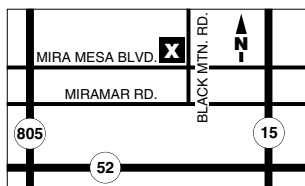
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to get the confidence of the teachers and parents back.”

On the question of unionization of charter schools, Perkins said he had no position. “I just haven’t given that much thought, so I don’t know. I haven’t really thought through that one at all.”

As for Alan Bersin’s future, so heatedly debated by the school teachers, Cohen says that, in the long-running battle for control of educational policy, the ball is ultimately in the court of the school board, not the superintendent.

“I don’t agree that he is the issue. He is *an* issue. He has done things that have been the wrong approach, the wrong method. And then there are some things educationally that he’s probably right on and probably wrong on, when it comes to curriculum and this and that. But he has certainly pushed too



Frank Lucero

damn hard. I mean, he’s made some mistakes and further polarized the school district. The school board—the elected representatives—need to be in control. He needs to work for a school board. They don’t need to work for him.

“That’s the difference. He’s a smart guy, right? But whether he can work for somebody is another question. But that’s what has to happen here. The school board needs to be in control of the policies of the schools, and when the staff

comes forward with a good idea, they need to say yea, and when they come forward with a bad idea, they need to say nay. That’s the difference, and that’s what we believe is important.”

Yet, despite the studied and unanimous assur-

ance from labor leaders that Perkins is their man, some union members continue to fire salvos from within. Much of the dissent involves the haste in which critics say the teachers’ union took up the endorsement. Knapp confirms that Perkins did not fill out a questionnaire prior to his pre-endorsement interview, as required of the other candidates, but says he did so afterward. “Johnnie had his [questionnaire], but he hadn’t turned it in before the interview, and that was part of what we were depending on afterwards, looking at the [videotaped] interview to check and make sure that the answers squared with it, before it went to the board of directors.”

But Knapp acknowledged that while his board does its best to screen potential candidates, its due diligence is limited by time and resources.

“We don’t go back and check and see if they graduated from UCLA or Harvard or whatever,” says Knapp. “We can’t do that kind of an extensive background check; we never have on any of our folks, and the assumption is that people are coming in and telling you the truth,” says Knapp. “But we do go back and say, ‘What kind of a person is this? Do they stand up for their word? Are they way left, are they way right? Are they the kind of person who is looking for a solution or confrontation?’ That kind of thing.

“That’s the kind of check that we do. We don’t do financial checks. I mean, obviously, places like Notre Dame don’t even do that when they hire a football coach! That’s pretty tough to do. We don’t know that. Never have. I don’t foresee that that would happen. You can never be 100 per-

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“But they put that stuff out, and they’re saying Perkins is a stealth candidate and he’s got all these skeletons. Well, you know what? I’ve done this a lot of times, and the people who sat on that committee have done it a lot, and certainly our board members and a lot of people on that council have years and years of experience in endorsing people. And aside from this little campaign of misinformation and stuff, people have been very impressed with Perkins.”

As it happens, though, Perkins has encountered personal and financial dif-

iculties in the past, according to records filed in San Diego Superior Court as part of a 1999 divorce action filed by Perkins against his first wife, Monica Fascher, whom he met, according to the records, 14 years ago while she was an intern in the office of then-governor George Deukmejian. In the documents, Fascher accuses Perkins of conducting an extramarital affair and later lying about their expenses and his income on a court document filed under penalty of perjury, including income he allegedly earned moonlighting as a referee for youth sports teams in San Diego County. Fascher also alleged that Perkins attempted to sell a Sacramento house the cou-

ple owned without telling her and failed to pay community debts, causing at least one lawsuit to be filed against the couple for bad debts.

Perkins said financial allegations made by his ex-wife, including failure to pay bills, were not based on fact. “Those were all paid off by me.”

In an interview last week, Perkins accused his ex-wife of lying and denied he had conducted the alleged affair, saying, “That’s absolutely not true.” He also said all of the financial allegations

made by his ex-wife, including failure to pay bills, were not based on fact. “Those were all paid off by me. What I did, I took responsibility for all of those and

paid everyone of them off.” Asked why Fascher would have made up the allegations, he replied, “I can’t speak for her.”

Contacted at her Los Angeles law office, Fascher

declined comment, except to stand by the allegations on file in her divorce case. In one document, dated February 4, 2000, Fascher outlines details of her often-rocky life with Perkins.

“Johnnie Lee Perkins, Jr., and I were married on June 29, 1991, and separated on February 27, 1998, when I moved out of the family residence. We were married for six years and eight months. In 1991, when we were first married, I served in the administration of Governor Pete Wilson in Sacramento, California. In June 1994, we agreed jointly that I would attend law school, and in August 1994, I commenced my studies at Southwestern University School of

Law in Los Angeles. While in law school I worked as a tutor for students on academic probation and as a law clerk, in the same firm where I am currently employed, Yoka & Smith in Los Angeles.

“Since graduation from law school in May of 1997, I have been diligently attempting to pass the California Bar Exam, while continuing to work in order to pay community debts acquired during this marriage and as much of my living expenses as possible. I have not yet passed the bar.

“I believe I have not yet passed the Bar because of the upheaval in my personal life. Specifically, I learned that Mr. Perkins

was having an extramarital affair in 1997-'98, thus causing me to move out of our residence. Since this date of separation, he has continually failed to pay community debts. He has forced us into a foreclosure, he is now threatening bankruptcy, and he continues to engage in harassing tactics. We have also now been sued by a creditor that he agreed to pay.

"I first met Mr. Perkins in 1988 while working as an intern for Governor George Deukmejian. In 1989, upon graduation from U.C. Davis, I accepted a full-time job in the Deukmejian administration, where I served until 1990. In 1990, Governor Pete Wilson was elected, and I served in his administration until beginning my legal studies in 1994. I have never been unemployed or terminated from any job. The only period that I have not

worked was during the first year of law school.

"Mr. Perkins states, 'She has also refused to cooperate in payment of a large portion of our community bills.' This is patently false. Since the date of separation, February 27, 1998, I have paid the following bills on time each month: Fleet Visa, Providian MasterCard, Bank of America Visa, GM Visa, Nordstrom, and Graduate Student Loans.

"From March 1998-January 1999, I paid the GoldenOne Visa bill on time every month. In February 1999, my student loans became due, and I could no longer afford to make the payments. Mr. Perkins agreed to pay the GoldenOne bill, and the bill was transferred to his address. He failed to make one single payment on time, and as such GoldenOne has now filed a lawsuit against us for payment of this bill.



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"Additionally, Mr. Perkins has failed to make on-time payments to Fleet Visa, causing the creditor to assess \$29-per-month late charges and to raise the interest rate on this card.

"Furthermore, Mr. Perkins unilaterally listed

and attempted to sell jointly titled real property in Elk Grove, California, and unilaterally decided to stop making mortgage payments in June 1999, thus causing the institution of foreclosure proceedings. Initially he represented that he had

money to close escrow.

"Then Mr. Perkins alleged that he did not have the money to close escrow and asks that I participate in a short sale in order to sell this property. I agreed to seek a short sale with the bank and accepted the short-

sale terms on three separate occasions. Now he has refused to participate in all three short sales, thus causing a foreclosure date of February 9, 2000, to be set. Another harassing technique by Mr. Perkins.

"Mr. Perkins's Income and Expense Declaration, filed with the court in September 1999, is false because he conceals assets and fails to include all monies earned. He included payment information that he was no longer making at the time of filing the declaration, namely the PNC mortgage payment of \$1800 per month. This has not been paid since June 1999, yet Mr. Perkins included this expense in his declaration.

"Mr. Perkins also fails to include monies earned as a sports referee in San Diego County, and he did not disclose the existence of a 401(k) account. However,

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he claims I have not been financially responsible. Given Mr. Perkins's conduct, his current request is insulting.

"Since the date of separation, Mr. Perkins has continually failed to pay community debts, failed to pay spousal support on time, and he is engaging in harassing tactics."

In a document filed with the court September 17, 1999, Fascher alleged that Perkins had failed to make home-loan payments.

"I have learned only in the last month from our mortgage lender that in the last 18 months Johnnie has only made nine payments to PNC Mortgage, seven of which were late/delinquent payments. While Mr. Perkins alleges that he was unable to make the March 1998 mortgage payment, this in no way explains why he failed to make the six mortgage payments, from April 1998-September 1998. He

also did not make payments for July, August, and September of this year. He never advised me that he failed to make the payments.

"As previously stated in my initial declaration, we had agreed that I would not seek spousal support while Johnnie paid the mortgage until we could sell our home. Now I learn that he has failed to make the payments he agreed to make.

"Clearly, Mr. Perkins has consistently failed to meet the mortgage obligations, yet he has an average monthly income of \$7208.43.

"The principal balance on the mortgage increased from \$176,151.84, as of February 17, 1998, to \$185,158.89 in November 1998, because of Mr. Perkins's failure to make the monthly mortgage payments. He has unilaterally increased the community debt on the mortgage by



Jeff Lee (right) campaigning

approximately \$10,000."

Fascher also accused her husband of lying about how much money she had earned working for Governor Pete Wilson. "Mr. Perkins's declaration is false. I never made \$60,000 per year while serving in the

Wilson administration. As a Communications Specialist, I was paid an annual salary of \$42,000."

Fascher's divorce-case filings portray a young, ambitious political couple, constantly traveling to various destinations linked to

their careers with the Republican Party.

"Our two-week trip to Tahiti was paid jointly by Mr. Perkins's parents and by Mr. Perkins and myself. We took at least nine domestic trips while we were married. In November 1992,

we traveled to Rochester, New York, for Thanksgiving. In July 1992, we traveled to Houston, Texas, to attend the Republican National Convention. In February 1993, we traveled to Orlando, Florida, to spend a week at Disneyworld, my 1992 Christmas present from Mr. Perkins. In February 1993, we traveled to Rochester, New York, for my grandfather's funeral. In May 1993, we traveled to Reston, Virginia, for my sister's wedding. In November 1993, we traveled to Dayton, Ohio, for Thanksgiving. In December 1994 we traveled to Detroit, Michigan, for Christmas. In May 1994, we traveled to Washington, D.C., for Mr. Perkins to attend a George Bush for President Seminar and to visit relatives. In June 1994, we traveled to Rochester, New York, for my family reunion. We also traveled regularly on the

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weekends to Sea Ranch, CA; Napa, CA; and Santa Clara, CA. Additionally, we traveled to Ensenada, Mexico, in November 1993 for a week, in an attempt to reconcile our marriage.

"There is no debt to Mr. Perkins's parents for our living expenses while we were married. Twice, Johnnie's parents contributed \$2000 towards our living expenses, once in December 1996 and again in August 1996. These were gifts. There was never any agreement or arrangement for us to pay back any of this money. On the other hand, the student loans, which we borrowed for our living expenses, were incurred with the agreement that we would repay those loans with community funds since the money was used for our community living expenses.

"Mr. Perkins's Income and Expense Declaration does not include earnings that he makes as a sports referee for high school games and for Pop Warner games in San Diego County.

"Mr. Perkins continues to have the same standard of living we maintained during our marriage — yet he has unilaterally increased the community debt — without making any spousal support payments to me and without making the mortgage payments as he promised.

"It is only fair that I be awarded spousal support at this time, since I am unable to meet my financial obligations on my own."

The case was finally resolved in the summer of 2000 with a marital-settlement agreement dated June 20, in which the couple agree that Perkins is to pay Fascher \$625 a month through February 2004 for "support and maintenance."

Says Perkins today, "It was difficult. It's not something that you hope to ever go through. Certainly not something I ever thought I would go through. But you look at things, and sometimes those things happen. I never started out thinking I'd ever be married more than one time. My parents had been married more than 35 years; it's kind of the model you look at." ■

— Matt Potter

Corpus of Joe Bailey

Give Me My Damn Pin

The social outlets of college life — parties and getting pinned, formals and football games — are reflected from the inside out as *Corpus of Joe Bailey* reveals flip sides of the coin of self-doubt: frat man Bill Strafford's grandiosity and halfback Joe Bailey's deprecation.

iii: Bill

Dancing slowly around the dim living room of the Omega Alpha house with June Herzog, Bill was thinking angrily that whatever he, as president, said before the dances, around eleven o'clock it always began to get like this. And it would become worse and worse, sexier and drunker, until lockout time, when the sorority girls would have to be taken home. There were only six or eight couples dancing, and they were keeping to the darkest corners. There were probably two or three couples necking on the unlighted balcony outside, and everyone else was downstairs in the bar, drinking, drunk, and singing drunkenly. Beans Brock and Red Thornton, who were taking turns tending bar, were undoubtedly stewed blind by now.

Scowling, Bill watched Johnny Folsom kissing his date by the front window. He danced off at an angle so June wouldn't see them. June's waist was like concrete under his arm, and he could feel the ribbing of her girdle. She danced heavily, her face pressed against his shoulder, humming the song that was playing. As

they turned Bill saw Marshall and Laura Lee sorting through the records on the table beside the phonograph, Laura Lee in a white cashmere sweater and blue pleated skirt, her blond hair hanging loosely down her back.

"Oh, there's Laura Lee," June said.

Bill tried to dance past, but the music ended and he had to stop.

"Well, hello B.S.," Laura Lee said. "I've been trying to decide what makes this place look a little more like a ten-dollar brothel than usual. Don't you think it does, June?"

"I think the Omega Alphas are white-slavers," June laughed.

"Maybe it's because there are so many Thetas here," Laura Lee said. "You Thetas give it a nice ten-dollar look."

Bill glanced wrathfully at Marshall, but June giggled with delight.

"What's that you say, B.S.?" Laura Lee said loudly.

Bill took June's arm. "Come on, June. I have to go downstairs and see if those bartenders are still on their feet."

"You go right down and straighten out those drunks, B.S.," Laura Lee said. "Marsh, shall we try this perpendicular necking again?"



Fraternity party

"Everybody says Stanford's going to win because he can't play tomorrow," June whispered as she and Bill moved toward the basement stairs. "Couldn't any of you help him with the courses he's failing?"

"He's flunking everything," Bill said. "He doesn't have the brains to get through college. How can you help anybody when they're flunking everything?"

"Well, I think it's just terrible."

"Anyway, he never studies." Bill rubbed his hands together. "He's always over at Laura Lee's place. He's got no

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one but himself to blame if he's flunking out of school."

At the top of the stairs they had to stand aside as a thin girl came running up the steps, followed by Andy Baker. "Gee, Laura Lee's fun," June said as Bill took her arm again.

"She's pretty funny," Bill said.

"I almost went Gamma because of her," June said. "She's so much fun, and she was an awfully good rusher, and Dad knows Mr. Crown awfully well. But she moved out of the Gamma house and I didn't like the other girls so much so I went Theta. Of course I'm awfully glad now."

"She got kicked out, I guess you know that," Bill said. They came down into the basement. The only light was the orange one behind the bar, and Beans Brock stood below it, mixing a batch of manhattans. Joe and the girl he had brought up from San Diego were at the bar, talking to Paul Clay and Martha d'Angustino, and beyond them in the darkness everybody else was standing in a big circle, singing "Shortnin' Bread."

June looked up at Bill. "What?" she said.

"She got kicked out of the Gamma house for doing you-know-what right in the living room. Right in the living room!"

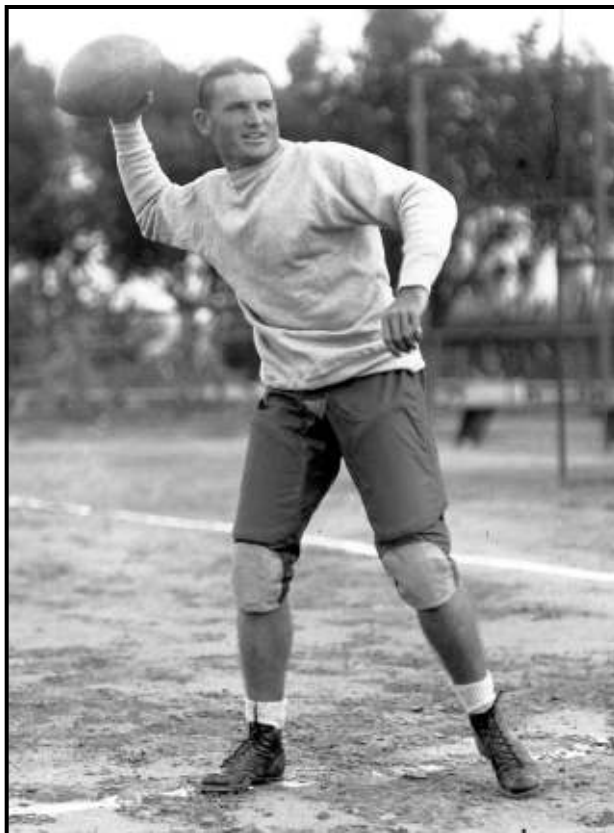
"That's a lie," June said. "Euny Cleary told me she just got sick of being fined for missing lockout."

"All right, but that's bad enough. You know why she kept missing lockout."

"Oh, everybody knows that. You're bourgeois, Bill, that's the trouble with you."

"Well, if not liking that sort of thing is bourgeois, I'm glad I am," he said coldly. But he didn't want to have a fight with June, especially over Laura Lee Crown; he smarted under a feeling that June would turn on him if he criticized Laura Lee too much, because they were both from rich, old San Francisco families and he was not. He put his arm around June's waist as they went over to the bar. "Hi, Martha," Bill said. "Hi, Paul. Hi, Joe."

"This is June Herzog, Con," Joe said. "And Bill Strafford. Bill's the chapter president. This is Con



San Diego State College football player, c. 1927

Robinson."

"Hello," Joe's date said. She had black hair and a small face and was overdressed in a black cocktail dress. She was wearing Joe's pin.

He said hello distantly. The Omega Alpha pin on her breast seemed a per-

sonal affront; he hadn't known Joe was pinned to this San Diego girl. She was cute enough, but not even in college, and she didn't know enough not to wear something as out of place as a cocktail dress to a record dance. He scowled covertly at Joe, remembering too

that Joe had been uncooperative about helping to break up Marshall and that whore of a Laura Lee. And tonight Laura Lee had been so snotty, and June had taken her side. He refused the drink Beans Brock offered him. June took one. The singers were harmonizing on "The Golden Shield of Omega Alpha."

Red Thornton came charging down the stairs, yelling, "Drink! Drink! Drink!" and he and Beans fell into each other's arms behind the bar. Stupid drunks! Last meeting he had made a speech about the drunkenness and necking at the house dances, but of course it hadn't done any good. Nobody appreciated or even understood how hard he had worked for the fraternity.

Paul nudged him and asked, "Well, how does it feel to be California Men's Club prexy, Bill?"

Immediately he felt better. "Pretty good," he said. "Pretty good."

"Bill's president of about everything on campus," Joe was saying to his date, and Bill heard June giggle

proudly. Joe's date gave Bill an appraising look, and he smiled at her in return. Actually she was very good looking, and even if it was so out of place, the dress was a very smart one.

The red light above the stairs flashed and the auto horn sounded and Joe's date smiled quickly at Joe. Bill turned away; the light and the horn were the sort of thing he objected to as hayseed Uncle-Billy's-Whiz-Bang humor. His momentary admiration for Joe's date passed. But then he smiled again as he heard Paul saying to Martha, "We're trying to talk Bill into running for ASUC president this spring. I'm going to manage his campaign, Mart." And Martha looked impressed.

"Oh, I could never make it in the ASUC election," Bill said, putting his hands in his pockets and rocking forward on his toes. "Those boarding-house reds are too strong. No man from one of the important social fraternities has won that election for years."

"Discrimination, by God," Joe said, and Paul

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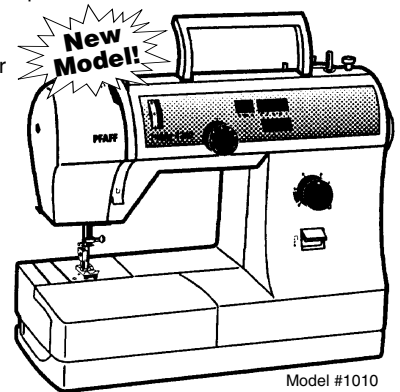
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laughed and said, "The non-orgs are too damn well organized."

The singers were starting a Theta song now. Andy Baker and the big-mouthed girl had come back downstairs. Andy Baker hated him, Bill knew. After Bill had been elected president and had started organizing exchange dances with the Thetas, Andy began dating a Chinese girl from International House. And at the meeting when Randy Weir had been thrown out of the chapter, Andy had been the only one to defend him. Andy had claimed that Bill had double-crossed Randy, screaming it at Paul and Dick Minton, who had acted as prosecuting attorneys. Randy had saved everyone a lot of unpleasantness by walking out of the meeting and out of the house. He was still on campus, living in one of the boarding houses, on the ASUC labor board still, and active in the anti-war rallies that were continually being held now at Sather Gate.

June and Martha went to put on lipstick, and Joe and his date joined the singers. Paul signaled for another drink. "Hey, how do you like that dolly of Joe's," he asked. "Pretty god-dam cute, huh?"

"Joe should have told her what to wear."

"Wear anything and send me. She's built better than our new Chris-Craft up at Tahoe."

"I didn't know Joe was hung," Bill said.

"Been hung for a couple of years. For Christ's sake, didn't you know that? Who do you think Joe writes all those letters to, Santa Claus?"

"Who'd he borrow the tweed suit from?"

"Bought it," Paul said. "He's taking that dolly I've got the hots for down to Del Monte. That Joe's throwing money around like a drunken frat man."

"Hey, Bill," Beans said, "you taking little Junie down to Del Monte?"

"Hey, B.S.," Red said drunkenly. "You can't hardly get your arm around that, can you? What's she got on, a money belt?"

"You're drunk!" Bill said.

"That's a pretty mean thing to say to a nice sober guy like me," Beans said.

Angrily Bill turned away. "Stupid sot," he said under his breath. Next to Marshall, Beans Brock had the lowest grade-point average in the house, but because he was not quite so stupid he had not flunked out — instead the house was burdened with him for this

semester after he should have been graduated, while he made up his grades. Bill watched Joe and his date move away from the singers; at the foot of the stairs they met Marshall and Laura Lee coming down, and the four of them stopped to talk.

"Laura Lay looks pretty

sexy in that white sweater," Paul said. "Christ, I'd be flunking out of school too if I was taking 21 units of rangh-rangh with that."

"That whore!" Bill said.

"I just want to hear you say that in front of Marsh some time," Beans said. "Just once. To complete my col-

lege education."

"Oh, shut up, will you?"

Marshall and Joe came up to the bar. "Three scotch and sodas, boy," Joe said, holding up three fingers. "And one Coke for a man who's still slightly in training."

"Hey, Marsh," Paul said, "Laura Lee looks pretty slick

tonight."

"Say it just once, B.S.," Beans pleaded. Bill glanced at him, and Paul asked, "Any chance you'll get to play tomorrow, Marsh?"

Marshall shook his head.

"Aren't you out pretty late before a game, Joe?" Bill

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said.
 "I've got it fixed with some big-time gamblers to throw it," Joe said. "I've got ten grand on Stanford."
 "You going out and rangh-rangh after this?" Paul asked.
 Joe's grin faded. He looked at Paul thoughtfully, then turned away and, car-

rying two glasses, followed Marshall back to the girls, who were sitting on the leather davenport near the door to the chapter room.
 "Rangh-rangh," Paul said.
 Bill looked at him disgustedly. He had never seen Paul so drunk before. He wished the university would

enforce the rule about no liquor in fraternity houses, or at least that it was possible to have a party where there was polite drinking without this inevitable dissolution into drunkenness and sex.
 "Yeah, I could go for that Connie Robinson," Beans said. "She's a Point

Loma girl. I guess you poor unlucky bastards never saw a Point Loma girl before."
 "A kindred spirit!" Paul cried and reached across to shake Beans's hand. "Did you know her in San Diego, Beans?"
 Beans shook his head. "She's been going with Joe ever since grammar school.

She went to State. Point Loma girl. Boy, they don't make good-looking stuff like that up here in the Bay Area."
 "Joe will," Red said. "What'll you bet?"
 "Ooooh, those long legs send me," Paul said. "Ooooh, B.S., she just crossed them again. I can't stand it. Jesus,

look at all the beautiful rangh-rangh sitting on the davenport!"
 Bill shook his head, trying to dispel the picture that was forced on him now, of taking June home to the Theta house when the party was over, of having to kiss her in the car before they got out, then walking hand

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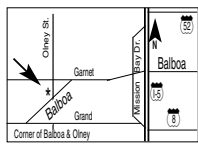
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in hand with her to the porch, which would be crowded with couples kissing good night, and embracing her again, feeling her heavy warm breasts against his chest and her damp lips and her hand ruffling the hairs at the back of his neck. But June had been very impressed when he had told her he had been elected president of the California Men's Club. And he was going to spend next weekend at the Herzog place in Burlingame. He would have a chance to talk to Mr. and Mrs. Herzog again; he knew they liked him, and he felt happier, thinking about next weekend. This weekend at Del Monte would just be another big shambles, but June had insisted she wanted to go.

"Do you suppose Joe'd trade me his dolly for that wop I brought and a last year's convertible?" Paul was saying to Beans.

"He'll be in great shape for Stanford tomorrow," Red said.

"Jesus, poor Marsh," Beans said. "I guess he's really through, huh? He must feel like hell."

"Laura Lay'll fix that," Paul said. "Rangh-rangh fixes everything. Hey, didn't you lop off a piece of that once, B.S.?"

"Yeah," Bill lied. "How was it, B.S.?" Red asked.

"Hey, B.S.," Beans said, "here comes little Junie with her money-belt on."

"You better be quiet!" Bill said fiercely and smiled as June and Martha came up.

Beans made the girls a drink, and then Paul squeezed Bill's arm and whispered, "Oh God, there they go!" Bill turned to see Joe and his date and Marshall and Laura Lee disappear up the stairs. "God-dam my creative imagination," Paul whispered. "God-dam me for coveting my neighbor's ass."

"What are you two whispering about?" Martha asked. Paul giggled. Bill didn't look at him; he started when June touched his arm.

"Let's go up and dance, Bill," June said.

Reluctantly he agreed and followed her up the stairs, the way Joe and his date and Marshall and Laura Lee had gone. He hated them; he despised himself for letting all the filthy talk make him excited and jeal-

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ous, when he couldn't afford to feel that way, or even admit to himself that he felt that way. Watching the movement of June's broad hips, he tried consciously to make himself despise Joe and his date, to feel only a righteous anger against Marshall and Laura Lee. But suddenly and acutely he hated his mother, crying in her little apartment on the wrong side of Nob Hill.

iv: Joe

Joe put the metal cup in the sling of the supporter and spread his legs to adjust the straps under his buttocks. The cup was unpleasantly cold and hard. The fresh taping on his ankles felt too tight, and he massaged the right one, feeling the adhesive pull at the skin. Below the tape his foot looked bony and white, with the

narrow band of reddish hair growing down the top. He put on his shoulder pads and tied the laces and got Jerry Butler to help him pull his jersey over them. A locker door slammed, then another and another, and there was a sound of cleats on concrete. "Let's knock the hell out of Stanford!" somebody yelled. "What do you say, gang?" The words sounded a little forced, and there was no response. Another locker door slammed.

Joe laced up his pants and sat down, grunting as he bent to pull on his sweat socks. His eyes caught the closed door of Marshall's locker, next to his. Someone came past with grating cleats and slapped him on the back, but he didn't turn, pulling the laces of his shoes tight and staring up at Marshall's locker. It shocked him

that Marshall was not even in uniform for this game. Marshall had not been able to play in the last two either, because of his grades, but at least he had gotten into uniform. And this was the Stanford game, the Big Game, the last of the season.

He knew he would be playing today even though he had broken training the night before. The first-string right halfback would not be able to last the whole 60 minutes. And he had a terrible premonition of failure that was somehow connected with last night, with Con. He cursed himself; he shouldn't have tried it, he told himself for the thousandth time. He had decided beforehand that he would not, but kissing her, fondling her, exciting her, he had become too excited himself, and then the "Ugh, it's all over

me," and her revulsion and freezing up and the silent ride back to the Tri Delt house. And almost worse had been saying good night at the door, when he had to look in her eyes and she had coolly looked him in the eyes and he had known what she was thinking because he had been thinking the same thing and there was nothing to say to her. "ugh," he grunted aloud.

"How about a hand, Joe?" Jerry said, and Joe stood up to help him pull on his jersey. Jerry thanked him and sat down to put on his cleats; his pads made him look like a hunchback as he bent forward. "Marsh didn't come out today, huh?" he said.

"I guess not."
"Maybe he's quit school. That poor bastard."

"Yeah," Joe said, but he was disgusted with Marshall. Marshall had known he would flunk the econ mid-term, and Dick Welsh had offered to take it for him. It was a big class, and this sort of thing had been done before. Dick could have cooled the exam for Marshall, and then Marshall would have been failing only in cost accounting and not so certain of flunking out of school at the end of the semester and probably could have played football. But Marshall had refused. Joe and Dick Welsh had argued with him almost all one night, but Marshall had stubbornly said if he was going to flunk, he was going

to flunk, and it didn't seem to matter to him that he had only one more semester before he graduated.

He had no business being a senior at the University of California anyway, Marshall had insisted; he was too stupid. Yes, Joe said, to himself, Marshall was stupid, but not in the way he thought. He was stupid because he was so close to graduating, and he wouldn't do a little cheating, wouldn't do anything, in fact, to graduate. "If I flunk out I can get a job and help put my brother through school," Marshall had said. "He's got the brains. I wasn't ever meant to go to college." And they hadn't been able to budge him. Even when Joe had phoned Laura Lee and asked her to talk to Marshall about it, and she had, it had made no difference. Marshall might be a good guy, but he was stupid. Yet he understood Marshall's feeling of defeat. He had felt it last night with Con, and he felt it even more intensely today.


When they ran onto the field the cheering was like a blow in the face, like a wind, and to run against it they had to lean forward and dig their cleats deep into the grass. He heard the band playing and the clapping; the cheerleaders were leading a yell, but he didn't hear it as such, hearing only the long burst of sound that seemed to have had no beginning, as he ran across the grass with the team, feeling his cleats biting in, the

muscles of his legs pulling powerfully and smoothly, his bent arms pumping, his breath crisp in his throat. He saw Stanford red jerseys and white pants running formations down the field.

He squatted with the second-string backfield behind the second-string line, his knuckles squeezed into the grass, his left arm lying across his left thigh, toe cleats digging in and thrusting him forward as the ball was snapped back. The second team sprinted forward and stopped and knuckled down again. The rooting section was singing:

*"Our sturdy golden bear
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Looking up at the curving, towering sweep of the stands, he wondered where Con was. He had meant to tell her to sit in a particular place so he would know where she was; she might be anywhere, watching him, thinking about last night. He felt the blood rise to his face. Or maybe she hadn't even come to the game to see him — to see him what? Why had he tried it last night? And what had been the matter with him? He had done it before, all right; but with Con, the time when it had counted, he had come like a streak of lightning and had failed. Always when it mattered. The center



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snapped the ball back to the quarterback, and they sprinted on down the grass, over the white lines, toward the goal.

Early in the third quarter, with Stanford leading by two touchdowns, the coach sent him in. Stanford had completed two passes in a row and had a first down on the Cal 40-yard line.

Galloway broke up the next pass, a long one, and on the third down Joe and the fullback cut down the Stanford ball carrier just as he got through the line. Stanford punted out of bounds. On the first play Jerry made a yard for Cal, Galloway got away for eight, and Joe went through center for the first down, holding the ball in his folded

arms and dancing behind the line with his knees coming up almost to meet his chest, and, when the hole showed between center and guard, diving through just as it closed again. The Stanford center crashed into him with the blunt, bone-aching, breath-taking shock he had never learned to glory in as some seemed to; but he turned and slid and sprawled for three yards. Then Galloway called for the right half's short-pass play, and he realized with another and different shock that it was the start of his sequence. They had never used it when he was in a game before. He began to sweat coldly, to feel a tiredness that was not a physical tiredness. But he had no time to think,

and as the ball came back from the center he could only automatically snatch it safely against his stomach with his two sweating hands, fading and starting to the right, watching the tackle and the end take out the Stanford end, running slowly, shaking the ball, feinting at Jerry. He saw the white flash of Rogers's open-mouthed anxious face beneath his helmet, and he shot the ball at him, unthinking still, the pass hard and flat and perfect. Rogers juggled it for an awful instant, and then a Stanford back sliced into him so he bent like a hinge, and another back piled on, and a third red jersey flung itself over the pile-up for the fumble. But Rogers had held onto

the ball.

Galloway slapped Joe hard on the seat as they went into the huddle. He called the third play of the sequence. Rogers's nose was bleeding, and he kept turning his head to spit. The huddle dissolved, and Joe stood back again, naked before the ocean of watching eyes, as the lineman knuckled down. His hands slipped on his knees and he had to regain his grip. Clutching at his knee pads as he crouched, he gazed at the number 14 on Galloway's back, at the number 46 kneeling where Marshall's number 9 should have been, at the Stanford left-end ranged wide. He kept his eyes away from the other side of the backfield,

staring at the Stanford fullback, the halfback behind him, the safety man leaning forward and running his hands up and down over his hips.

The ball shot back at him. He started toward the right, seeing Rogers coming out as before, hearing the Stanford center yelling in a brass voice to the flat defender, who was backpedaling to keep behind Rogers. He feinted at Rogers and then cut and reversed his field, running now to the left. He could see Jerry downfield, running with his head down, his white legs churning. "Cut, you bastard," he whispered. "Cut, you bastard!" He sidestepped a lineman who came diving through. He saw the full-

back coming at him. "Cut, you bastard," he whispered, loping along. But when, far down the field, he saw Jerry cutting, the Stanford fullback was almost on him.

As the fullback dived he stabbed his left hand at the white helmet and jumped up. His leg muscles and the lever of his hand, forcing down the white helmet, carried him high in the air, and he could feel his body twisting to the right and his arm tightening perfectly, everything perfect and conditioned and practiced and sure. But in that swift, propelling, backward-propelled fraction of an instant in which he released the ball, he knew it could not be good. Like a buzzing in his ears, he

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could hear the screaming of the stands, see that everyone was on his feet. The stands seemed filled with dark and colored grains of rice somehow magnetized to stand perpendicular at a given moment, and he heard the long, half-hopeful, half-frantic yowl form in all those open throats.

He fell back under the drive of the fullback, crashing over and down, but with his shoulders automatically arched, braced and springing so that he somersaulted over backward. He did not even see the ball in flight, but he heard as he rolled the long yowl, despairing now, outraged, from the countless open-throated, despairing University of California football fans who were slowly seating themselves again now that the magnetism that had held them upright had been removed. Without even looking at where the ball had gone, he accepted a Stanford man's hand and was pulled to his feet. Suddenly he was through with football.

Slowly he walked toward the California bench. He signaled the coach to take him out without even bothering to feign a limp. He was through with football. He was not good enough, and he did not want to find out how great was his insufficiency. He didn't look up as his replacement ran out past him, and he took off his helmet as he stepped over the sideline. The coach was standing with his hands in the pockets of his business suit, the big rancher's hat pulled down over his eyes. Beside him George Davis had risen also, his meaty face puzzled.

"What's the trouble, Bailey?" the coach said.

Joe slung his helmet down toward the manager, who caught it and arranged it in line with the other helmets. He could see everyone on the bench watching him; suddenly all eyes snapped toward the field. Then the coach and George Davis looked back at him.

"What's the matter, fellow?" George Davis asked.

Joe shook his head and moved away toward the end of the bench. "Ram it and jam it," he whispered. "You rich son-of-a-bitch." But the words did not mean anything. He was shivering as he tried to saunter along behind the sideline. The manager threw a blanket around him, and he clutched it at the waist, his cleats tripping him slightly as he swung a foot too low. He looked up at the great swimming cliff of faces above him and wondered where Con was sitting.

When the game was over and Stanford had won, he rose with the rest of the bench-sitters while the band played "Hail to California," hung behind the others when they went out to shake the hands and slap the backs of the players coming in off the field, reluctantly stood in the huddle while the team gave Stanford an unenthusiastic cheer. He avoided Gallaway, whom he had seen watching him, as everyone started for the locker room, losing himself in the crowd that had descended from

the stand to mill around the players and flood across the field. He ignored the slaps on his shoulder, someone who shouted, "We'll get 'em next year, Joe," making his way slowly through the press with his eyes cast down and his blanket clutched around him.

Then a hand caught his arm and a girl's voice called his name breathlessly. It was Polly Davis, with a huge blue and yellow rosette pinned to her blue sweater. Probably she wasn't the last person he wanted to see, he thought grimly, because that was Con; nor the next to last, who was her father, or the coach, or Tommy Gallaway, or Marshall Trask. He scowled down at her thin hand clinging to his jersey.

"Joe, what happened? Were you hurt?"

His mouth felt dry and scummed, and he tried to spit and then wiped furiously at the failure on his chin. "I aggravated an old injury," he said.

"Your leg?" Polly asked. He didn't answer, moving

on. But her hand still clung to his arm. "Joe, where's Marsh?"

"Beats hell out of me."

"I tried to call him today, but he wasn't at the house. I wanted to tell him —" She stopped, and he glanced around at her. She looked frightened. She winced as someone thrust past her, and her grip on his arm tightened. "Joe, I want to tell him I'm sorry about what Daddy said to him, and I wanted to say I'm — I'm sorry he flunked —"

"Yeah," Joe broke in, "I suppose your old man did give him hell. I hadn't thought of that."

"He didn't mean it. He says things he doesn't mean, and then he's sorry about it afterwards. He really is."

Ask him if he wants to give me Marsh's deal after my great performance today, Joe said to himself, and then tell him he knows where he can put it. Aloud he said, "You might try him at Laura Lee's place. He might be over there getting consoled.

He didn't stay at the house last night."

He was immediately sorry he had said it. Polly's hand left his arm, and her eyes grew big and shocked. Her hand slowly rose until her fingers touched the mole on her cheek. "No, I don't know where he is," he said quickly. "But I'll give him your condolences if I see him, Polly." He halted as she did and turned to face her. "I'm sorry I said that."

"Well, I shouldn't have come down and bothered you when you're hurt and tired, Joe."

"Hurt and tired," he said. And why take it out on Polly Davis, a high school kid with a crush on a football star, who was, only incidentally, George Davis's daughter? On an impulse he reached out and ruffled her hair and grinned. "When I see him I'll tell him his number-one fan is suffering for him," he said.

Polly smiled hesitantly and backed away. "Thanks, Joe," she called.

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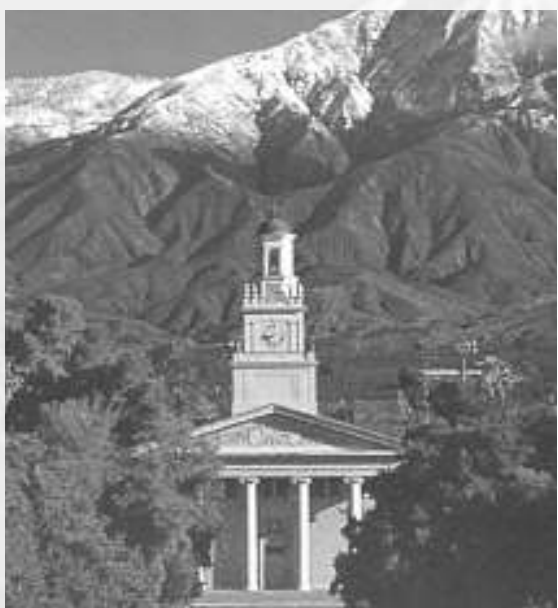
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white shirts and beanies trooped between them. He stood watching her dark head and blue sweater moving toward the foot of the grandstand where the benches were and where George Davis was standing, taller than anyone near him.

Joe clasped the blanket tighter around him and pushed his way toward the ramp that led into the locker room. He had to shower and dress and go to the Tri Delt house to meet Con; again he looked up at the high bank of the stands, from which the people were filtering out, clotting into dark funnels at the exits. Go to meet Con, and go with Con down to Del Monte for Big Game weekend. He wondered if he could stand it.

v: Con

There were two others sharing Con's room. One was the chubby June Herzog she had met the night before. The other, Patty, had red-gold hair and talked continuously about someone named Johnny in a high, fast voice. They had arrived first and got the twin beds, so Con was left with the cot.

As she changed into the black formal Marya had designed for her, Con saw that Patty and June were both wearing Omega Alpha pins. She left her own in her purse. Joe had been silent all the way down from Berkeley, and he had made her drive. He seemed to be angry because of last night, but she was the one who had a right to be angry.

She had thought he was hurt in the game; sitting in the stands, she had seen him leap high in the air to pass, and at the same moment he had been tackled so that he had turned a kind of cartwheel over backward. Someone had to help him up. But when she asked him if he had been hurt, he had said brusquely that he was sick of football and had decided he didn't want to play anymore. All the way down he had been sullen, or, when she tried to talk to him, bitter and cutting. And he hadn't bothered to buy her flowers. She knew it was because of last night.

"You two go on," June said when Con finished her hair and left the mirror. "Don't wait for me. Tell Bill

I'll be down as quickly as I can, will you, Patty?"

"Righty-o," Patty said, and she and Con went out and down the hall to the elevator. "Marvelous dress, Connie. Where'd you get it? Magnin's?"

"In San Diego," Con said. It angered her that she should feel embarrassed to say her dress was from San Diego. And she was still furious at Joe for not telling her what to wear to the party at the Omega Alpha house last night. She didn't speak to Patty going down in the elevator, wondering if Patty's gown were from Magnin's in San Francisco.

The elevator door rolled open, and they entered the lobby, their heels clicking on the big brown tiles. Joe, Bill Stafford, and a tall thin boy were talking together near a potted palm tree. Joe was wearing a tuxedo; his shoulders looked huge and his face very tan above the stiff white collar of his shirt.

"Hey, Johnny!" Patty called, and the tall boy hurried over to meet them.

"Where's June?" Bill asked. He gave Con a blank look, running his hand carefully over his blackly shining hair. His tuxedo fit better than Joe's did. Con had been impressed with Bill at the party last night, and she hoped Joe would trade a dance with him tonight.

"She'll be down in a minute," Patty said. "Let's go in there and get to dancin', Johnny-boy."

Con put her arm through Joe's as they followed Patty and Johnny toward the sound of the music. "Joe," she said quietly. "Let's have a good time. Please."

"What kind of a good time?"

"Oh, what's the matter with you!" she whispered. The ballroom was huge and vaulted, and she had never seen so many people in formals and tuxedos. The room was almost completely dark around the edges, and in the center a revolving chandelier cast colored lights onto the floor and the dancing couples, like scraps of confetti. A big orchestra was playing "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen," and a girl in a violet gown was swaying and singing in front of the microphone.

"Joe," Con whispered as he put his arms around her,

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"please let's have a good time."

"All right," he said.

But he was not dancing very well. He didn't seem to be trying. They traded dances with Patty and Johnny, and then with Bill and June. Bill danced too smoothly and talked to her as though she were a little girl from the country, and she was glad when she was dancing with Joe again. At intermission they went out on the terrace. In the darkness beyond the hedge they could make out figures running about. Pulling Joe by the hand, she went on down the path that led through the hedge. Bill and June followed.

"Oh no!" Joe said.

It was a football game. Someone came running over toward them, to be tackled by two others. Another figure ran out of the darkness and piled on.

"Damn fools," Bill said

pompously, but Con laughed, suddenly carried away in the mood of gaiety and excitement. June laughed too. The figures on the ground unscrambled themselves and ran away.

"Hey, Joe," someone yelled. "Come on, man! We need a blocking back. Come on, we're four touchdowns ahead. Hey, Harry, here's Joe!"

"Hey, come on, Joe!" someone else yelled. The boy who had spoken first came up, wiping his hands on his pants. He was without a coat; Con could see the stiff, shining front of his shirt and the grass stains on the knees of his black trousers. "How about it, Joe? Take off your coat. We're playing in shirts, Stanford in coats."

"Let's go back in," Bill said.

Con pulled at Joe's arm. "Go ahead, Joe," she said excitedly, feeling a vicari-

ous pride in their wanting him.

"Nuts!" Joe said.

"Where the hell's the ball?" somebody shouted.

"You need a drink, Joe," the first boy said. "Go on over to our place and get a few drinks and then come play. Coming!" he yelled and turned and disappeared.

"What a bunch of jerks!" Joe said disgustedly.

"At least they're having a good time," Con whispered.

"We're going in," Bill said. "June's cold."

"What's stopping you?" Joe said.

"Oh, what's the matter with you!" Con whispered, squeezing his arm as tightly as she could.

"Come on," Joe said sourly. "Let's go get a drink over at the Betas' place. That's what I need."

He was walking rapidly now, and she had to hurry to keep up as they followed the cement walk around the side of the hotel where there were double rows of small two-story houses. Each was

brightly lighted, and the sound of laughter and singing was thin and tinny in the night air. Joe stopped someone and asked where the Betas were, and they went to the house that was pointed out. Inside the front door, in a small parlor, a group in tuxes and formals were playing bridge on the floor, and another couple was necking on the couch.

A handsome blond boy standing alone in a doorway across the room grinned and then came toward them. "Joe! Hi, Joe and date! How about a drink?"

"That's what we're here for," Joe said. "Con, this is Tommy Gallaway. Con Robinson."

She extended her hand, but the blond boy threw his arms around her and kissed her hard on the mouth. "We're kissing everybody tonight," he explained to Joe. "You don't mind, do you?"

"Hell, no," Joe said. "She wants to have a good time. She goes for that stuff."

"Good!" Tommy Gallaway said. He kissed her again, but this time she felt his tongue and she pushed him away. "I'll trot my girl out so you can get yours," he said to Joe. "The liquor's in the kitchen. Sorry there's no more mixer." He swung around and almost fell. "Hey, where's my date?" he called.

"Do you want me, Tommy?" A girl in a white formal came away from the singers.

"You bet your dollar bottom I do," Tommy said. He kissed her himself and then picked her up and carried her to Joe. Tommy held her up while she put her arms around Joe's neck and kissed him, then carried her back and set her down with the singers again.

Going out to the kitchen, Joe had to kiss another girl who came down the stairs, and two more boys ran over from the singers to kiss Con. She felt excited and carried away again, as though she were already a little tight. This was what she'd been want-

ing. This was the kind of thing she'd never done in San Diego. These people were really having fun; these were the people who were beautiful and handsome and sophisticated, all young, everyone at Del Monte tonight young; the bourbon, drunk straight from paper cups, seemed both blasé and innocent, the kissing and love-making daring — but no roughness anywhere, nobody older and menacing staring at her, nothing to spoil this, if only Joe would enter in and share it with her.

"Having a good time?" he asked. He said it angrily, without looking at her, and she whispered, "Oh yes," wanting him to know that it was so tantalizingly close and that she had forgiven him for the shock of last night, the disappointment of the trip down. She felt the bourbon warm in her stomach, and she caught his hand and pressed it against her there. Then she pressed herself against him, putting her arms around his neck and raising her lips to him. Joe pulled away as Tommy Gallaway came into the kitchen. Tommy poured bourbon into his paper cup and tossed it down his throat. His bow tie and the top stud of his shirt were undone.

"Hey, Joseph," he said, "have you seen my date? Little squatty girl in a white formal name of Rosemary?"

"Isn't she out there singing?" Con asked.

"Say, what the hell happened to you this afternoon,

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man?" Tommy said.

Joe shook his head. He poured liquor into his own cup. Con watched to see if he could toss it off like Tommy. He did, and ran his hand over his mouth. "I was watching the clock," Joe said. "I'd just made enough time to get my letter this year. Why do more?"

Tommy, who had started away, looked back with an amazed grimace. He went out, yelling, "Rosemary! Hey, Rosemary baby!"

"Joe," Con said, "don't you want to kiss me?"

"Any time," he said. He

kissed her, and she wished he would get drunk and she would get drunk, and then he would lead her outside into the darkness somewhere and she would let him, and it would be not at all like last night but all smooth and thrilling like everything tonight was going to be, yet at the same time hard and relentless and forcing. She let her lips open as she thrust herself against him, but then there were footsteps and voices cried, "Me too! Me too!" and Joe had to kiss the girl while the boy bent Con back over

the edge of the table, kissing her.

When they had gone Joe said, "Let's get the hell out of this damn mass-production post office." He looked at his watch. "I've got to go up to my room and get my bottle, and then later on we're supposed to go over to the Phi Deltas' place. You want to wait here while I go get the bottle?"

"Aren't you afraid for my virginity?"

He grinned tightly. "Everybody here's too drunk to do anything about it, and I missed my chance last

night."

"Let me go with you," she said, and they walked out through the front room with their arms around each other.

She waited in the lobby while Joe got his bottle, and then they sat in her car and had a drink by themselves. They drank from the bottle and necked for a long time. Everything was rosy, hot haziness until she almost wanted to scream with the exquisite beauty of the excitement. But the haziness increased until she was afraid she was going to be sick,

and Joe had to walk her around in some dark garden where there was a fishpond with a tall fountain in the middle of the pond.

They went on to another party where everyone was singing. She and Joe sang too, except she didn't know the words and could only hum. Joe had the bottle stuck into his belt inside his coat, and they kept drinking from it until she did get sick, running upstairs and just making it to the bathroom and falling on her hands and knees before the toilet. Afterward

she felt much better. She found some toothpaste and rinsed her mouth out before she went downstairs again.

For a time she was sober, and everything seemed a little boisterous and silly, but Joe had saved an inch and a half of liquor, and she quickly drank two long swallows. She did not know where they went then, but finally they were lying on the bed with another couple, and a third couple was necking on the floor beside the bed. But she and Joe were fighting, and he kept saying in a fuzzy voice that

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he wanted his pin back. She began to laugh hysterically, and Joe said, "Stop that. Stop making that terrible noise. Give me my damn pin. I mean it, damn it, Con!"

"For Christ's sake, give it to him and shut up!" the boy on the other side of the bed said. He had lipstick smeared all around his mouth and looked as though he had been eating watermelon. His girl had her hands around his neck, trying to pull his head back down.

"You better shut up!" Joe

said to him. "Nobody asked you anything at all. Where's my damn pin?" he said to Con. But she couldn't stop giggling. "You sound like a damn old goat," he said disgustedly. "Didn't you even bring it with you?"

"In my purse," Con finally got out. "Where is my purse, Joe?"

"How the hell do I know?"

"Joe, where *is* my purse?" she cried, and then she began to laugh again.

"Why can't you love birds get along?" the girl on

the floor said.

Con tried to lift her head to see her, but something pulled at her hair. She relaxed again. "Didn't I give you my purse?" she said to Joe. "Just a little beady one. Didn't I, darling?"

"Shiiiih," Joe said. "Got it in pocket my coat." He swung his legs over the edge of the bed.

"Hey, watch out!" the boy on the floor said.

"Go take a flying—" Joe said and stopped.

He tacked across to his coat, which was hanging

over the back of a chair, and got the purse out. It opened, and everything in it spilled onto the floor. Joe cursed and got down on his hands and knees to retrieve the contents. Con freed her hair from somebody's elbow, crawled on her hands and knees to the foot of the bed, and, holding to the foot, stood upright. Pain immediately hit her above the eyes; she groaned, putting her hand to her forehead. "Ough!" she said.

"Goddam you!" Joe shouted. "Don't you ever

say that to me again!"

She squinted at him in amazement, trying to bring him into focus. He tried to rise and instead sat down hard. She hurried over to help him up, almost falling herself when she tugged at his hand, and when he was standing she said to him reproachfully, "Joe, you shouldn't talk like that to me when we love each other."

"Don't you ever 'ugh' at me again then," he said. His eyes glittered when she looked into them.

"Let's go," Con said. With dignity she took Joe's arm, and they went out. "Did you find it?" she asked.

"Yeah."

"Joe, I want to take a shower. Do you suppose I could go take a shower?"

"Oh, for God's sake!"

"Don't talk like that when we love each other so!" She stopped and leaned against the wall and drew him against her. She kissed him, and then he kissed her, on the nose, on her closed eyes, on the mouth again. "I love you," he whispered.



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Elizabeth: When I placed the ad, I was living on my own with my nine-month-old son. I wasn't looking for romance, but I was lonely. Stephen left me a message and I liked his voice. But when I called him back, his mother answered the phone and said, "He's in his room."

Stephen: I had just ended a relationship and wanted to get out of our apartment in a hurry. So I moved in with my parents.

Elizabeth: We talked for about three or four hours that first night. The following Saturday, we drove up to Julian. I took my son with us and he screamed his head off! Stephen

didn't say a word. I thought, "I like this guy."

Stephen: Elizabeth had a pleasant nature about her. She was really caring, and it touched me.

Elizabeth: One month later, Stephen proposed during a dinner cruise on San Diego Bay. He went down on his knees in front of all these people. It was like something out of a movie.

Stephen: We planned a church wedding, but then we decided to elope right away. Looking back, I think it would have been better if we had known each other longer.

Elizabeth: That first year was tough. I got pregnant right away, and then Stephen got laid off from his job at an insurance company. We were actually living in a tent for a while.

Stephen: After we hit rock bottom, we started to build a relationship. I went back to school, got some computer skills, and now I'm a supervisor at *Auto Trader*.

Elizabeth: Our ninth wedding anniversary was June 17, and now we have two sons, ages 8 and 10. I'm the coach of a soccer team and Stephen is the assistant coach. But he's a scout master and I'm the assistant scout master.

Stephen: Our biggest arguments are at the video store. She likes black-and-white movies and I like Sci-Fi.

Elizabeth: We were at my boss's house last Easter when someone asked how we met. We told them the truth. Everybody started saying, "Oh, you should call up the *Reader* and do one of those 'true stories.'" I said, "Really? You think other people would be interested?"

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"But I'm no good. I'm not worth the dynamite it would take to blow me up."

He said it so tragically it nearly made her cry, and she protested that it wasn't so. "But why did you want your pin back?" she said. "Aren't we pinned anymore?"

"No."

"Please don't take it back," she almost sobbed. "Joe, I need it so. You don't know how I have to have it."

"No, I'm through with you. I'm no damn good. To hell with you."

He was very drunk and didn't know what he was doing, when she loved him and needed him so.

"To hell with you," he said.

She kept shaking her head. It was very hard to keep her eyes open, they were so sandy, but it was dark anyway, and she guessed it didn't matter. Then she must have gone to sleep, because when she waked again she was sitting next to Joe at the top of some stairs, leaning on his shoulder, his arm around her. Like Charley and her mother, she thought contentedly. It was a little lighter now, and she wasn't drunk anymore. She didn't move, and suddenly she hardly breathed, for it was as though she were watching something rare appear,

and if she moved it would be gone — seeing, as in a motion picture run at tremendous speed, everything they had ever experienced together since she had first known him in grammar school, but with the struggle in the fort scaled down to its proper size and meaning and overshadowed by the beautifully exciting yet completely safe kaleidoscope of dates and dances and drives and picnics on the beach, all in such a mood of peace and safety and sheltered calm that tears filled her eyes. She let her head slip down the starched front of his shirt. "Joe," she said. "Oh, darling!"

He held her, but no more than that. "What's the matter?" she said quickly.

"I meant it, Con."

"What?"

"We're through. I meant that."

"Why, Joe?" All at once she felt like crying and stamping a foot. But she was so tired.

"You don't love me," he said. "And I don't love you. So to hell with it. Right? Did you have a good time tonight, Con?"

"Yes," she said slowly, but she felt very confused, as though she were trying to assemble a puzzle and too many pieces were missing.

Joe rose and helped her

up and down the stairs. Outside the world was misty. The grass was wet, and in the east the sky was a luminous oyster gray. As they walked along the path between the boxwood hedges she clung to Joe's arm with both hands, leaning on him heavily.

"Why, Joe?" she asked again. Her voice sounded very small. He didn't answer or even look at her, and she didn't repeat the question. But why?

They went up the steps of the hotel, crossed the brown tiles of the lobby, entered the elevator. Joe pressed the button for her floor. The elevator rose, stopped, the doors rolled

open.

She hurried out without looking back, so he wouldn't see that she was crying. The elevator hummed on up behind her. In her room Patty and June were already asleep; she hurried into the bathroom and looked at herself in the mirror. In the gray light her face was a translucent white and frightened. "Why?" she whispered, her voice hoarse and shaking. "What's going to happen to me now?" ■

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How Malpractice Looks from the Doc's Point of View

WRAPPING UP A FULL WORKDAY AT 9:00 P.M., I PULLED THE LAST COUPLE OF ENVELOPES FROM MY "IN" BOX. THE HEAVY MANILA ONE PIQUED MY INTEREST, SO I OPENED IT.

"Notice of Intent to Sue..." The wave of nausea and fear that so many of us get at the onset of a chronic disease cascaded from the top of head down through to my feet. My memory took me back 11 months.

Sally began this story with a visit to my office in late June 2000, seeking the appropriate vaccinations for her upcoming trip to South America. Ours is one of only two medical practices in our area that offers travel vaccinations on a routine basis, and we do this for over 2000 patients each year. I remember her mentioning that she was a teacher, which gave me a nice opportunity to establish a rapport with her because my wife teaches elementary school. After determining that she would need four vaccines,

we discussed travel risks, including diarrhea and malaria, and I wished her well. I turned her over to Lakesha, the medical assistant who would give her the vaccines, and I went in to see my next patient.

As Mr. Aguilar, my 74-year-old Filipino patient who is unique to my practice, in that he is a survivor of open cardiac massage (his heart stopped in the intensive care unit just after open-heart surgery), was telling me about how he was getting short of breath with minimal exertion, I heard Lakesha yelling, "Doctor Eichel! Doctor Eichel!"

I excused myself and proceeded without hesitation through the adjoining exam-room door. I found Sally curled up on the floor, bleeding from the nose and mouth, with Lakesha bent over her. "She passed out and fell off the table!"

I asked Sally a couple of questions, one of which was, "Does your neck hurt?" to establish that she was able to talk, and therefore breathe, and that we could move her without risk back onto the exam table, which Lakesha and I did.

A quick look at her nose showed that it didn't have any gross deformities, which meant that even if it were broken, the ENT (ear, nose, and throat) specialist would have had her wait five days before seeing her to allow the swelling to go down. I then turned my attention to her mouth, and I didn't like what I saw. The fall had rearranged two of her front teeth such that one was almost behind the other, which suggested a jaw fracture, or at least the need for some imme-



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diate dental attention. Her lower lip had split and would need a stitch.

"Do you have a dentist?" I asked her. When she replied that she did not, I excused myself and asked one of our front-office staff to call a couple of local dentists, explain the situation, and try to get an urgent appointment for her.

I then explained that her lip would require sutures. Common sense would suggest that I should be able to put in the stitch and do so free of charge out of consideration for Sally's misfortune, but insurance companies and lawyers have their guidelines, which forced me to have a different conversation with my patient. I had to explain to her that her insurance company had authorized me to give her travel injections, but not any additional services. If I stitched

her lip, she might end up paying for it. Adding to the awkwardness of the situation, I could not tell her I would do it for free. In the realm of lawyers, a service is not a professional service unless the recipient pays a professional fee. Therefore, if I did not bill her for repairing her lip, a lawyer could later claim that I must not have believed I did a professional job because I did not charge an appropriate fee. I could feel her annoyance, but she made the logical choice to just get it done and worry about who was paying for what later. I closed the wound, bringing its edges together and stopping the bleeding. After we cleaned her face, we told her the dentist was waiting for her. She called her boyfriend to come get her, and he took her away.

Lakesha described what happened, and

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it became clear that this was a most unusual occurrence. People often lose consciousness after vaccines; it happens about twice per year in our practice. But between the third and fourth injections, during the moment Lakesha had turned

around to pick up the fourth vaccine, Sally had plunged face first off the table to the floor. Before her fall, she did not say, "I'm dizzy," nor "I'm not feeling well," nor give any of the other usual clues. Patients do not fall off the table or out of chairs after

a vaccination without warning. I checked with several colleagues, one of whom used to give travel vaccines as often as we do, and they all concurred: this had never happened to them. I went on the Internet and found out that over a five-year

period in the 1990s, health-care providers in the United States had reported a grand total of six episodes of serious injuries from falls after vaccines. Lightning had struck in our office.

Sally's lawyers had their own version, which they set

forth in their letter. Weakened from a lack of food for a couple of hours, Sally was at obvious risk for passing out; I would have known this if I had taken the trouble to ask her when she had last eaten. They also cited my reluctance to get her a

dentist, my lousy lip repair, my callous reference to the problem of who would pay for my work, and my failure to arrange transportation for her to the dentist as negligence and deviation from standard care. They would be investigating for

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prior evidence of my incompetence and would seek damages against my employer and all of the hospitals that had granted privileges to such a dangerous doctor.

Attorneys always use such bluster to scare the doctors they sue, and I knew this. Reading a letter such as this about oneself is, however, humiliating, as is much of the process of malpractice-suit defense. I had felt terrible for Sally, as she had fractured her nose and jaw in my office, and I'm sure she had to cancel her vacation, but from the moment I read that letter, I lost all sympathy for her.

Budd, my employer, implored me not to worry. "This is what we get for trying to help people. It's part of the cost of doing business. There are professionals who deal with these situations, and now you need to let the professionals handle it."

Lenora, the attorney for our malpractice-insurance carrier, had similar advice. "Please do not spend

any more of your time thinking about this. We'll take care of it." Taking care of it meant offering Sally about \$10,000 to go away without expensive legal proceedings. We had to do this because actual malpractice has little to do with jury verdicts and awards in malpractice cases; what matters more is the extent of the injuries the plaintiff suffers. Because Sally had the two fractures, even though neither caused any permanent disfigurement, I did not have any choice but to approve the offer, no matter how much the idea sickened and angered me, with the assumption that they would accept it and get out of my life.

A few weeks later, I called Lenora to see what was happening. "Sally's father is an attorney," she began, and by the end she had requested that Budd offer her \$15,000 to settle, which is approximately what Budd pays annually for my malpractice insurance. It seems that having an attorney for a father increases the dam-

ages you can request when you have an unexpected bad outcome from a medical procedure. Budd and I exchanged e-mails and acquiesced. The 90-day deadline for filing the lawsuit was approaching, and I wanted my legal record as a practitioner to remain clean.

A couple of weeks later, Lenora called me back. "Her father is a hot-shot attorney from Long Island, and

I welcomed her calm, wise demeanor, shook her hand, and took the seat she was pointing me to.

"It doesn't look good," she reported. "Their attorney has no experience in medical malpractice. It's really a subspecialty. He doesn't seem to have any idea of what is reasonable in a case like this."

Jack, the mediator, entered the room moments

Having an attorney for a father increases the damages you can request.

he won't settle for less than \$145,000." Now Lenora's level of annoyance was approaching mine. "He obviously doesn't have any experience in medical malpractice. Even if this was entirely your fault, the usual settlement would be in the \$30,000 range for her injuries."

Lenora took the next step: calling a mediator. We scheduled the mediation hearing for September 14. Three days before that, four hijacked planes on the East Coast changed our plans, stranding our mediator on the island of Kauai. We rescheduled the hearing for November 8, so I shortened that morning's patient session to go downtown to a 12th-floor legal office to see if we could accomplish anything.

There I met Kathy, my defense attorney, who greeted me just outside the office door with a wide youthful smile, and she motioned me down a hallway. I followed her long, straight black hair down through an open office door, where Lenora sat behind a wide wood desk.

later and concurred. He explained that Dan, Sally's attorney, held several interesting beliefs. One was that I was a travel specialist, which he held to be something different from a family practitioner that offers travel vaccinations, which is what I am. Because I am a travel specialist, he reasoned, my exam tables should have belted restraints to prevent falls. My patients should be seated in a corner next to a wall. The needle disposal ("sharps") container should be nearby in a position that allows the medical assistant to throw away each syringe without turning his back to the patient.

Fortunately, Jack had received his share of injections in his lifetime and knew that neither he nor a jury would expect a doctor's office to have restraints, which we cannot use legally in most situations. Sitting a patient next to a wall does not help, because people who lose consciousness fall forward. Having a sharps container within easy reach of patients, including chil-

dren, would violate OSHA standards.

We were also having trouble convincing Dan that he was not hot on the trail of a major conspiracy. Our practice had just moved into a new office, and some of our phones were not working that day. I guess Sally had not informed him that our roof leaked, which I would have thought would have just as much relevance. He had checked with the California Secretary of State's office and had not been able to find the name of our travel medical group in their registry of corporations. Furthermore, Sally told him that Lakesha had said to her that she was new and had not given many travel shots. All of this added up to fraud, in his mind, and would make reaching a settlement much more difficult.

I verified that travel is not a separate specialty that requires board certification and explained to Jack that I had become one of the main "travel doctors" in our area by attrition when a physician for whom travel was his primary business retired four years ago. And we are, in fact, registered with the Secretary of State's office.

I asked who was in the other room.

"Sally, her boyfriend, and Dan," Jack informed me.

"How does she look?" I wondered.

"She's a lovely young lady. If you aren't married..."

"She's fine," Lenora interrupted, recognizing my intent. "You can't tell anything happened to her."

Jack disappeared to meet down the hall with our opponents, and Kathy brought in some sandwiches. The three of us chatted about where we were from and our recent vacations.

Jack returned about 20

minutes later with unexpected news. "I'm going to settle this case." His manner radiated calm and assurance. I wasn't sure I had heard him, so I asked him to repeat the news and he did. "I went over and said that I had met the doctor and that he reminded me of Dr. Green on *ER*." Noting my puzzled expression, he figured out that I don't watch much television. "That's meant as a compliment. I told them that their demand was not in the neighborhood of where they could think about settling either here or in the courtroom and that if they weren't going to start the negotiation at \$50,000, we should all just go home. They went for a walk, but they're still here."

Fifty thousand, of course, was not okay with us, but Lenora knew where Jack was heading, so they enlightened Kathy and me. If the case settled for more than \$30,000, it would go on my record. Anything less than that could go on my employer corporation's record. Since we knew this was not malpractice, we would not accept anything that would go on my record. But they still believed they had a "boffo" case, so they were not going to accept "small change."

"They don't get it. I expect to go back now and get an offer, and I'm thinking it's going to be \$60,000." Huh? Didn't they just agree to start at \$50,000? "They'll think they need to start there to get to \$50,000."

Dan had thought at the outset that Jack would be his ally because Jack represents plaintiffs in his legal practice, but because Jack was not buying Dan's line about restraints and conspiracy, Dan now thought that Jack was in our camp. "You're supposed to be a plaintiff's attorney," Dan

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had complained. "Why aren't you helping us?" Jack said he wanted to reply, "Because I don't take bullshit cases like this," but he had refrained.

He then joined our conversation for a few minutes and told us about being stranded on Kauai and having to play some extra golf on one of the world's most beautiful courses. Then he left again.

He came back about 15 minutes later, shaking his head. "They really don't get it. They offered \$68,000."

"Wow" was all I could say.

Kathy voiced my thoughts. "That's not even an offer. They agreed to settle for less than \$50,000." When Jack advised us that our next offer would be \$22,500, Kathy countered, "We should offer 21. We should not have to pay 29!"

An amused smirk worked its way across Jack's lips. "I'm going to have to ask

you to leave," he joked as he lowered his head toward our desk. "You don't get to speak anymore because you don't count. Lenora is the one with the money, and she's willing to go to 29.9. Am I right Lenora?" She nodded. "Then we'll offer 22.5."

"Look," he went on. "I explained to them that if I were a juror in this case, I would listen to the doctor's experts and say, 'Yes, that sounds reasonable,' and then listen to your experts and say the same thing; I pretended that I thought what they said sounded reasonable. So what would I do then? I would draw on my own experience. I'm guessing most members of a jury would have gotten shots at a doctor's office. They would remember sitting on the exam table, getting their shot or shots, and if they were like me, they then stood up and walked out of the room. No questions about

whether they had eaten. No restraints. Seems like they would agree with the doctor." It was clear, though, that reasonable thinking still was not going to prevail in the other room.

"This is like a chess match," Jack told me. "We have to think several moves ahead to get where we want to go." I nodded that I understood. "As a family practitioner, I actually do a fair amount of mediating myself," I offered to reinforce the notion that I really did see what he was doing.

"Now let's talk about other things for a while. I have to make it seem as though we're hammering this out over here."

By the time he made his next move across the hall, I had to leave to get back to work. Kathy and Lenora assured me they would call when they reached a settlement. During the 10-minute walk back to the

parking garage and the 15-minute trip to my office, I revisited the themes that had me cursing under my breath and in my sleep for months. In my head, I imagined Sally's father: an obnoxious, loudmouth, wealthy Long Island attorney in whose world accidents do not happen unless there is someone to blame. He probably would have sued me if a bus had hit his daughter on the way out of my office. He hires his obnoxious injury-lawyer friend without any malpractice experience to represent his precious daughter, perhaps knowing that his nuisance and inexperience would increase their reward.

They ask for a "mere" \$145,000, not realizing that this represents a year and a half of my salary, not realizing that doctors in my area earn slightly more than half what doctors in New York get for the same amount of work. They were not going to get what they wanted, but they would be getting an amount that is customary for a finding of malpractice against me, the doctor. Hey, is anyone listening besides my wife and my mother? This was *not* my fault!

Two hours later, I had messages from Kathy and Lenora on my desk. "We settled at \$29,999." I'm sorry, but this did not sound like

victory, even in Kathy's voice, even as my brain tried to tell me that this was so much better than we had envisioned a few hours ago. I should be thrilled that this lovely interlude was over and would not appear on my legal record.

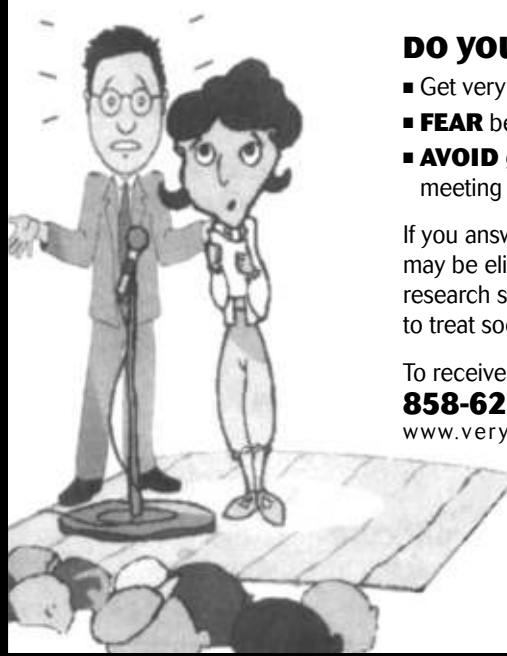
"Is this done? Signed, sealed, and delivered?" I asked her.

"Well, at least signed." I spoke to Lenora about an hour later. "Do you know that just prior to signing the boyfriend asked for another \$2000 to cover the cost of mediation?" They just didn't get it. Frankly, neither do I. ■

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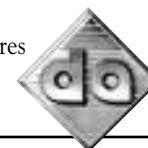
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Out Goes the TV, in Comes the Train

The ugly stain of television on my family spurred me to buy a model train set. My wife, Mary, and I have always had a general sense that sitting in front of the tube was an unhealthy activity, and we could see that the more they watched the less able (or willing) they were to entertain themselves. But most disturbing to us were specific effects the TV had on our kids' behavior. Evelyn (five), Augustine (four), and Gabriel (two) were hopping out of bed at first light and running downstairs to watch "bideos." Consequently, they weren't getting enough sleep. I didn't figure out how early they were waking up until one day, when the two oldest were acting like they needed their afternoon nap at 10:00 a.m., and Gabriel had already passed out on the family room floor. I asked them what shows they'd watched that morning and, in unison, they listed six half-hour shows. I had stumbled downstairs at 8:30 and turned it off. That meant they sucked the electric boob for three hours, starting at 5:30 in the morning.

And, for some reason, even the PBS shows my children were watching display young characters being unkind to each other and arguing all the time. There's usually a moral to the story, but the kids never remember the moral, either because that takes more advanced cognitive ability or because a child's brain just isn't working fast enough while he sits in front of the flickering box. The arguing and unkind language, on the other hand, do stick. My kids started antagonizing each other and saying things to each other such as, "Leave



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me alone," "Get away from me," and even "I don't like you."

So a few weeks ago we got rid of our TV. The immediate post-video days weren't as bad as we thought they would be. The kids saw that the television wasn't on the shelf, so they found other

things to do. They've been painting and drawing, memorizing animal and shape posters that hang on their bedroom walls, and riding their bikes around the yard a lot more. And yesterday, I went out and bought them their first model-train set.

Some of the fondest memories I have of time spent with my father were around a Lionel three-rail train he bought used and brought home in a big cardboard box. The track was hard to fit together. The male ends were often bent and the female ends into which they fit were sometimes crimped, disallowing entry. But there was enough of it for my brothers and me to make a loop 12 feet long and 6 feet wide. The cars, an engine, and five or six passenger

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coaches were in a bright chrome finish. The wiring was finicky. We joked that it would only work when Dad was in the room. In retrospect, I think he was the only one patient and knowledgeable enough to make sure all the connections were sound. We passed a lot of happy hours with that train until it went up into the cupboard when I was around 13 and never came back down. I wonder if it's still there.

It was with that old train in mind that I headed east down University Boulevard toward Reed's Hobby Shop in La Mesa. I had called the Model Railroad museum in Balboa Park — the largest such museum in North America — and they recommended Reed's. And, for kids my age, they suggested I look at a G-scale train.

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Cameron, a medium-sized man around 50 with dark hair and a beard, also asked how old my kids were, and when I told him, he led me to a G-scale display in a back corner of the 7-Eleven-sized shop. "When people come in and say they're buying for kids, I steer them toward either the O scale, which is the basic size of the old Lionel trains — except it's much more sophisticated and realistic now — or, I direct them to the G scale. The G stands for garden. It's large-scale stuff, and almost all of it is designed for outdoor use. If it's made by LGB or USA, a couple of the better companies that we deal with, they're designed to actually be left out in the weather. Whether you live in Palm Springs or Norway, the tracks and power packs and the whole thing are all totally weather-proof. We have a



Bruce Cameron

large clientele that builds enormous garden railways in their backyards, really sophisticated. But also, it looks really cool around the Christmas tree. The stuff is so sturdy, it's pretty much bullet proof. The ties are made of UV plastic, which

is totally impervious to sunlight or temperature changes, and the rails are solid brass."

Cameron took a piece of track from the mountain-themed G-scale display, dropped it on the linoleum floor, stomped on it three times as hard as he could,

then picked it up and offered it to me for inspection. It was unharmed. "You could drive over this with your truck and not hurt it. So there's no way the kids are going to hurt it. They might break off some detail part of a car. But basically, the

thing will run forever."

Starter sets made by the German company LGB come in European- and American-style freight and passenger designs. "They include a four-foot circle of track," Cameron explained, "a power pack, and an engine and two cars. That's the basic configuration. They have lights, and some of them have smoke. These are fully, unconditionally guaranteed for five years. And the LGB service center — I used to work there — for the entire North American continent is right here in San Diego, which is a big plus. If something does go wrong and they need service, you just bring it back here, it goes up there the next day, and it's back in a few days — as opposed to wrapping it all up and shipping it off somewhere."

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their child-resistant durability — the sight of a salesman stomping on his wares is impressive — had me ready to slap down the credit card without seeing anything else. But my first glimpse of the price tags on the starter sets cooled my consumer impulse. They ranged from \$249 to \$349. Cameron guessed what I was thinking. “There are some cheaper brands out there,” he said, “but these are the most bullet proof.”

I stood silently contemplating the scene of me walking through the front door with the new train, and my wife asking the dreaded two-word question, “How much?” Cameron interrupted my thoughts, tapping me on the shoulder and gesturing to an LGB-replica steam engine on a wall display. “You can do incredible things with sound in this scale,” he said.

With that he twisted a control knob on the side of the display and, as the engine started to inch forward, a loud *hisssss* — accompanied by crossing bells and train whistles — erupted from somewhere inside the engine. It sounded as if it came from a ten-inch speaker. I could hardly hear Cameron tell me, “Some of these larger LGB engines come with full digital sound, which is really impressive.” Walking toward the back-middle of the store, he added, “They also hand-make, in brass, a lot of really precise, exact models, this being one of them.”

He pulled from a display case near the back-center wall of the store a matte-black locomotive and coal car. “This is a \$5000 engine,” he says. “There were only 500 of them made. These little detail parts were all hand-made castings in solid brass. Somebody hand-assembled it. There are over 3000 individual pieces in this thing. And in this scale you can have live steam, where the boiler actually works and pushes the pistons and propels the train.”

Five thousand dollars! I paid less for the family minivan, I thought, as Cameron led me to a layout in the front corner of the store. “Now this is O scale. It’s the only other scale I’d recommend if kids are going to be using it.”

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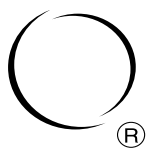


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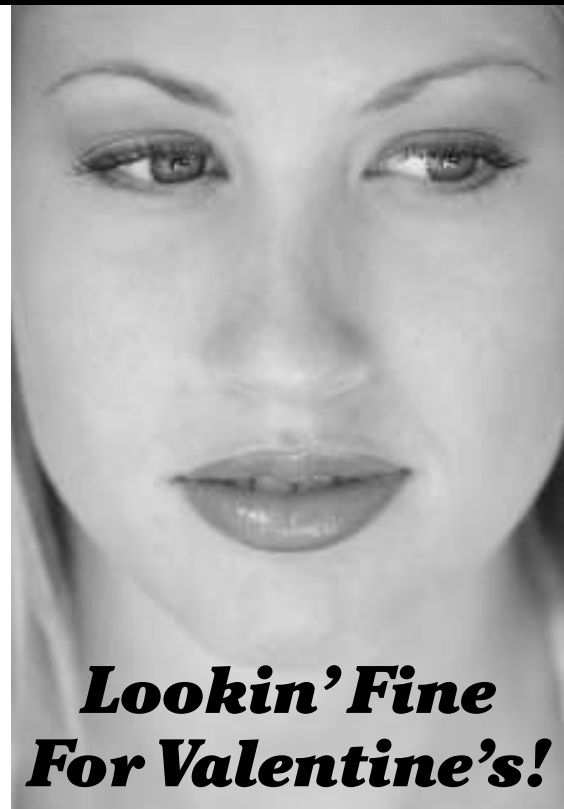


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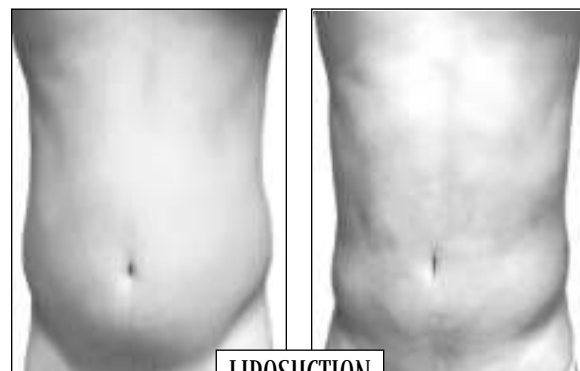
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"I'm not sure what the O stands for." Cameron stood for a second scratching his beard while he scanned his memory for the meaning of O scale. With a shrug of surrender, he continued, "The scale of O is a quarter inch to the foot—a quarter inch on the model to a foot on the real train. G scale is a half inch to the foot."

"There are two kinds of O scale," he continued. "Actually, there are three. There's the AC stuff that was started by Lionel and American Flyer back in the early part of the 20th Century. It had three rails instead of two. That was to simplify the wiring. Unfortunately, that became the standard, and it's not very realistic. American Flyer back in the 1940s went to two-rail, which was more realistic. That's what I had. A lot of kids had that. But three rails became kind of the standard for the toy-train market and compromises had to be made. Some things are out of scale, like these couplings, and so are the flanges on these wheels." He picked up an O-scale engine and touched the part of the wheel that holds the car on the track. "But a lot of people started with this as kids, so that's what they continue with."

Walking over to a display on the other side of the store, he said, "Over here, we have an example of a two-rail O scale, which is a real model O scale. It's the same basic size as what we were just looking at, but this is different. It's DC, and everything is to exact scale, everything. The height of the rail, the couplings, everything. And you notice the detail is quite a bit more intense. You can't even buy starter sets in this."

He walked me back to the three-rail O setup, picked an engine off the track, and handed it to me. It weighed something like ten pounds. "That's all diecast. This is out of one of the \$350 starter sets, which comes with a box car, a tank car, and a caboos, plus the circle of track and the power pack."

Placing the engine back on the track, he turned the control knob on the side of the table layout, and the heavy engine started chugging around the track, accompanied by a full range of railroad sounds digitally broadcast from within it. They

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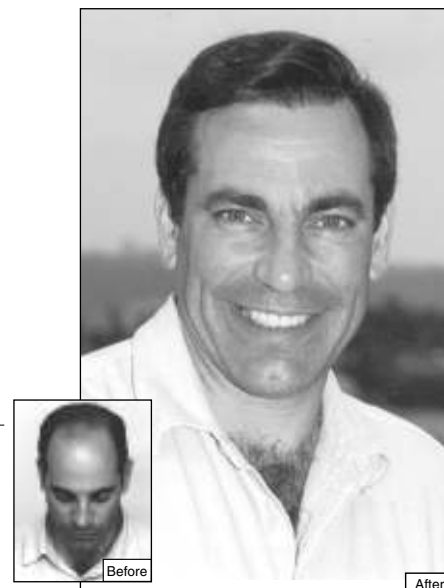
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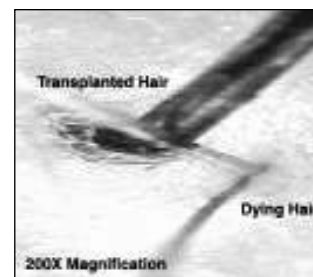
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were the same sounds as the G-scale demonstration he gave me earlier, until the voice of a 55- to 60-year-old man with an upper Mid-west accent said, "Looks like the freight yard is just ahead."

A second, slightly lower-pitched voice responded, "Do you see the signalman?"

"Yep, I see him," voice one answered. "Looks like he's waving us in."

"These ones have a lot of cab chatter along with the regular train sounds," Cameron explained.

"If I bought a starter set, would I be able to expand it over time?" I asked.

"Absolutely, there's no limit," Cameron answered. "You can buy more and more track. And you can build layouts like this," he swept his hand over the O-scale layout in front of us. It was built of plywood, complete with trestles, tunnels, and buildings. The carpentry was of a grade that I'm capable of, yet still attractive and imagination-inspiring for the kids, which is the whole point of this train idea. "And there are some great books on doing scenery, on building benchwork, and right now, there's a whole new system that's moving away from the carpentry aspect of it and utilizing Styrofoam."

He began to describe the new Styrofoam system but quickly gave up and led me to a shelf at the back of the store stocked with the product. "If you were to buy a big piece of foam," he said, "and try to shape it into scenery, you'd end up with those little balls of foam all over the place. It's very messy. But this stuff is not like that."

From the shelf he took a block of Styrofoam, maybe eight inches long, four inches wide, and four inches tall, with grooves cut into the sides. "They're serrated," Cameron bent the block into a curve, "which allows them to bend. With these, you start out making your whole layout in 3-D. These are called risers and they're pregraded. You buy them in one percent, two percent, three percent, four percent, whatever grade you want. The track sits on top of them. So you design your scene with this, and then you cover it with plaster cast wrap, and it comes out with a very, very hard shell.

"On top of that," he continued, "you can take some

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Nearly half of Cameron's shop is devoted to HO scale trains. "HO comes from half of O scale," Cameron explains. "This scale is more for real modelers. Most of this is in kit form. You can go to the absolute extreme degree in terms of degree of detail. Almost anything that exists in the real world is made in HO scale: toilets, brooms, manhole covers, everything. For little kids, under six or seven, HO is a little too delicate. The same is true with N scale or Z scale, which are even smaller."

That brought my choices down to G scale and O scale. The outdoor aspect of G really appealed to me. I could imagine building a little garden scene, with train track weaving in and out of small plants and props. And it would draw the kids outside — another reason to dump the television. Still, O scale was a little easier to handle, had more accessories, and was what I had as a kid. I decided to let price be the decider and asked Cameron which scale would be more economical. "Well," he answered, "extra cars in G scale, depending on what brand you buy, are probably going to be somewhat more expensive than extra cars in O scale."

The engine and three cars in the starter set, I figured, would probably be enough for me. My more immediate expansion needs would be in lengthening the track. "The LGB track," Cameron explained, "which we prefer to sell to people especially for outdoors, that comes out to about \$4 a foot. Now, the better track for O scale, those are \$3.50 for a ten-inch section. So the G scale is a little bit less expensive track-wise, but not a whole hell of a lot."

I settled on a G-scale starter set, in a Pennsylvania Line steam passenger motif, for \$316. The kids and I played with it for five hours that afternoon. Nobody asked, "Can we watch a video?" ■

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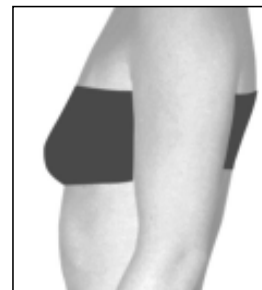


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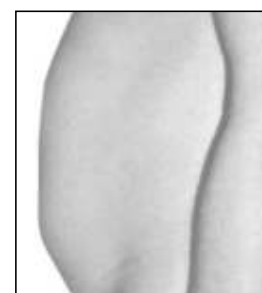


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of why I go to it first — nevertheless, the fact that I am most interested in swilling down the thin pabulum of her mediocre prose gives me pause for introspection. I'm not sure I

want to look. I'm a parent now, though not nearly so densely populated as the poor Al-brights. And I empathize with her life's stresses, burdens, close-hugged joys. I can see her children in my mind's eye and somehow enjoy the mundane, universal travails through a sort of peephole. Why I love *Survivor* and *The Real World* is

equally illusive and undoubtedly more disturbing. I like her column; there, I admitted it.

That being said, yet do I empathize and identify with those who write in to share their utter nausea over her column. Having five children in 21st-century America is, at best, in bad taste. At worst, you could argue its immorality: all around

us are examples of suffering due to overpopulation, examples I can't bear to enumerate. Perhaps most accurately it is folly, proof of having no aspirations, for having time for the individually fulfilling things in life that make it worth living. Incomprehensible stupidity.

And of course, there is the obvious, palpable vibe of Christianity. A self-righteous belief in Christ, a sheltering of the children from the swarm of secular evils. Hard to swallow, harder still to stomach. But they have the right to worship as they please, for now.

But what of Ms. Albright's politically incorrect statement about how she does not and ought not to "get" rap, because she's a 39-year-old white woman

(January 24)? This crosses a line. What's not to get? African-Americans have found a voice for their joy and rage after being subjugated horribly by a white majority who are characterized by a self-centered self-righteousness and who for the most part cherish supposedly "Christian" values. Albright's offense is minor, yet offensive nonetheless.

Is being politically incorrect an offense? It is at least offensive and to be shunned. I am so sick of people bitching about how our country and our culture have adopted a slavish concern over political correctness! Generally something is politically correct because it is what's right, and what is wrong is politically incorrect. When

these definitions do not make sense we need to correct them. We live in a wonderful time and place, where all people can be heard and have a shot at the good things. We need standards to protect that.

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As those who have followed the story for years already know, that won't be the end of it. While traffic will flow more easily in some spots as a result, it will slow in others — unless more roads are built. Following completion of the four-lane system, crews will start widening SR-56 to accommodate a six-lane system.

There's more to come after the six-lane phase. "The ultimate project" (a CalTrans phrase) will include a median where yet more lanes will be built. They'll be used for "additional mixed-flow lanes," "High Occupancy Vehicles" (i.e., carpools), or for something called "future transit," which may or may not mean mass transit.

There is even more planned for Carmel Valley and environs. The scale is unprecedented for San Diego. The number of lanes envisioned at the I-5/56 interchange is 17. At the I-5/805 merge it's 23.

The projected completion date for everything is 2020. At that time the finished system will be among the top three busiest freeway interchanges in California.

So it's hard to know how to react when you're told that a walk being conducted by Larry Forman on Saturday is called "Country Lanes of Carmel Valley." Do you laugh or cry? The 54-year-old Forman, who lives in Del Mar, is a cofounder of Walkabout International, the San Diego-based group that has been organizing walking tours for 25 years.

"In the early days, most other people out walking were burglars, prowlers, or social deviants," says Forman. "I remember when Walkabout started a chapter in L.A. I walked Beverly Hills with a group. We produced the scorn of the police; they descended upon us. When we first started here, I remember in Mission



Larry Forman in Carmel Valley

Hills, in the Presidio Park area, the neighbors would stick their heads out of their windows and say, 'What are you protesting?' Or: 'Did your bus break down?' Now people have come to recognize what we are."

He remembers, too, early walks he led in and around Carmel Valley, then known as North City West.

"I think the first walk I did in the area was in the late 1970s. We started at the train station in Del Mar and walked to Black Mountain — the Black Mountain — on Black Mountain Road when it wasn't what it has become. Parts of it were a dirt road, isolated. We

went as high up as we could get, and back. It was a good 20 miles, round trip. We enjoyed wonderful vistas of the ocean, we felt the winds, we looked at the beautiful mountains. The scenery was like what I imagine Mission Valley's was like before its development. There were cows grazing. Now Carmel Valley is a cash cow, as is Mission Valley, for industry, business, and highway construction."

The group will walk four to six miles. They'll visit Torrey Highlands Park, as well as a church and a synagogue with interesting architecture. Inevitably, they'll also

walk past some "cauldrons of construction."

The sites include housing developments: future neighborhoods of Carmel Valley. Forman finds "remarkable" some houses that are already completed. "I am reluctant to fathom an area where one house looks exactly like the other," he says, "and where it's impossible to be sure if you're on the right street. At least a dozen street names now begin with 'Carmel.'"

He doesn't exaggerate. *The Thomas Guide* for 2002 shows 16 such streets in the 92130 zip code area: Carmel Canyon Rd., Carmel Center Dr., Carmel Creek Rd., Carmel Grove Rd., Carmel Pointe... He calls this the "Carmelization" effect. "I think of caramel candy. Carmel is a sweet name that has begun to homogenize the area."

Forman thinks of another food when he drives north, past where the merge ends. "On the east side is a mountain that's been carved up like a piece of cheese." He knows that some change is inevitable. After all, his own family is growing. But instead of being carved, he wishes the landscape could be "sculpted."

Forman's eight-year-old daughter, Jenay, often helps him lead his walks. "She and Joel, her one-year-old brother, will never see the area the way I did. They'll never be able to fully understand what the area once was. People who come new to the area aren't going to understand, either."

On Saturday, though, this professor of Computer and Information Sciences at San Diego City College won't deliver a discourse. "I'll talk about the history, but mostly I'll let the area speak for itself as to where it's come from and what it may be moving toward."

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

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Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at www.SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

BAJA

"El Jazz en Mexico," author Alain Derbez signs and reads from his work, accompanied by guitarist Emiliano Marentes, at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, February 7, at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in the Zona Río). For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. Free. (TIJUANA)

"The Californias" provide the theme for the 84th annual Carnaval, running

February 7-12 on the streets of downtown Ensenada. This "party for the people" features a wide variety of entertainment and activities — many of them free of charge — including live music, dancing, street parties, children's activities, and carnival rides.

Some Carnaval highlights: The "Burning of the Bad Humor" ceremony takes place at 8 p.m. on February 7, in Parque Revolucion. Mini-Olympic games for teens and kids start at 10 a.m. on February 9, and the evening promises a parade, music, dancing entertainment, and carnival rides until 1 a.m. A waiter's race starts at noon at Boulevard Costero and Avenida Riviera on February 10. The closing ceremony parade starts at 2 p.m. on February 12, with the entertainment and rides continuing through 1 a.m.

To reach the fun, cross the border and follow the Rosarito-Ensenada-Cuota signs to the toll road;

continue down the oceanfront highway and follow the signs into downtown Ensenada. For more information, call 011-52-646-172-3022 or 800-310-9687. (ENSENADA)

Off-Road Fun, the Corona-Budweiser San Felipe 2002 off-road event for motorcycles and modified cars runs Friday through Tuesday, February 8-12. Call 011-52-646-178-6349 for further information. (SAN FELIPE)

Parades, Music, food, and entertainment are also part of the festivities when San Felipe hosts Mardi Gras Carnaval celebrations Friday through Tuesday, February 8-12. For details, dial 011-52-665-577-2300. (SAN FELIPE)

Up for the Mambo? The Binational Mambo Orchestra, led by Bill Caballero, plans a concert on Friday, February 8, at 9 p.m. at the Factoría de Sueños, in Plaza Universidad,

Mesa de Otay. Tickets are \$7 U.S. Questions? Call 011-52-664-607-5163. (TIJUANA)

Giddyup! There's a poker ride for the whole family scheduled on Saturday, February 9. For details, dial 011-52-661-612-2525. (ROSARITO BEACH)

For Couples Only, the Friendship Biathlon slated for Sunday, February 10, features a 2k run and 10k bicycle ride. Events begin at 8 a.m. at the Unidad CREA (in the Zona Río). Call 011-52-664-622-8190 for information (in Spanish). (TIJUANA)

Run With Friends, the 4k Friendship Run starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 10, in Parque de la Amistad (on Mesa de Otay). For more information, call 011-52-664-685-7826. (TIJUANA)

"The Treasures of the Sea of Cortez" provide the topic when José Rubén Lara speaks on Wednesday, February 13, 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission to the lecture is free. Find the center at Paseo de los

Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

A Concert of Mexican Waltzes may be enjoyed when the Cuarteto Latinoamericano performs for the Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series Thursday, February 14, at 8 p.m., at Restaurante Jardín del CECUT (on Paseo de los Héroes Street in the Zona Río). Tickets are \$16. For reservations and information, call 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

Omnimax Films, currently showing: *Oasis in the Sea*, featuring treasures of the Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Peninsula; *Dolphins, 3-D Mania*, and *All Access* — with concert footage of B.B. King, Carlos Santana, Sting, and others.

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The Sun Strides North in February, swinging higher across the sky each successive day. Already quite noticeable is the change in the time of sunset, currently almost a minute later per day, and sunrise, currently almost a minute earlier per day.

Ocean Water Temperatures, of late in the high 50s Fahrenheit, are finally on the upswing this month as the daylight hours lengthen and the sun arcs higher overhead in the sky each day. It will take about five months of spring and summer sunshine before the ocean's enormous mass and large heat capacity fully responds to the input of solar energy. A maximum water temperature in the low- to mid-70s is expected by August or September.

The First Revegetation Site of the Mission Valley Preserve will be planted with native shrubs and flowers on Saturday, February 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and you're invited. No experience is necessary; wear work clothes and bring water. Join the group at the Mission Valley Preserve kiosk (at the corner of Napa and Friars Road). Free. 858-566-6489. (MISSION VALLEY)

Look for Edible and Medicinal Plants when naturalist and herbalist Irene O'Neill leads an easy three-mile walk on the Creek Crossing Trail in Daley Ranch on Saturday, February 9. The outing starts at 9 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Signs o' Spring will be evident when docent Bobbi leads an outing to search for wildlife tracks and budding flowers in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, February 9, 9 to 1:30 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on February 9. Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Clean Up! Join the Birch Aquarium-Museum and artist Wyland for a beach cleanup planned on Saturday, February 9, from 8 to 10 a.m., at La Jolla Shores Beach. Bags and gloves

will be provided. For information, call 858-534-7336. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Support Your Local Least Tern, bring work gloves and weeding tools (if you've got them), and wear long pants and sturdy shoes to help Audubon Society volunteers remove invasive plants at a nesting site for endangered California least terns at Mariner's Point on Saturday, February 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 619-224-4591 to RSVP and for directions. (MISSION BAY)

Find Hermit Crabs, Mussels, and sea anemones in the tidepools at Seaside Beach with a naturalist during the tidepooling expedition planned by the Birch Aquarium-Museum on Saturday, February 9, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wear Shoes with Tread and carry water for the hike to the top of Calavera Mountain planned on Saturday, February 9, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The hike starts at Oak Riparian Park (off Lake Boulevard), includes viewing of the "famous Caltrans mitigation site," and heads on up to the summit of Mount Calavera. From the summit, participants will see where the next 870 homes will be constructed on slopes now covered with coastal sage scrub. Free. For more details, call 760-720-2003. (OCEANSIDE)

Hawk Watch, the Wildlife Research Institute invites the public to join raptor-spotting hikes held every Saturday through February 9 and every

Sunday through March 3, from 9 a.m. until about noon. The walks are led by a raptor biologist, who might be joined by local falconers demonstrating the skills of Harris hawks, peregrine falcons, and Saker falcons. The Ramona grasslands are prime raptor territory; you might see any of 15 species, including golden eagles, ferruginous hawks, merlins, red-tailed hawks, prairie falcons, northern harriers, white-tailed kites, Cooper's hawks, kestrels, and turkey vultures.

Bring binoculars or spotting scopes, if you have them. The jaunt includes hiking and driving portions, making frequent stops to point out the birds. At each stop the biologist will help beginners learn how to identify the various species. Only heavy, constant rain cancels the trips.

Meet a block north of the junction of Highway 67 and Highland Valley Road on Highland Valley Court. This is one mile southwest of the Ramona town center. Free. Call 760-789-3992 or 760-789-8136 for information. (RAMONA)

Learn About the Abandoned Gold Mine and see flowering native plants

when Black Mountain docents lead a nature walk along the Miner's Loop trail on Sunday, February 10, 9 to 11:30 a.m. The moderately paced walk over steep hills requires good hiking boots and drinking water. For directions and information, call 858-484-3219. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Where Is the San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area? Take a field trip to this 1650-acre preserve just northeast of Julian, between Lake Henshaw and the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, to observe native grasslands, mixed chaparral, mule deer, golden eagles, and more on Sunday, February 10. This San Diego Natural History Museum outing runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the fee is \$69 for non-members. To reserve a spot, call 619-232-3821 x203. (JULIAN)

Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts a guided bird-watching hike around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, February 10, at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Walk Where the River Meets the Sea through several plant communities, with chances to spot some of the 370 species of birds that use the coastal wet-

land, when a docent-led nature walk is offered at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve on Sunday, February 10. The free outing starts at 5th and Iris at 10:30 a.m. Bring binoculars if you have them. Call 619-575-3613 to register. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Take a Strenuous, Hilly, yet moderate walk with Walkabout perambulators on Tuesday, February 12. This "Presidio Gallivant" begins at 5:45 p.m. at the flagpole in Old Town State Historic Park, opposite the Estudillo House. Free; free pizza is promised for those who complete the walk! Bring a flashlight. 619-231-7463. (OLD TOWN)

The Waxing Crescent Moon returns to prominence in the evening sky on Thursday, February 14, Valentine's Day. Look in the western sky at or near 6 p.m. to see the moon's sunlit limb curled upward on both sides forming a perfect, thin smile. Weather permitting, this is a perfect time slot for anything from a stolen kiss to a full-blown marriage proposal.

Get Outside, the Anza-Borrego Foundation is hosting hikes on each weekend in March. The destinations are Mason Valley on Saturday, March 2, and Mason Valley's Ori-

flamme Canyon on Sunday, March 3. Future weekends promise treks to Whale Peak, La Puera Real de San Carlos (a former Cabuilla Indian village), the Lucky 5 Ranch, Sentenac Canyon and Cienega, Rockhouse Canyon, and the slot canyons and caves of the Carrizo Badlands.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$35, depending upon the adventure. Reservations are recommended by February 28 (with late registration accepted if space is available). For more information, call 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

DANCE

Contemporary Choreography is promised when the Mojalet Dance Collective performs Friday through Sunday, February 8-10, at 8 p.m. each night, in the Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Works by Faith Jensen-Ismay (*The Prayer Within, Road Rage, Frolicking*) and Melissa Nunn (*Code of Silence, Eye Witness*) are on the program. Tickets are \$10 general. For information, call 619-594-6824. (SDSU)

Contra-Temps, the music is made by Light, Allen, and Wild, and the calling is by Steve Barlow during the contradance set for Friday, February 8, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Back to Broadway: Collage 2002," the San Diego Civic Dance Company performs through February 17 at the Casa del Prado Theatre (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard). "Back to Broadway" celebrates New York theater with works choreographed from Broadway musicals. Seventy-eight dancers (from children to adults) participate in a variety of genres.

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An "Industrial-Strength Dancehall Band"! The San Diego Cajun Playboys play the tunes for the Bon Temps Social Club dance party on Saturday, February 9, in Balboa Park's Recital Hall (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). Doors open at 6 p.m., and dance instruction starts at 6:20 p.m., followed by open dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 (guests who've taken part in the aforementioned zydeco dance workshop from 5 to 6 p.m. enter the dance for only \$5). Call 858-496-6655 for more information. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Funky, West Coast swing to funk, hip-hop, disco, and rhythm and blues on Saturday, February 9, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Starlight Dance Studio (6506-H El Cajon Boulevard). Beginners' and advanced lessons are offered. All ages are welcome. The cover is \$5. For information, call 619-287-9036. (SAN DIEGO)

Swing Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Sunday, February 10, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. Call 619-275-3533 for information. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

"Valentine's Special for Lovers and Others," the San Diego Ballet presents these "dances of the heart" choreographed by Javier Velasco February 14-17. The program features *Dances of Love and Laughter* by

resident composer David Burge, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Tangata*, *Firebird*, and *I Love Paris*.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Tickets are \$26. For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

A Valentine's Evening Cajun Dance complete with waltz lesson is planned by the Bon Temps Social Club on Thursday, February 14, 7 to 10:30 p.m., at the Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). Waltz lessons begin promptly at 7 p.m. The requested donation is \$3, and children are welcome. Questions? Call 858-496-6655 for answers. (BALBOA PARK)

They've Won the Irish Dance World Competition 12 times, and on Thursday, February 14, at 8 p.m., the Trinity Irish Dance Company

performs at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). This Irish-American company out of Chicago with 20 dancers and three musicians is said to blend "lightning-fast agility and aerial grace." Tickets are \$35 and \$40. To reach the box office, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

American Modern Dance Heritage is enriched and preserved through the work of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, founded in New York in 1958. The group performs selections by Ailey, Ronald K. Brown, Louis Falco, and Alonzo King when performing February 15-17 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Park-

way). Call 800-988-4253 for information and reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Utah Project: Forever Young," a dance production based on the lives and times of Brigham Young's wives in the early 19th Century, was choreographed by SDSU alumna Alison Cutri. Cutri, a great-great-great-granddaughter of Brigham Young, has based her work largely on the life of her ancestor Emily Dow Partridge, an autobiographical account of her travels across the U.S. to Salt Lake City. Through the piece, Cutri looks at Mormonism throughout history.

Tickets are \$10 general. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, in the Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at

San Diego State University. For information, call 619-594-6824. (SDSU)

FILM

"Tre Uomini e Una Gamba" will be shown on Thursday, February 7, at 7 p.m., for the Italian film series at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. The film is in Italian without English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Modern-Day Plight of Native Americans is highlighted in the films included in the Native American Film Festival planned on Saturday, February 9, at the World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). The films—

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Admission is free. For more information, call 619-424-7242. (BALBOA PARK)

The Rollicking Odyssey of Self-Discovery *Seven Girlfriends* screens on Monday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m., for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Why is Jesse (Tim Daly) unable to maintain a successful relationship? The cast includes Olivia D'Abo, Mimi Rogers, Elizabeth Pena, and others. Free. Call 619-236-5800 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

The Focus Is on Poverty and Homelessness in the 12 short films screening for the San Diego Independent Media Center's monthly film night on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7), at La Casa (4862 Voltaire Street). Films include *The Choices We Make* and *Nowhere Else to Live*. The Prince Myshkins perform after the films. The suggested donation is \$5. Call 619-384-1280 for more information. (OCEAN BEACH)

International in Scope, the 12th annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 14-24, with more than 40 feature films, documentaries, and short subjects from over ten countries scheduled. Among the films: *Waiting for the Messiah*, *Gripsholm*, *One of the Hollywood Ten*, *Trembling Before G-d*, *A Trial in Prague*, *All My Loved Ones*, and *Promises*, among

others. There will also be filmmaker appearances, postscreening discussions, and family films.

Screenings take place this year at the MCA La Jolla 12 Theatre in La Jolla Village Square, Mann Hazard 7 Theatre, Ultrastar's Creekside Plaza 10, and Ultrastar's La Costa 6 Cinemas. General admission is \$10 for nonmembers; series passes are available for \$90. For information and reservations, call 858-362-1348 or 858-362-1365. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY, LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, *Bears* is a close-up look at the black bear, brown "grizzly" bear, and polar bear. You'll follow the complexity of their social lives, their importance in the ecosystem, and their ancient mythological and spiritual significance. Environmental factors are threatening the survival of North America's bears. The IMAX film was shot in Montana, Idaho, and in Alaska's Katmai Preserve. It screens through Friday, May 31.

Experience the challenges and countless mysteries of great animal migrations in *Amazing Journeys*. The film follows monarch butterflies, birds, migrating whales, the red crabs of Christmas Island, the great migration of zebras in Africa, and Maasai warriors on their travels. Take the journey through Tuesday, April 30.

Did you know there are 50,000 known caves in the U.S., and every state has at least one? *Journey into Amazing Caves* squeezes into some of the earth's alien, hidden realms, guided by two cavers seeking these often unexplored frontiers. The latest MacGillivray Freeman Films offering follows "extreme scientists" Hazel Barton and Nancy Aulenbach as they seek organisms that might hold new medical applications. *Caves*

continues through Thursday, March 7.

For ticket prices and showtimes, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Learn from a Pro, novelist and former *New Yorker* staff writer William Murray leads an eight-part course for aspiring writers of short fiction and personal narrative beginning today, Thursday, February 7, at 7 p.m., at the BookWorks. Make your dreams of writing seriously a reality in 2002.

The classes continue through April 4 (except February 14). The fee is \$365. Find the bookstore in Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle. To register, call 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

No Green Thumbs Are Required when E. Gordon Wells, author of *Successful Home Gardening*, leads a six-week class on fruit and vegetable gardening at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). The class will be motivational and informative. The fee for the class — beginning at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, February 7 — is \$60. To reserve a spot, call 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Astrology Was Tightly Woven into the fabric of many forms of artistic expression throughout the ages, according to art historian Douglas Barker. He'll present "Astrological Images in Gothic and Renaissance Art" for the San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, February 8, at 7:15 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission is \$12 for nonmembers (free for first-time visitors). 888-405-6825. (HILLCREST)

"Creative Imagination: Embodying Time, Space, and Form" is the theme for the seventh annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea, on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University. National Public Radio correspondent Barbara Bradley speaks on Saturday, February 9, at 9 a.m., in the Ferman Business Center. Tickets are \$5. Find the campus at 3900 Lomaland

Drive. For space availability, call 619-849-2592. (POINT LOMA)

Q: What Four Elements Are Required to attract wildlife to your back yard? Find out when the National Wildlife Federation, Quail Botanical Gardens, and Wild Birds Unlimited present a seminar on "Backyard Habitats" on Saturday, February 9. (The previously mentioned elements are food, shelter, water, and a place to raise young.)

The seminar starts at 9:30 a.m. at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). The fee is \$15. To reserve a spot, call 760-436-3036 x203. (ENCINITAS)

"Oil Painting Materials and Techniques" provide the subject when Vera Felts presents a lecture for the Clairemont Art Guild on Saturday, February 9, at 12:30 p.m., at the Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 619-222-0686. (CLAIREMONT)

Get Dramatic, the Community Actors Theatre presents drama and theater workshops for the community. Youth classes (for those 10 to 17) are led by Jennie Hamilton every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Adults meet every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. and are taught by Calvin Manson.

The fee for either class is \$25 per month. Find the Community Actors Theatre at 2957 54th Street (at College Grove Drive). For information, call 619-264-3391. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Don't Know Much About Genealogy, when the San Diego Genealogical Society meets on Saturday, February 9, San Diego Historical Society assistant archivist Dennis G. Sharp will present "The San Diego Archives — How the Archives Can Benefit Genealogists" at noon.

"Utilizing Those Little-Used Records" is the topic when author and professional genealogist Norma Storrs Keating speaks at 1 p.m. Take in the talks in the St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 6556 Park Ridge Boulevard. Call 619-296-4456 for information. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

"Neandertals and Cro-Magnons: How Many Humanities?" It's the topic when Jean-Jacques Hublin, renowned paleoanthropologist and professor at the University of Bordeaux in France, speaks on Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m., in conjunction with the new San Diego Museum of Man exhibit "Footsteps Through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution." The talk is included in regular museum admission. Call 619-239-2001 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Some Bunny Loves You? Are you wondering how to care for your new bunny, or would you like to learn more about the proper care of rabbits? Grooming, nail clipping, behavioral questions, housing, and diet will all be examined when the "Bunny 101 Clinic" takes place on

Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). To register for this free class, call 619-299-7012 x296. (LINDA VISTA)

Examine George Frideric Handel's *Ariodante* during the opera preview addressing the music, drama, and history of this upcoming San Diego Opera production planned by vocal music specialist Ron Shaheen at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m., at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2920. (CARLSBAD)

More Plant Diseases Stem from Overwatering than from any other cause, according to San Diego County plant pathologist Pat Nolan. Head to Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden on Saturday, February 9, when Nolan presents "Plant Pathology: What's Ailing Your Plants?" at 9:30 a.m. Find the garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West; call 619-660-0614 for information. Free. (EL CAJON)

The Senses of Sight, Smell, taste, and touch are all essential in the evaluation of a good wine. "Wine Appreciation 101" is being offered on Saturday, February 9, at 4 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road). The \$20 fee includes wine. To reserve a spot, dial 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

The Physical and Spiritual Connections between ourselves and the earth are explored when tracker and naturalist Steve Romeo of the San Diego Tracking Team conducts "Earth Philosophy" on Sunday, February 10, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The class includes lectures and outdoor exercises and takes place at the Adobe Ranch House in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. The fee is \$15. To register, call 760-723-1341. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

What's Up in "Vietnam Today?" Find out when Eugene Gerow speaks for People to People International on Sunday, February 10, at 3 p.m., in Green Hall at Alliant International University (formerly USIU, 10455 Pomerado Road). Free. 858-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Who Are the Hookbill Hobbyists? Meet some members of the group when they gather on Sunday, February 10, to hear a speaker from the Banfield Veterinary Clinic discuss bird health. Free. Parrots are welcome. Find the Hobbyists at 1365 North Johnson Avenue. For times and other information, call 619-472-1126. (EL CAJON)

"No-Fuss Flowers from Mediterranean-Climate Bulbs" provide the topic when Jim Threadgill speaks for the San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. Threadgill — owner of Flamingo Gardens and the Califor-

nia Flowerbulb Company — will focus on bulbs that flower in profusion and naturalize with little care.

Then talk will be followed by the Plant Forum. The group meets in the Surfside Race Place at Del Mar on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. 760-630-7307. Free. (DEL MAR)

A Mixed-Media Demonstration is promised when Claire-Lise Anderegg speaks for the El Cajon Art Association meeting on Monday, February 11, 10 a.m., at the El Cajon Art Association Gallery (1246 Main Street, suite 113). Free. 619-588-8875. (EL CAJON)

"Cowpies and Cacti: An Arizona Trail Odyssey" will be presented by Lori Adkison and Christian Timmerman for the North County Sierra Club on Monday, February 11. The duo hiked the entire 700-mile trail from Mexico to Utah last spring. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., at the Rancho Bernardo Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). 760-489-8842. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Salt Lake for Non-Olympians, learn about "Preparing for a Trip to Salt Lake City" when the North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets on Tuesday, February 12, at 10 a.m. Participants will hear how to organize and plan the most appropriate research to undertake while visiting the Family History Library and what to gather in advance. The talk takes place in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-723-1342. Free. (CARLSBAD)

What Are the Important Themes in Your Life? Write about them with candor and grace and learn to write a memoir with literary and commercial appeal when Peggy Lang and Robert Goodman present "How to Write Your Book Fast" on Tuesday, February 12, at 12:30 p.m., at the La Mesa Senior Center (8450 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-466-0622. (LA MESA)

Quiet Your Inner Critic and write from the heart after Ken Carter leads "Write Now" on Tuesday, February 12, at 1 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). The workshops will take place every second and fourth Tuesday. Free. Call 858-755-3162 for more information. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Search for Evidence of Life on Mars will be the central focus for NASA and the European Space Agency as a flotilla of spacecraft explore the Martian surface and return Martian samples back to Earth for comprehensive analyses during the next couple of decades. Learn about the difficulties faced with collecting samples and how scientists are searching for evidence of life on Mars when Jeffrey L. Bada presents "Bring'm Back Alive: The Search for Life on Mars in the Coming Decades" on Wednesday, February 13. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m., at the Birch Aquarium-Museum.

Admission to this "Perspectives on Ocean Science" lecture is \$8. The

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In Double Kayaks, paddling nine hours a day and battling raging surf, John Reseck made a 1200-mile voyage from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas. Reseck presents this lecture and book signing of *We Survived Yesterday* on Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. General admission is \$5. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ants in Your Pants," biology professor Terrence McGlynn and math professor Jane Friedman will look at recent developments in the natural sciences and mathematics on Wednesday, February 13. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the Manchester Conference Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7454. (LINDA VISTA)

"U.S. and African Trade Agreement: What's Behind the Deal?" Find out when Drew Farnsworth, Walter Lam, and Alazar Tesfarmariam speak on Wednesday, February 13, at 10 a.m., in Saville Theater at San Diego City College (1313 12th Avenue). Free. 619-388-3512. (DOWNTOWN)

More Talk About Buildings and Work, Natalye Appel, whose work "has a devotion to design clarity and appropriateness rather than a particular style or motif." Appel will speak for the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 14. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; call 619-232-0109 for reservations. Admission is \$7 general. (LA JOLLA)

Who Makes the Most Impressive Migrations on Earth? Perhaps the honor goes to the enormous biomass of planktonic animals in the sea, most swimming upwards towards the ocean's surface at dusk and then returning to deep waters at dawn. Zooplankton swim 100,000 body lengths each way during the migration, equivalent to a human running 100 miles just before dinner and then again after breakfast!

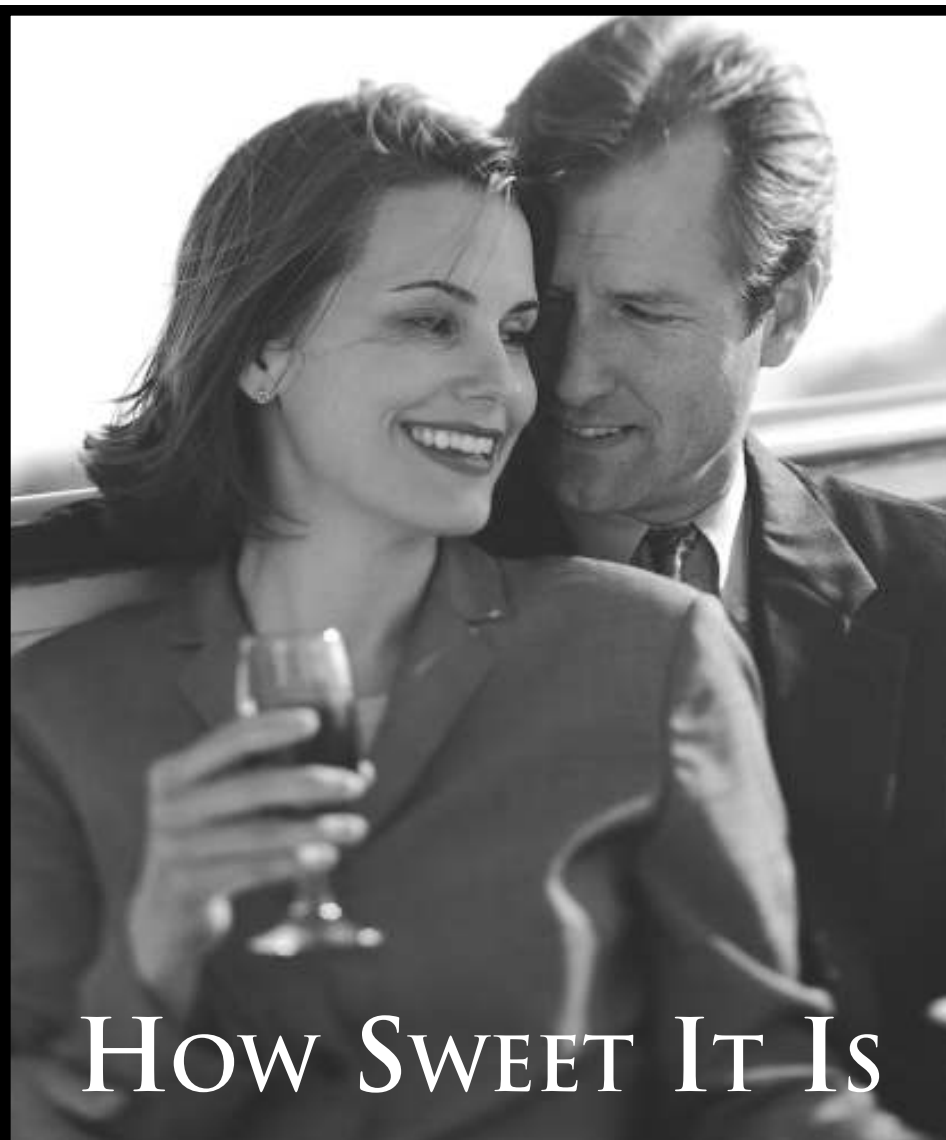
Learn more about these incredible journeys taking place right off our shores when Mark Ohman from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography speaks on Wednesday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m., at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Entrance to "Migrations into the Ocean's Interior" is included in regular museum admission. For more details, dial 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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The San Diego Social Scene was covered by Eileen Jackson for more than half a century in her column "Straws in the Wind." Jackson's daughter, Jerry Williamson, will discuss her book *Eileen* on Thursday, February 7, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Hills Library



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Greatest Hits! Head to St. Paul's Cathedral for "Festival of Favorites" by the Millennia Consort on Friday, February 8, at 8 p.m. The consort will play familiar music by William Walton, John Philip Sousa, Beethoven, and Sigfrid Karg-Elert, as well as arrangements of spirituals by Lynn Peterson and George Shearing.

The ensemble will be joined by the 80-voice Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music Choir in several selections (including some opera choruses) arranged for brass, organ, and choir including the "Easter Hymn" from Mascagni's opera *Cavalleria Rusticana*, "Sleeper's Wake" by Mendelssohn, and "Va Pensiero" from Verdi's *Nabucco*.

Tickets are \$15 general. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For information, call 619-298-6759. (MIDTOWN)

Fear No Music, this virtuoso chamber ensemble travels to San Diego (from its home base in Portland, Oregon) to perform an entire program of the music of Joseph Waters on Friday and Saturday, February 8

and 9, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Waters has written five works for the group; all five will be presented during the concert. Most of the featured works include combinations of electronics and acoustic instruments, and two are "live" film scores.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general. For tickets and information, call 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Cross the Borders of traditional Chinese folk music, steeped in ancient melodies and legends, into the genres of classical and jazz music, when Melody of China performs for the "Reading, Writing, and Rhythm" world music series on Friday, February 8. The group performs on a wide variety of instruments, some dating back 9000 years.

Concerts begin at 7 and 8:30 p.m. at the Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). Tickets are \$7. For information, dial 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

"Black Voice," presented in a "reader's theater" format and directed by Floyd Gaffney, showcases "the oral, vocal, and dance traditions of African-American culture." Performances are planned at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex in honor of Black History Month at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9, and at 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 10.

The annex at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. The requested donation is \$8 general, \$5 for seniors and students, \$2 for children. For reservations, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Mystery Author Sinclair Browning signs *Crack Shot* on Friday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 858-268-4747 for details. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Noya Ostrowiak will lead a seminar and sign her book *Motherhood Is Not a Rehearsal* at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 8, at Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

The Self-Proclaimed "Most Interactive Comedy Improv Troupe" known as the Late Bloomers perform on Friday, February 8, at 8 p.m., at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce). T. Paige's comedy *Louella's Killer Idea* is also on the program. For information, dial 619-647-4958. Admission is \$10. (HILLCREST)

Family Affair, the Cherryholmes Family performs its bluegrass music on Saturday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). The family performers include parents Jere and Sandy Cherryholmes and the four youngest kids (of their six children). Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$5 for kids under 12. Questions? Call 760-723-7255 for answers. (FALLBROOK)

Dancing and Drumming get the spring 2002 concert series at the First Unitarian Universalist Church underway on Saturday, February 9, with a performance by the SDSU African ensemble Abaa Koma. The group is composed of students of various academic majors from SDSU, alumni, and the community. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

A Publication Party for *Van Gogh's Ear: The Uncollected Poems of James B. Allen* is planned on Saturday, February 9, at 1 p.m., at National University (11255 North Tor-

rey Pines Road). Local poets will read from this posthumous collection. Free. 858-642-8472. (LA JOLLA)

A Love of the "Strange Scales and challenging rhythms found in Balkan music" is shared by members of Harmonija, performing for San Diego Folk Heritage Society on Saturday, February 9. The bill includes the San Diego debut of the Water Lilies. The harmonizing begins at 7:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$11. For reservations, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Suspense Author Thomas Perry visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss *Pursuit* on Saturday, February 9, at 2:30 p.m. Find the galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Love Songs for Valentine's Day may be enjoyed when 12-string guitarist, singer, composer, and "recording star" Patrick Quillin and friends perform on Saturday, February 9, at 2 p.m., at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The music will bring "passion and good feelings to your day." Admission: \$5. For information, call 760-804-5703. (CARLSBAD)

Voz Alta, this Chicano Latino literary performance space and art gallery hosted by the Taco Shop Poets, the Calaca Press, and the Voz Alta Project hosts a grand opening on Saturday, February 9, at 7 p.m. The event includes poetry performances by activist poet raúlrsalinas, hailing from Austin, Texas; and the Taco Shop Poets.

Admission is a \$5 donation. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). For information, dial 619-231-9210. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Taste of Opera," discover the jewels of the Spanish opera world during events planned on Saturday, February 9, by host Claudia Tornsäufer. Participants will learn about zarzuelas and their history, listen to melodies by de Falla, Granados, Torroba, and others. Tornsäufer has been a member of the Los Romeros guitar family for the past ten years.

Free. The program runs 10 a.m. to noon (arrive to register by

9:30 a.m.) in the West City Center Auditorium (3249 Fordham Street). For more information, call 619-221-6974. (WEST CITY)

What's New in Wyland's World? Find out when the artist discusses his latest murals and his foundation on Saturday, February 9, at 3 p.m., at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Wyland will sign books after the presentation. The appearance is included in regular museum admission (\$8.50 general, \$5 for those 3-17). Find the aquarium at 2300 Expedition Way; 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Get the (Mississippi-Style) Blues when musician Robin Henkel performs on Sunday, February 10, for the Enrichment Series hosted by the Poway Center for the Performing Arts. Henkel will be joined by bassist Clark Stacer and drummer Paul Horn. The buffet dinner will be provided by the Hamburger Factory.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25, available by calling 858-748-0505. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). (POWAY)

Slammin' in Julian, the Julian Music and Performing Arts Circle hosts its first poetry slam of the year on Sunday, February 10, at 4 p.m., in the pub at the Pine Hills Lodge (2960 La Posada Road). Poets should bring three or four poems to read, and audience members are encouraged to participate by clapping and cheering. For information, dial 760-765-1100 or 760-765-3364. (JULIAN)

Intentional Comedy from the Pulpit! Rabbi Bob Alper uses flash cards for the "Judaically challenged," and he's performing his standup comedy show on Sunday, February 10, at 7 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). He claims his humor is appropriate "for people of all faiths and no faiths." Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, available by calling 619-697-6001. (SAN CARLOS)

Small Acts of Tenderness and respect for animals can enrich our everyday lives, according to author Susan L. Gilbert, who signs and discusses her *All for Animals* on Sunday, February 10. The event starts at

2 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Sundays at Seven," the series presented by the San Dieguito Performing Arts Association continues with a performance by jazz and Brazilian singer Kevyn Lettau and her quartet on Sunday, February 10, at 7 p.m. Enjoy the concert at 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for those 18 years and under. Dial 760-752-5078 for information. (CARLSBAD)

The Emotional and Intellectual Impact that reading aloud to children has on their ability to learn is explored by author Mem Fox in *Reading Magic*. She'll sign and discuss her work on Monday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m., at White Rabbit Bookstore (7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry and Art are promised at the San Diego Art Institute when New York poet Jane Cassady and Orange County poet Steve Ramirez read from their work on Monday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. Poets and artists are invited to participate in this "open microphone" event, either reading poems related to or accompanied by a visual work of art. Free. For information, call 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Night of Gospel Singers" is planned at the North Coast Repertory Theatre on Monday, February 11, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe; call 858-481-1055 for reservations. (SOLANA BEACH)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 10 p.m., on Monday, February 11, at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Acclaimed Poet Clayton Eshleman is a professor of English at Eastern Michigan University and the author of 12 books of poetry. Eshleman opens the spring 2002 Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series with a reading of his work on Tuesday, February 12.



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How to Maintain Family Unity is examined in *Faith in the Family: Honoring and Strengthening Home and Spirit*, which author Dale Salwak will sign and discuss on Tuesday, February 12, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

How do Corporate Entities Reshape our reality, manufacture our consent, and change our lives? Find out when journalists Sheldon Rampton and John Stauber sign and discuss *Trust Us, We're Experts!* on Tuesday, February 12, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. Call 858-755-2707 for details. (DEL MAR)

"Due Giri in Bicicletta" — hailing from Italy, Luciano and Verena have been touring the world by bike for five years. See their slides and hear about their adventures when they speak on Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Admission is free. Call 619-237-0601 for information. (LITTLE ITALY)

Poetry Reading, Victoria Featherstone reads from her work for the Magee Park Poets on Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For more details, dial 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

The "Occult and Dark Customs" of South America provide the thrills in Sinhue Noriega's *Prisoner of Paradise*. Head to Barnes and Noble Bookstore when Noriega signs and discusses his work on Thursday, February 14, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real and by calling 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Celebrate Valentine's Day when Tango Alma presents poetry and a romantic performance on Thursday, February 14, at 7 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. For more details, dial 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Everything Old Is New Again," Tommy Tune and His Manhattan Rhythm Kings hit the stage at the East County Performing Arts Center to present this song and dance revue on Thursday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$41, \$49, and \$59. Find the center at 210 East Main Street and by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Sex, Lies, and Valentine's Day," Bridge Way Books hosts this event with jazz, "open love poetry," and open-mike opportunities on Thursday, February 14, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30; 760-943-7875. Free. (ENCINITAS)

You Won't Emerge Enlightened, but you will laugh, according to organizers of the standup comedy event planned on Thursday, February 14, at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Funnyman Lamont Ferguson will present "Laughs Will Keep Us Together" at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For information, dial 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

Provocative? The innovative Muzik3 series returns for its fifth season, combining new music, classical music, jazz, and a "dose of percussion" under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan. The series gets underway when the group Raw Fish performs Shostakovich's "String Quartet No. 8" and "Black Angels" by George Crumb on Friday, March 8. The group returns to play the "String Quartet No. 4" by Shostakovich and Steve Reich's "Different Trains" on Saturday, March 9.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15; or pay \$90 for the series. For information and reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Clowns of the Court, the renowned Harlem Globetrotters hit the court at the San Diego Sports Arena for their particular brand of hoopin' basketball fun on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$11 to \$22, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Icy Fun in San Diego, the San Diego Gulls host the Idaho Steelheads on Saturday, February 9, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$17.50, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Whales — Up Close and Personal, Hike Bike Kayak San Diego hosts a whale-watching kayak tour on Saturday, February 9, beginning at 9 a.m. Leaving from La Jolla Shores, participants paddle out in search of these magnificent creatures. The tour lasts approximately three hours. The fee is \$65 per person. To make the required reservations, call 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

One of America's Oldest Half Marathons is held right here in this county. The 34th annual San Dieguito Half Marathon and 5k are slated for Sunday, February 10, starting and ending at San Dieguito County Park (on Lomas Santa Fe Drive, about one mile east of I-5), with a scenic course through Rancho Santa Fe. Registration packets are available beginning at 6:30 a.m.; the running starts at 8 a.m. For information, call 619-298-7400. (SOLANA BEACH)

How About Lunch in Escondido? It's on tap when San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists ride out and return through Elfin Forest on Tuesday, February 12. The 40-mile adventure begins at 9:15 a.m. in the upper parking lot at Moonlight

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READING

Rapture



Susan Minot

Alfred A. Knopf, 2002; 116 pages; \$18

FROM THE DUST JACKET: *Rapture* showcases the skills for which Minot is best known: her ability to reveal the interior lives of men and women, and to strike at powerful emotional truths, in sharp, telegraphic images and in language that mesmerizes. Using a single interlude — a brief encounter of former lovers, two bodies entwined on a bed at midday — Minot defines the distance that erupts at what seems to be the height of connection,

as well as the extent to which the senses deceive and the intensely private eroticism of fantasy and the imagination. Minot's lovers are hypnotic in their individual journeys — one moving toward a kind of holy consummation, the other toward abnegation and despair. This is the wayward history of their efforts to make contact with each other while deluding themselves about the nature of the contact they're making. Sex here is many things: a devotional, almost religious offering; an act of bravery, surrender, denial, and hope, and ultimately, one of profound loneliness. Provocative and unsettling, *Rapture* is a meditation on romantic love, sex, and their reflections in the life of the mind.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Susan Minot was born on Pearl Harbor Day in 1956. Her father, a banker and stockbroker, came from an

old and moneyed Boston family; her mother was a great Irish-American beauty. Ms. Minot was the second of seven children — three sisters and three brothers, all reared by their mother in the Catholic church. The family spent winters in Manchester-by-the-Sea, a town about one half hour from Boston on Massachusetts' North Shore, and summers on an island in Maine. Ms. Minot was 13 when she went off to board at Concord Academy, a prestigious girls' prep school, the same school that Caroline Kennedy attended (in 1986 Ms. Minot and her sister Caroline Minot were two of the seven bridesmaids — wearing lavender and white silk gowns, sashed at the hip — in Caroline Kennedy's wedding).

At Concord, Ms. Minot, always a prolific reader, began to keep journals. She wrote regularly in these notebooks and began to hope that she could become a writer. Her first loves, among writers, were Salinger, Scott Fitzgerald, Hemingway, Faulkner, Emily Dickinson, and e.e. cummings.

In 1978, Ms. Minot graduated from Brown University, where she studied art and creative writing, with the novelist John Hawkes as one of her writing teachers. Only months before graduation, when Ms. Minot was 21, her mother was killed when a train struck the car Ms. Minot's mother was driving. Ms. Minot returned home after graduation and helped out with the younger children (the youngest was seven at the time). In 1980 she moved to New York and entered Columbia University, where she studied film and theater. *Grand Street* editor Ben Sonnenberg and the *New Yorker* in 1983 bought several of Ms. Minot's short stories. That same year Seymour Lawrence, an editor at Houghton-Mifflin, signed Ms. Minot to write her first book. *Monkeys* was published in 1986. Since then, Minot has written a collection of short stories, *Lust*, and two novels, *Folly* and *Evening*. She recently wrote the screenplay for Bernardo Bertolucci's *Stealing Beauty*.

ABOUT THE BOOK: *Rapture* is not easy to describe in mixed, polite company. On New Year's Day on the *Today* show, Matt Lauer asked the show's Book Lady, Sarah Bernard, about Susan Minot's newest novel. "I just love the title, *Rapture*," Lauer said, adding, "This is kind of a — ahem — this is a *very romantic book*."

Ms. Bernard parried well: "Very romantic and short. It's also a very short book. So if you're looking for something to read very

quickly, it's only 112 pages. But Susan's last book was *Evening* three years ago, and everyone's been anxiously awaiting her next one. It's really — it starts with two lovers who've rekindled their relationship, and they're — it's mostly heavy on mood, not really so much plot. The entire book is just their own individual recollections of their relationship as they saw it."

Nowhere in this early-morning chit-chat can Mr. Lauer and Ms. Bernard quite bring themselves to say that the action of *Rapture* is what is called, crudely, a "blow job" or "giving head." The former lovers, Kay and Benjamin, meet in Kay's Manhattan apartment and share a lunch of sliced tomato sandwiches and tea. After lunch they walk into Kay's "small bedroom with the tall window and the afternoon light going along the long yellow curtain." In the bed in that bedroom Kay, for 12 minutes, "services" Benjamin. While Kay services, or, to use a word that has become a euphemism for oral sex, "pleasures" Benjamin, Kay and Benjamin consider their pasts. Some three pages before the novel's end, Benjamin ejaculates.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: I asked Ms. Minot, who was in her home in Maine on the afternoon we talked, how one pronounced her name. "I don't," I said, "think it's like Minot, North Dakota."

"It's not quite, no. Actually, Minot rhymes with 'sign-it.' Or, you can think of it like what you do with gold: you 'mine it.' So it's really like an i-t in the end, and the accent on the first syllable, which is not the way anyone ever pronounces it."

"And the correct pronunciation is a much prettier pronunciation," I said, "than the North Dakota Mine-not."

We talked, then, about *Rapture*. I said that after only a few paragraphs I understood what act Kay was performing upon Benjamin. I read on, through many pages, and all at once, the word "shit" popped out on the page. The word was used as a synonym for "stuff," as in she had all her "shit" in the apartment. I said that until that first use of "shit" (and the word is used twice more in the novel), I had not realized how elegant and clean *Rapture's* language is. Given the action of the novel, I was surprised that Ms. Minot used no "dirty" words. I asked her about her word choices for *Rapture*.

"Well, language is, words are, a writer's material, so if you're

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SPECIAL

Celebrate Mardi Gras when Varig Brazilian Airlines hosts the tenth annual San Diego Carnival Mardi Gras on Friday, February 8, beginning at 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). This Brazilian "Mardi Gras Ball" features a samba contest (8 to 9 p.m.), Mardi Gras beads, Carnival bands, parades, and a costume contest. Tickets for this 21-and-older party are \$25. For reservations, call 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Neigh! Celebrate the Year of the Horse when the Lion Dance Troupe performs the traditional lion dance on Friday, February 8, at 4:30 p.m., at the Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). The lion dance is believed to repel demons and bring good luck to businesses and households. Chinese and Vietnamese delicacies will be served following the performance. Free. Call 858-538-8165 for more information. (MIRA MESA)

The San Diego Chinese Center hosts its 20th annual Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Faire on February 9 and 10. Festivities include parade dragon performances, games and hands-on activities for children, Lucky Lion Dancers, Chinese cuisine, martial arts demonstrations, cultural exhibits,

vendor booths, and more. Ring in lunar year 4700 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, at Third Avenue and J Street. For information, call 619-234-7844. (DOWNTOWN)

The Asia Business Center (4660 El Cajon Boulevard) hosts a party with lion dances, tai chi demonstrations, Chinese folk dancing, and Vietnamese foods on Saturday, February 9, from noon to 4 p.m. Free. Call 619-283-3608 for details. (CITY HEIGHTS)

An offering to Buddha and traditional Chinese feast are planned on Tuesday, February 12, at 11 a.m., at Viejas Casino (5000 Willows Road). Lion dancing starts at 7 p.m., with Asian entertainment beginning at 8 p.m. (tickets are \$21) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Admission is free (except where stated). For more information, call 619-659-2402. (ALPINE)

Everything under the Sun for Your Home will be on offer when the San Diego Home and Garden Show takes place February 8-10 at the San Diego Community Concourse (202 C Street). Expect landscaping, decorating, home improvement and remodeling displays, along with cooking shows, entertainment, and seminars and demonstrations.

Show hours are 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Satur-

day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For information, dial 800-358-7469. (DOWNTOWN)

Bird Lovers Are Flocking to the sixth annual San Diego Bird Festival, organized to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the local native wildlife in its natural setting. This year's event promises many birding trips, lectures, field trips, an exhibit fair with commercial vendors and nonprofit organizations (at the Marina Village Conference Center), and more.

"Birds and Bikes" takes place on Saturday, February 9. Participants will bicycle along the San Diego River Flood-Control Channel for bird-watching with environmental educator Ted Godshalk. The ride — open to people of all ages — starts at 8 a.m. at Marina Village. Free.

For more information on any of these activities, call 619-429-5378 or 877-763-5483. (SAN DIEGO)

A Great Love of the Ocean inspired Kathleen Cline in her current work, on exhibit at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Meet the artist during a celebration slated for Saturday, February 9, at 5 p.m. Call 858-760-858-755-4254 for more details. (DEL MAR)

A Selection of Readings by Friedrich Nietzsche provide the fodder when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, February 9, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

"**Shining a Light**" is an exhibit demonstrating "the achievements of a select group of dyslexic artists." The show — continuing through Saturday, February 16, at the Fallbrook Art and Cultural Center (103 South Main Street) — samples the ways in which "the gift of dyslexia manifests itself."

You're invited to help paint a mural during activities planned by artist Phil Yeh on Saturday, February 9. There also will be booksignings, songs, and stories. For more information, call 760-751-1127. (FALLBROOK)

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"I know that the reason the word 'shit' shocked me is that in *Rapture* there were none of the four-letter words that you might expect with sex writing."

"Right. Well, one of the more graceful and, in a way, *finessing* ways to write about sex is to allude to it and not try to describe it. This is

the way most writers get away with writing about it. And it can work. But I really was interested in trying to write a little more directly about it. So the problem with that is that it's very hard to write about something physical, the same way it's very difficult to write about pain, anything that's rooted a lot in the physical.

"Now, sex also is not rooted a lot in the physical, but that's a big aspect of it. So it's a challenge, it's definitely a challenge, trying to write about it. Because so often sex is written about in a certain way; particularly, in a kind of pornographic style. I was very aware of trying to come at it from a slightly different angle, to write about it in a way that would bring it alive in a different way."

Rapture, I said, with its "clean" language and its restrained descriptions of the physical, is almost anti-pornographic.

"Right. I mean, I think sometimes pornography can be good. It's not always sort of laughable; it can do the trick that it's trying to do. It can be stimulating and exciting and titillating. It's funny, someone told me that this book was listed somewhere on the Internet under 'New Erotica.' But that's not what the book is trying to do. It's not trying to stimulate the reader sexually. But still, the problem in writing about sex is that you don't want to get so far from it that it doesn't convey at least some of the experience of sex. You want at least glancingly, you know, to hint at that."

I said that I was impressed by the way Ms. Minot moved *Rapture's* action ahead, showing the forward movement of time, for instance, by describing the minutest of changes in sunlight on the bedroom walls and curtains.

"Very, very minutely, these changes occur," she said. "Because in 12 minutes' time, the light does change, the sun will come out from behind the clouds. The thing I had to work out was getting a feeling of, like, how much color to put into the white sheet to make the time change show. I also had to work out how long you should wait between these reminders about the present time. You don't want to fragment too much the sort of consciousness that's going on in their [Kay's and Benjamin's] minds. And also to keep slowly moving the action along, but not trying the reader's patience. So that was just a matter of drafts, going over, feeling when it needed that note to bring you back in. With the shift from the characters' memories to their action in the present, it also was a matter of keeping track of two different timetables."

I wondered what Ms. Minot's friends, male and female, said to her about *Rapture*. I said I thought that perhaps male and female responses would be quite different.

"I haven't really gotten enough feedback from it. Most of the feedback I've gotten has come from people close to me, so it's usually been encouraging things. Most of the men have said that they thought that the portrait was accurate. One reviewer that I had an interview with said, 'I don't think that much is going on in a man's mind during sex.' He added that he believed that during sex the thoughts going through a man's mind were much, much more mechanical in nature. Which may be true during sex, when the man is being active, but I purposefully made him *not* active in their arrangement so that they both had the time to reflect."

"Also," I said, "it seemed to fit Benjamin's character that he mused and was not entirely suffused with pleasure. He was not the hot and hunky stud in the midst of passion."

"Yep. That's true. And, the story is more about these two characters than about 'The Man, The Woman.'"

"How did you happen to choose to use that particular act rather than intercourse, or, mutual 'pleasuring'?"

"Well, as I said, one of the reasons is because they could both

be reflective."

"And have their heads far apart?"

"They're far apart and nothing else is going on, you know; it's sort of, 'For whatever that period of time, this is all that's going to happen.' At least in this case. She's going to begin and end. And there's nothing more he's going to do. And it is an act, it could have been the other way around, him doing her, but that wasn't appropriate for what was going on in each of their feelings about each other. It wouldn't be right."

"Because, while Kay did what she did to Benjamin, Kay and Benjamin were thinking and remembering and retracing their way through old experiences, their heads began to seem to me to be very large. It was a peculiar feeling."

"Right, right. I never thought of that, but at one point I came up with the idea of calling the book *Heads*, which would have been so appropriate, but I thought a little too crude."

"It was interesting to me, too, how Kay feels what she is doing as religious, as sacrificial."

"Well, yeah, because she's having a moment."

"She did seem to be giving herself away in service to him."

"I think her way of trying to transcend the sadness of it all was by sort of embracing an illusion, totally throwing herself into this. People talk about ecstasy in terms of religious ecstasy and sexual ecstasy; I think they do share a feeling, that they are connected."

"Benjamin was such a jerk. He was so vile to Kay."

"I think that's safe to say. I don't think he did the honorable thing, but, you know, people are weak."

"And this woman Kay was adorable. Well meaning, and she sliced those tomatoes beautifully."

"Well, I don't know, I don't really know why this is, but I think a lot of men can behave badly and still be loved by women who behave better. It just seems to be a phenomenon. Maybe honor isn't what we look for in men. I don't know. In my last book there was a character in love with a man who was something of a jerk. How could she love him, when he wasn't this sort of great guy? But I don't think that's why people, particularly why women, often, love men."

— Judith Moore

Tea Time, head to the Victorian valentine tea planned at the Villa Montezuma on Saturday, February 9. The \$12 tickets include a full English tea and tour of the furnished Victo-

rian home. Tours begin at 10, 11 a.m., noon, 1, and 2 p.m. To make the required reservations, dial 619-463-1772. Find the Villa at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

A Celebration for the Oceans is planned by the Clean Ocean Devotion Community Project on Saturday, February 9. Organizers promise a "spectacular surf and underwater

slide show" by Bill Robinson and Al Bruton choreographed to live music by Glen Fisher and the Gomango Invasion. The \$45 tickets include music, buffet, and cocktails (6 p.m.),

with the show starting at 7 p.m., all at the Peninsula Centre for the Performing Arts (3156 Sports Arena Boulevard). For reservations, call 619-222-1755. (POINT LOMA)

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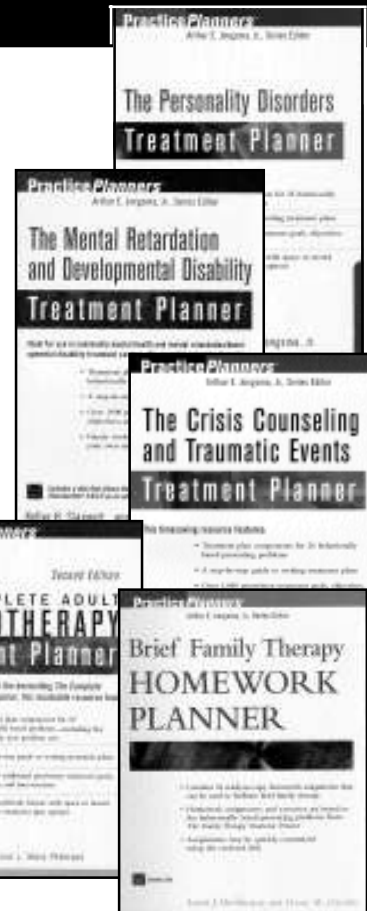
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Events run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The \$59 fee includes continental breakfast and "gourmet luncheon." To register, call 800-82-SHARP. (DOWNTOWN)

A Real Page Turner? Michele Burgess is exhibiting "Markings of Time" through Sunday, February 10, in the Seuss Room at UCSD's Geisel Library. The exhibit boasts ten years of artists' books and two new works published by Brighton Press. Burgess presents a conversation and "page turning" on February 10, at 5 p.m. Free. 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

What Is "Capoeira"? Mindinho of Capoeira Brasil hosts a class and demonstration on Sunday, February 10, at 12:30 p.m., at the end of Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach. Capoeira is described as "an Afro-Brazilian martial art" combining "music, dance, acrobatics, fighting, tradition, and trickery." Free. For information, call 619-459-8513. (OCEAN BEACH)

Celebrate Mardi Gras with the Wine Brats on Sunday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m., at Chateau Orleans (926 Turquoise Street). Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door (if space is available). For reservations and information, call 858-212-8600. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Listen and Learn, radio station KPBS-FM (89.5) brings San Diego Opera director Ian Campbell to the

airwaves for discussions of the art form. He plays selections and generally enlightens every Sunday, including February 10, at 7 p.m. For information, call 619-232-7636. Broadcasts continue through June 30.

Call It Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, or Carnival, but it's time for the "feast before the fast." The Budweiser Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp celebration is set for Tuesday, February 12, from 5 p.m. to midnight. The party promises beads, food, live music, dancing, face painters, and more. The Masquerade Parade — boasting 30 floats — runs through the festival at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. (viewable only from the festival area).

Entrances will be found at Fifth Avenue and Market, at Fifth and K, and Seventh Avenue and Island Street. Tickets for the party are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door. For tickets and information, call 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP DISTRICT)

Rev It Up and Go! More than 500 new vehicles have rolled into the San Diego Convention Center for the 2002 San Diego International Auto Show, running February 13-18. Thirty-five domestic and import manufacturers will showcase their new lineups; clay models meet concept vehicles at the third International Design and Technology Showcase, and there will be an exotic vehicle display and more.

World Wrestling Federation wrestler Al Snow will make an appearance on Friday, February 15, at 6 p.m., to meet attendees and sing autographs.

Show hours are 3 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday (President's Day). General admission is \$9, with discounts for military, seniors, and kids. For information, call 619-525-

5000. Find the center at 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

A Celebration of Water in Public Spaces, last summer the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California solicited nominations of public artworks celebrating Southern California's special relationship with water, using water as an element, subject, or theme. The artworks comprise fountains, sculptures, and paintings.

The 20 winning "Liquid Art" selections were captured by photographer Tom Bonner. An exhibition of these photos may be viewed weekdays (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) through Friday, February 15, at the Comerica Bank Building (600 B Street). For more information, call 800-225-5693 x6485. Viewing is free. (DOWNTOWN)

The Art of Viewing Stones, the exhibit on display through February at the Japanese Friendship Garden is "Suiseki," along with Japanese prints by Masaaki Tanaka. General admission is \$3. For more information, dial 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate the Year of the Horse when the Chinese Community Church hosts Chinese New Year festivities on Saturday, February 16, at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by an ensemble of the Chinese Song and Dance Theater of San Diego and the Lucky Lion Dance Troupe, and art will be exhibited by Kwan Jung.

The \$20 tickets include a nine-course banquet dinner from area Chinese restaurants. Find the church at 1750 47th Street. For reservations, call 858-279-9540. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

What Are "Kin Gin Rin" Markings? Find out during the 15th annual show hosted by the Koi Club of San Diego, slated for February 16 and 17 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Guests will see hundreds of these wonderful fish on display, and there will be ven-

ders' booths and enthusiasts on hand to answer your questions. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Call 858-452-1132 for information. (DEL MAR)

Days of Sci-Fi, ConDor IX: San Diego's annual science-fiction convention runs February 22-24 at the Doubletree Hotel (11915 El Camino Real). The guests of honor are Will Shetterly and Emma Bull; special guest is Robert Trebor (who plays Salmonius on *Hercules* and *Xena*). Organizers promise concerts, parties, a film room, panel discussions, gaming, dancing, an art show, dealers and vendors, and more.

The show runs from 2 p.m. on Friday until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Passes are \$45; single-day rates are available. For information, call 619-263-5040. (DEL MAR)

Dog Beat Dog, the Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego's two-day AKC All-Breed Dog Shows are set for Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 2300 dogs are expected to compete *each day*, and it's great fun to watch. No unentered dogs are allowed on the show grounds. Admission for (human) spectators is free. Call 619-588-0507 for information. (DEL MAR)

The Hills Are Alive? Pull out your lederhosen and warm up your vocal chords, the "Sing-Along Sound of Music" hits the Ken Cinema for a run March 8-21. Each performance includes a costume contest and preshow festivities led by a guest host, followed by the 1965 Academy Award-winning film. Audiences are encouraged to sing along and to "act out" musical numbers.

Shows are scheduled at 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and at 1:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Find the theater at 4061 Adams

Avenue. Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$19.50 general, \$11.50 to \$13.50 for children (with discounts for seniors and military). For reservations, call 866-468-3399. (KENSINGTON)

FOR KIDS

Check Out the Book Circus when Tom Jensen brings his marionettes and rod puppets to the stage at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, February 10. Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Fred E. Stare and Crazy Thing* February 13-17. The curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

Who Are the Most Famous Star-Crossed Lovers? Get familiar with Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet* when the San Diego Opera Ensemble performs a 90-minute version for junior high and senior high school students on Friday, February 8, at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults. To reach the box office, dial 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

In Celebration of African-American History Month, Faith Ringgold's *Tar Beach* and *If a Bus Could Talk* will be read for the story time planned on Saturday, February 9, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

Hey There, Little Red Riding Hood, you sure are lookin' good when the San Diego Actors Theatre "Chil-

den's Classics" on Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). This Valentine's Day celebration includes a kid-friendly version of *Romeo and Juliet*, *Beauty and the Beast Part I*, poetry, songs, and chocolate hearts for snacking. 858-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

In Celebration of Black History Month (Part Two), Barnes and Noble Bookstore hosts African-American storytelling on Saturday, February 9, at 11 a.m. The book this week is Carolivia Herron's *Nappy Hair*, and there will be a craft too. Find the store at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Children's Museum of San Diego, "Carnival for Kids" is slated for Saturday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Organizers plan a parade, float building, and mask and hat-making with the Rad Hatter.

The exhibit "Good Vibrations" focuses on music, dance, "and the understanding of sound as art expression." The February arts workshops promise printmaking explorations. Local clay enthusiast Branan Freeman leads "Clay Arts 201," designed for elementary school children; the next three-part session starts Thursday, February 14 (the fee is \$35). Call for advance reservations.

Continuing exhibits include "The Book Stop," "Improv Theater," and "Cora's Rainhouse." Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

She's Known as Nadira on the television series *Power Rangers: Time Force*, and on Saturday, February 9, at 12:30 p.m., actress Kate Sheldon will present a story time for kids two through ten at the University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive). Guests will hear books with a

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open space in a sea of suburban sprawl.

Finding Riley Wilderness Park is easy. Simply take the Oso Parkway exit from Interstate 5 and drive six miles east to the park's entrance on the right. Park hours are 7 a.m. to sunset; a small fee is charged for parking your car.

The following moderately easy trek around the park's perimeter is rewarding. From the parking lot, head north on oak-shaded Wagon Wheel



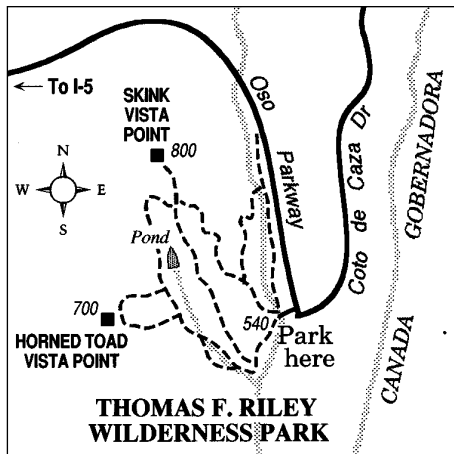
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Canyon Trail, which runs parallel to Oso Parkway. After 0.4 mile, turn left, cross the shallow bottom of Wagon Wheel Canyon, and double back south on Pheasant Run Trail. After a gentle rise and a fall you arrive at the Mule Deer Trail, nearly back at the starting point. Make a sharp right and start climbing again. The late winter and early spring season brings forth a good display of wildflowers on the grassy hillsides ahead: shooting stars, lupine, wild hyacinth, and monkey flower. Later in the spring, blooming mustard paints yellow patches across these slopes.

The crooked climb on the Mule Deer Trail leads toward a ridgetop trail junction. Skink Vista Point, offer-

ing a somewhat wider view of the park and its surroundings, lies on the bald ridgeline a little higher and farther north of that junction. Jog left a little and turn right, starting a short and sharp descent into a shallow valley. Proceed south down the valley past an old stock pond, noting the sign for Horned Toad Vista Point on the right. The short and steep side trip up through aromatic sage-scrub vegetation is worth it; from the top of the trail you can gaze down on the most pristine and secluded parts of the park.

Returning to the previous trail, turn right and descend toward the oak- and sycamore-dotted floor of the valley. By staying right at all subsequent junctions you will return to the parking lot, approaching it from the south.



Valentine's Day theme. Free. 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY)

Put on Your Smock and get creative! You're invited to create a large seascape mural with a clean-water

theme with Wyland on Saturday, February 9, at noon, at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. "Muralizing" is available on a first-come, first-served basis, but there will also be chalk art,

live music, and crafts.

Events are included in regular museum admission (\$8.50 general, \$5 for those 3-17). The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off

North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

All About the Brass, there's a family concert planned by the Westwind

Brass on Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Expect a "fun, interactive look into the basic concepts of brass playing" and music in "a wide variety of styles, including works by John Williams, Samuel Scheidt, Henry Fillmore, and others." The program includes a multimedia journey through San Diego County past and present.

Questions from the audience will be answered during the concert. Tickets are \$15 general, \$5 for students. For more information, call 619-337-2848. (BALBOA PARK)

Scales, Tales, and Operculums, learn how estuaries are important for fish during the Junior Rangers program planned on Thursday, February 14, 3:15 p.m., at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve. The free program takes place at the reserve's visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Death Defying and Belief Suspend- ing! Large-scale science demonstrations with lots of audience participation are promised when Paul Zaloom presents the scientific antics of "Beakman Live!" on Sunday, March 3, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets are \$9.50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

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 and is run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a Na-

tional 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; call 619-469-1480 for more information. (SPRING VALLEY)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, celebrate the season of the gray whale with educational whale activities, exhibits, and a variety of whale-watching experiences during "WhaleFest," continuing through Sunday, March 31. The aquarium's tidepool plaza, boasting a panoramic view of the La Jolla shoreline and the Pacific Ocean, is a great spot for informal whale watching.

An aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational 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. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

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tifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John “L.J.” Richards, and Peter Johnson, and that way-cool megastar from Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. 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. At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, 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. For more details, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare “millionaire calculator,” and a Hectotron, described as “a 1970s vacuum tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope.” Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

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. On exhibit are Indian artifacts from the Kingery family. The museum is open on the last Saturday and Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m., at 2116 Tavern Road. For information, call 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is 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. For information, call 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 of the Americas Museum, the museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist’s extensive study of this ancient “City of the Gods” that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. 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)

Museum of History and Art, in an era before television, the poster provided a rapid and effective mechanism to get messages across to the American public. “Poster Images from WWII” features the work of Jon

Whitcomb, Albert Dorne, John Phillip Falter, and James Montgomery Flagg, best known for his “Uncle Sam Wants You” caricatures. Themes include women at work, the necessity of frugality and confidentiality, patriotism, and loyalty. See the show through Monday, February 11.

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

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

Poway Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of the newly renovated 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; 619-748-3700 or 619-486-3064. (POWAY)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits,

books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. For more information, call 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, two exhibits commemorating the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor are currently on display. The first exhibit presents a number of paintings by noted aviation artists, including R.G. Smith, along with “some of the actual drafting tools that Ed Heinemann, who is arguably the nation’s foremost designer of naval aircraft, used to design many of the aircraft depicted in Smith’s art”; and models of aircraft, flight helmets, and more.

The second exhibit features a full-size representation of aviation ordnanceman Chief John W. Finn. Although wounded several times on December 7, Finn kept firing his machine gun at the attacking aircraft while directing his men to salvage and fire whatever weapons they could find. Finn, the oldest surviving Medal of Honor recipient, is a San Diego County resident. These shows continue through March.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, the flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from the Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to the Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. For additional information, call 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit.” View four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the permanent “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, an interactive toy train, and a refurbished toy train gallery with a Lionel O gauge exhibit. The World War I train display features toy soldiers and American flyer trains from 1938-1941. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. For admission and museum hours, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, an assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and animals tell stories about the region’s prehistoric and current habitats in “Natural Treasures: Past and Present.” The ongoing exhibition is said to “display old treasures most loved by the community and to introduce new fossils that have never been seen by the public,” as well as highlighting the museum’s extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the “giant-screen film” *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico’s Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the unique history of the San Dieguito area at 561 South Vulcan Avenue. For more information, call 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, “Treasures Uncovered: Trade and Exchange at the San Diego Presidio” features artifacts recovered from the Presidio archaeological site, dating to the first European settlement in California (in 1769) when Father Junípero Serra established the Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. “Treasures” in the form of ceramics, religious, and personal goods representing just a fraction of the more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer.

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, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Wells Fargo Bank 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. There’s an audio-visual theater presenting 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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Out of the Cloister

The fact that these names are little known has nothing at all to do with the quality of the composers' music.

The latest visitor to the San Diego Early Music Society's series at St. James by-the-Sea was the all-female Cappella Artemisia, performing religious vocal music by 17th-century cloistered Italian nuns.

"Religious vocal music by 17th-century cloistered Italian nuns!" the benighted among you may be saying — "No wonder the early-music crowd is such a small minority!" Luckily, that crowd is always sufficient to fill St. James to the rafters; and the much larger crowd that stayed away (and that had never even heard about the Cappella Artemisia concert) missed something truly wonderful. Not wonderful because the music performed was of considerable historical interest, but because it was so immediately delightful, so colorful, so filled with catchy tunes and lively dance rhythms and delectable effects of sound and texture, so directly communicative of emotion even if you didn't follow the Latin words and their translations in the program booklet.

This dominant style in the 17th Century is known as "*seconda prattica*" or "*musica concertata*" — or, more simply, as early Baroque. The *prima prattica* was the school of composition represented by Palestrina: the long-breathed vocal lines, the complex polyphony, the endless flow of sound, the performance (often) by voices alone, the atmosphere of pure, other-worldly religious devotion. For all its supreme beauty, it is clearly music of another time. With the "second style" we are in a different and more familiar musical world. Harmony and harmonic movement have assumed greater importance; there is a clear, powerful bass line to carry the music along; connections with popular song and dance are discernible throughout; phrases are shorter and stand out by themselves; a vigorous rhythmic drive gets the feet tapping; effects of tone-painting (musical devices to illustrate the words) are clear and bold; a more or less elaborate instrumental accompaniment is the rule; and the emotions are of dramatic intensity.

In the nun-composers' *seconda prattica*, the

dominant emotions expressed are the irrepressible joyfulness of the Catholic faith, the impassioned suffering of sinners and martyrs, and the virtually erotic ecstasy of pious devotion ("Burn, celestial flames, consume my heart. O sweet ardor, o sublime fire... I rejoice, consumed.... How I am fulfilled with the sweetness of love while I burn completely with celestial love..."). In these religious works, opera — the new musical-dramatic invention of the turn of the 17th Century — is never far away.

This style was not invented by Claudio Monteverdi, but it found its perfection in his work — as early as his *Vespers* of 1610. He is, without doubt, its greatest exponent (equaled only by the supreme German disciple of the Italian style, Heinrich Schütz). But this was such a pleasing and productive style that virtually all the music composed in it, by composers of varying talents, is enjoyable. One of the great services of musicologists and performers in the recent past has been to resurrect the works of the century's lesser lights, such as Giovanni Antonio Rigatti, Giovanni Antonio Grossi, Alessandro Grandi, Francesco Foggia, Bonifacio Graziani, Giuseppe Giamberti, Stefano Landi, Luigi Rossi, Giovanni Rovetta.... These are not names in a book: I have heard music, in some cases a lot of music, by all of them — and all of it well worth listening to. In their search for more and more sources of this treasureable style, its aficionados have even (figuratively) found their way into the convents, where it turns out there was an active musical life, not only in performance of works from the outside world, but also in original compositions by the nuns themselves.

There were significant centers of composition in the convents of Northern Italy, notably Milan and Bologna. Cappella Artemisia's recent concert, like their *Tactus* CD "*Rosa mistica*," was devoted to the eight nuns from convents in Lombardy and Piedmont whose works are currently known. A 1996 scholarly book by Robert L. Kendrick, dealing with the same material, refers

to these musical nuns as "celestial sirens." That this body of music exists at all is fascinating. What could seem more unlikely than that cloistered nuns, many of them in total clausturation (they never were allowed out of the convent!), and often thwarted in their artistic activities by bishops hostile to such immoral goings-on, would turn out to be highly competent and imaginative composers, and in the latest "modern" style?

On the evidence of this concert and of various recordings (some by Cappella Artemisia, some by other groups), the nun-composers were not all equal in talent, although none of them was anything less than a competent professional. The most prolific (20 published collections), Isabella Leonarda, was by no means the most interesting. Perhaps the most impressive, both for her musical inventiveness and her sense of the dramatic, was Chiara Margarita Cozzolani (1602–c. 1677). Her *Psallite superi*, based on the Catholic allegorization of the Song of Songs, alternates a question-and-answer drama (the answer is always "Maria") with a dazzling refrain inviting the angels to rejoice. Taking advantage of the unusual diversity of their group (which includes classical sopranos and altos as well as women from folk or jazz backgrounds singing the lower parts in their chest voices), Cappella Artemisia enhanced the drama by the radically different timbres of the voices to whom the parts were assigned. This is a first-class piece, not at all inferior to many works by Monteverdi, and that it was no flash in the pan is demonstrated by CDs featuring Cozzolani alone (Cappella Artemisia's splendid *Vespri natalizi of 1650* and a similarly accomplished collection — on Linn — of motets performed by *Musica Secreta*).

Other fine composers included Maria Xaveria Perucona (her exuberant *Gaude plaude* offered a superb example of what sheer *fun* this style can be), Sulpitia Cesis (soon to have a Cappella Artemisia CD), and Rosa Giacinta Badalla (whose *O serene pupille*, passionately sung and declaimed



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17th Century nun

**Cappella Artemisia; Candace Smith, director
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"*Rosa mistica: music by nuns of Northern Italy in the 17th Century*"

by Cappella Artemisia's director Candace Smith, is a virtual *scena* from an early Baroque opera, though its subject is the ubiquity of sin, the joyful agonies of repentance, and love for the Redeemer). The fact that their names are little known (a deficiency Cappella Artemisia is assiduously working to eliminate) has nothing at all to do with the quality of the composers' music. Anyone who listens to these works with normal musical receptivity (no learned instruction is

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needed) is likely to love them.

Cappella Artemisia's ensemble consisted of eight voices, with an instrumental trio (viola da gamba, theorbo, and small organ) to reinforce that crucial bass line. The level of performance — whether of the individual musicians or of the group as a whole — was extraordinarily high, combining a studious precision with the emotional expressiveness characteristic of all Baroque music, religious or secular, vocal or instrumental. Especially attractive was the individuality of the various voices, which, although (when required) they could blend into a lucid, floating unison, more often contributed the variegated colors (and even the sense of variegated personalities) that brought out the music's charm, vitality, and humanity. I do not want to forget Rebecca Reese, who aside from her singing duties provided a sensational virtuoso performance on the cornetto.

If you still don't think Italian nun music is for you, you would do well to listen to some of the available recordings. You might change your mind — and be the happier for it.

(By the way, the group's name, Artemisia, refers to the early-17th-century Italian painter, Artemisia Gentileschi, another woman — though not, in this case, a nun — who excelled in what was ordinarily

regarded as a man's profession. Her art was the subject of a recent exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum, with a detailed catalogue. Gentileschi also resembles the nun composers of the period in her ability to explore a widespread, established style with a rich inventiveness of her own.) ■

Events that are underlined occur after February 14.

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Despite a Rocky Premiere and subsequent revisions in 1904, Giacomo Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* is now considered one of the most popular operas of all time. The Teatro Lirico d'Europa brings its production to the California Center for the Arts, Escondido tonight, Thursday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$49. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (ESCONDIDO)

Guitar Recital, Colin McAllister presents a D.M.A. recital tonight, Thursday, February 7, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Selections include "La Catedral" by Barrios, "Etudes X-XII" by Villa-Lobos, Donatoni's "Algo,"

"Shard" by Elliott Carter, Tom Johnson's "Failing," a piece by Aldo Clementi, and the West Coast premiere of Elliott Carter's "Luimen." Admission is free. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

How Are Time, Space, and Form Used as Creative Catalysts? Find out when Jung-Ho Pak and musicians of the Point Loma Nazarene University and the San Diego Symphony offer this "eclectic look into how all kinds of music demonstrate 'out of the box' thinking and listening." The selections range from jazz to classical.

"Space, Time, and Mozart: The Creative Process" starts at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, February 7, in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Admission is \$10 general. For reservations, call 619-849-2336. (POINT LOMA)

Fear No Music, this virtuoso chamber ensemble travels to San Diego (from its home base in Portland, Oregon) to perform an entire program of the music of Joseph Waters on Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Waters has written five works for the group; all five will be presented during the concert. Most of the featured works include combinations of electronics and acoustic instruments, and two are "live" film scores.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general. For tickets and information, call 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

One Third of the Irish Tenors! The California Center for the Arts, Escondido hosts Irish tenor Anthony Kearns on his first solo tour on Friday, February 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$18 to \$36. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

"Spain: New and Old" is the theme when violinist Igor Gruppman joins the San Diego Chamber Orchestra for a concert on Friday, February 8. The program boasts Piazzola's "Seasons," the "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 9" by Villa-Lobos, Turina's "La Oración del Torero (for Violin)," and the "Carmen Fantasy" by Sarasate.

The music begins at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue). For tickets, call 888-848-7326. (DOWNTOWN)

Greatest Hits! Head to Saint Paul's Cathedral for "Festival of Favorites" by the Millennium Consort on Friday, February 8, at 8 p.m. The consort will play familiar music by William Walton, John Philip Sousa, Beethoven, and Sigfried Karg-Elert, as well as arrangements of spirituals by Lynn Peterson and George Shearing.

The ensemble will be joined by the 80-voice Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music Choir in several selections (including some opera choruses) arranged for brass, organ, and choir including the "Easter Hymn" from Mascagni's opera *Cavalleria Rusticana*, "Sleeper's Wake" by Mendelssohn, and "Va Pensiero" from Verdi's *Nabucco*.

Tickets are \$15 general. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For information, call 619-298-6759. (MIDTOWN)

Klezmer Meets Classical when the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus plays with the Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble on February 9 and 10. The program includes the world premiere of San Diego composer Myron Fink's "A Bintl Lider — Rhapsody on Jewish Music," Mahler's mighty "Symphony No. 1," and a new work by Jude Weirmeir.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD's Mandeville Center. Pre-concert lectures by Eric Bromberger begin one hour prior to each performance. Tickets: \$19 general. For reservations, dial 858-534-4467. (LA JOLLA)

A "Pre-Valentine's Concert" is planned by the Ospedalí String Trio — performing works by Mozart and Dohnányi — on Saturday, February 9, at 3:30 p.m., at the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). The requested donation is \$7. For more information, call 760-631-7055. (VISTA)

Treachery, Duels, Courtly Pomp, and feigned assignations blend in a story of honor lost and regained in *Ariadante*. It's the next production for the San Diego Opera, the first-ever George Frideric Handel opera chosen for performance by the group. Performers include mezzo-soprano Vivica Genaux, soprano Rosemary Joshua, soprano Christine Brandes, and countertenor David Walker. The opera is performed in Italian with text projected in English above the stage.

Enjoy the production — conducted by Kenneth Montgomery and directed by John Copley — at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Tuesday, February 9

and 12; at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 15; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 17. Tickets range from \$33 to \$107. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Taste of Opera," discover the jewels of the Spanish opera world during events planned on Saturday, February 9, by host Claudia Tornsaüfer. Participants will learn about zarzuelas and their history, listen to melodies by de Falla, Granados, Torroba, and others. Tornsaüfer has been a member of the Los Romeros guitar family for the past ten years.

Free. The program runs 10 a.m. to noon in the West City Center Auditorium (3249 Fordham Street). For more information, call 619-221-6974. (WEST CITY)

Keyboard Conversations, the Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations series continues at the East County Performing Arts Center with a look at "The Romantic Ballade" on Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m. The program includes "passionate and poetic works" by Brahms, Chopin, and Grieg. Tickets are \$12, \$17, and \$22. Find the theater at 210 East Main Street. Reach the box office by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

An All-Modern Program is promised when the Los Angeles Philharmonic and conductor Miguel Harth-Bedoya perform on Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Listen for "Last Round" by Osvaldo Golijov, the "Adagio for Strings" by Barber, and excerpts from Prokofiev's ballet *Cinderella*. Tickets range from \$25 to \$70; call 800-988-4253 for reservations. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

Pier View Way Concerts, enjoy violin sonatas in the galleries of the Oceanside Museum of Art when violinist Beth Folsom and pianist Fontaine Laing perform on Sunday, February 10, at 4 p.m. The concert will be preceded by a docent tour of the current exhibition (at 3 p.m.). Find the museum at 704 Pier View

Way. Tickets are \$13. For details, dial 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

St. Cecilia Evenson, the men and girls St. Cecilia Choir will sing evening using the Herbert Howells "Gloucester" service and the Randall Thompson anthem "Alleluia." When? On Sunday, February 10, at 5 p.m. Find St. Paul's at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. Call 619-298-7261 for details. (MIDTOWN)

The Glory of Opera is on display when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents an "OperaFest!" on Sunday, February 10, at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Expect to hear "some of the greatest moments in opera" from composers including Mozart, Rossini, Donizetti, Wagner, Verdi, Strauss, Gershwin, and Bernstein.

The music begins at 7 p.m. at 6556 Park Ridge Boulevard (at Wandermere). Child care is available; an offering will be received. Call 619-460-6442 for details. (SAN CARLOS)

Mozart's "Coronation Mass" may be heard when the St. James Choir and orchestra perform on Sunday, February 10, at 4:30 p.m., at Saint James-by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). The concert will include works by Handel and Telemann. Tickets are \$10 general, students and children free. For more information, call 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

All About the Brass, there's a family concert planned by the Westwind Brass on Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Expect a "fun, interactive look into the basic concepts of brass playing" and music in "a wide variety of styles, including works by John Williams, Samuel Scheidt, Henry Fillmore, and others." The program includes a multimedia journey through San Diego County past and present.

Questions from the audience will be answered during the concert. Tickets are \$15 general, \$5 for students. For more information, call 619-337-2848. (BALBOA PARK)

Pianist Dan Franklin Smith performs works by Antonio Soler, Joaquin Turina, Ferruccio Busoni, and Sergei Rachmaninoff for the concert planned on Sunday, February 10, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Call 619-236-5810 for information. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m. For further information, dial 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Selections by Haydn, Brahms, and Paul Juan may be heard when the Gennaro Trio performs on Monday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Trio members include violinist Ronald Goldman, cellist Mary Lindblom, and pianist Ilana Mysior. Free. For more information, call 619-691-5164. (CHULA VISTA)

The Beauty of the Cello is showcased when Margaret Moores performs romantic cello music with pianist Karen Follingstad on Monday, February 11, for the San Diego Mini-Concert beginning at noon. The program includes Mendelssohn's "Variations Concertantes," the "Fantasie stücke" by Schumann, Chopin's "Sonata in G Minor," and the Elgar "Salut d'Amour."

Admission is free. The music lasts approximately 50 minutes in the Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. For more details, call 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

Percussive! Greg Stuart presents his M.A. percussion recital on Monday, February 11, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center.

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Revelle Series, the Spoleto Festival Players, with violinist Chee-Yun, perform for this La Jolla Chamber Music Society concert on Tuesday, February 12, at 8 p.m. The ensemble will perform Barber's "Souvenirs for Piano (Four Hands)," the "Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano" by Brahms, "L'Histoire du Soldat (trio version)" by Stravinsky, and Mendelssohn's "Piano Trio in C Minor."

The concert takes place at Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are priced from \$25 to \$45. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrity Series, the WDR Symphony Orchestra of Cologne is joined by pianists Katia and Marielle Labèque for this La Jolla Chamber Music Society concert on Wednesday, February 13. The program includes Lindberg's "Feria for Orchestra," the "Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra" by Mendelssohn, and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5."

The music begins at 8 p.m. at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). A pre-concert lecture for ticketholders starts at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$95. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

An All-Star Cast of Musicians from top symphonies around the country have joined together in the Orchestra of the Californias, conducted by maestro David Atherton and concertmaster Martin Chalifour. The orchestra performs on Thursday, February 14, at 7 p.m., at Mission San Diego de Alcalá (10818 San Diego Mission Road). The program includes Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," "Oboe Concerto in C," and the "Symphony No. 40 in G Minor"; "Ocho Por Radio" by Revueltas; and the "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso" by Saint-Saëns.

Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 for students, which includes a reception. For reservations, call 800-700-6048. (MISSION GORGE)

A Concert of Mexican Waltzes may be enjoyed when the Cuarteto Latinoamericano performs for the Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series on Thursday, February 14, at 8 p.m., at Restaurante Jardín del CECUT (on Paseo de los Héroes Street in the Zona Río). Tickets are \$16. For reservations and information, call 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

Provocative? The innovative Muzik3 series returns for its fifth season, combining new music, classical music, jazz, and a "dose of percussion" under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan. The series gets underway when the group Raw Fish performs Shostakovich's "String Quartet No. 8" and "Black Angels" by George Crumb on Friday, March 8. The group returns to play the "String Quartet No. 4" by Shostakovich and Steve Reich's "Different Trains" on Saturday, March 9.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15; or pay \$90 for the series. For information and reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)



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GALLERIES

Eight Major Sculptures by Japanese artist Kazuo Kadosaka go on exhibit in the University Art Gallery at San Diego State University with a reception for the artist on Friday, February 8, at 6 p.m. Four of the included pieces are being exhibited for the first time in the United States. "Kazuo Kadosaka: Glass" continues through Wednesday, March 6.

Regular gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday

and Saturday. Questions? Call 619-594-5171 for answers. (SDSU)

Ceramic Sea Sculptures and a variety of other ceramic creations by Paul Linsley are on display at Chet Wooding Graphics through February. Meet the artist during a reception set for Friday, February 8, at 6 p.m. See the show 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1733 University Avenue. 619-295-5993. (HILLCREST)

Textured Copper Wall Pieces by Chris Lowe are showcased in the February show on exhibit at Taboo Studio, along with new jewelry six artists. Meet the artists during a reception planned on Friday, February 8, at 6 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. See the show through Friday, March 22, at 1615 1/2 West Lewis Street. Call 619-692-0099 for details. (MISSION HILLS)

Imagination and Skillful Technique are on offer in "Still Life Here: In Support of the Process of Painting." This group show at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery features work by noted county plein air landscape painters, and you're invited to a reception for the artists on Saturday, February 9, at 4 p.m.

Enjoy the still lifes through Sunday, March 17. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The gallery is found at 30352 Highway 78 (at the junction with Highway 79); 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Love's Renewal: Hot and Cold and Everywhere in Between" — it's time for the sixth annual Valentine and all-artists group show at Sumner & Dene Creations in Art. The exhibit commences with a reception for the artists on Saturday, February 9, at 6 p.m. The show features the photographs and cards of Patrick McMahon.

The show continues through Sunday, March 10. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is found at 2807 University Avenue; 619-688-5969. (NORTH PARK)

"About and Above: Travels in the Copper Canyon" are documented in color pencil by artist Kathleen E. McLeod in this exhibit on view through Sunday, March 3, at the Cottage Gallery. Refreshments and conversation with the artist are planned on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10, from noon to 4 p.m. both days. Find the gallery at 2523 San Diego Avenue; 619-296-1893. (OLD TOWN)

"02-02-02," this group exhibition "of visual conversations between two artists and their individual or collaborative work" continues through Friday, February 22, at hybrid. The exhibit boasts nine sets of artists and designers showing paired works on shared themes. A second reception is set for Saturday, February 9, at 6 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and by appointment. Find the gallery at 3813 Ray Street. Call 619-297-8726 for more details. (NORTH PARK)

A Celebration of the Senses is promised during the arts and culture festivities known as "Ray at Night," slated this month for Saturday, February 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. Events take place in the 12 galleries on one block of Ray Street, at University Avenue (off 30th Street). Free. For more information, call 619-295-7346. (NORTH PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, the first sculptural installations in the ongoing "Public Projects" series are by San Diegan Kenneth Capps. The 20 metal sculptures can be viewed through Sunday, March 10, sited by the artist and the museum curator around the center

and in adjacent Grape Day Park. This is one of the largest displays of Capps's minimalist works.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent are gathered in "African Art — The Pulse of a Continent," opening on Sunday, February 10, and continuing through Sunday, June 30. Highlights include a beaded chief's robe from Nigeria's Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

The James L. Greaves Collection is a unique assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about 1500 A.D. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. "Pre-Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms" continues through Sunday, May 12.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, a collective vision of life in the United States through the experiences of citizens from diverse communities is offered in "Indivisible: Stories of American Community." Twelve accomplished photographers visited locations across the nation "and recorded the ways in which citizens have erased poverty, soothed racial tensions, and protected the environment." In each location, "The artists documented the ways residents work together to address crucial issues and create positive change." Be inspired through Sunday, April 21.

See "Renovation and Expansion: MCA in Downtown San Diego, Gluckman Mayner Architects in Association with Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson," an exhibit including architectural drawings, models, and photographs of projects by those creating an architectural renovation plan for the museum's proposed new downtown location. Check out the ideas through Sunday, April 21.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), di-

rectly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the progression of Wolfgang Laib's career over the past 28 years is traced in "Wolfgang Laib: A Retrospective." The exhibition includes 24 sculptures and installations as well as 26 drawings. Laib is an artist whose work is said to deal with the spirituality of everyday materials and objects. Laib lives in a remote area of Germany's Black Forest. In his art, "Laib has gathered pollen to create glowing floor installations, has built rooms and other architectural elements from beeswax (which allude to antiquity), and explored the shamanistic role of the contemporary artist." Interested? View the retrospective through Sunday, May 19.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, testaments to courage, determination, hope, and love are on view in "Women First" and "The Children of Nyumbani," by photographer and public health physician Art Myers. "Women First" is a series of photographs of women from the United States, and "Children" focuses on residents of the Nyumbani orphanage in Kenya, all of whom are living with the HIV virus.

Concurrently, see "Double Vision: The Strauss Collection," offering the work of a diverse group of photographers. Consisting of 120 images selected by collectors and art historians Ted and Joyce Strauss, the traditional themes of portraiture and landscape by Man Ray and August Sander are seen alongside the radical postmodernism of Cindy Sherman and the eccentricity of Hans Bellmer.

Both exhibitions continue through Sunday, March 17. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, known for the application of textile technologies and imagery to various materials, textile artist John Garrett has been pushing the boundaries of traditional fiber art and textiles for the past 25 years. The "John Garrett Retrospective" continues through Sunday, March 17, at 704 Pier View Way. For more information, call 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore the "art of collecting" when 76 "Master Drawings from the Collection of Alfred Moir" are exhibited from Saturday, February 9, through Sunday, April 7. Drawn from the collection of baroque art scholar Alfred Moir, the exhibition includes fine examples by Annibale Carracci, Pietro da Cortona, Luca Giordano, Salvator Rosa, and Simon Vouet.

A reinstatement of approximately 40 European paintings from the museum's collection and from private collections exploring the impact that the politics of war and revolution had on art between 1870 and 1940 is offered in "European Art, 1870-1940: War and Revolution," on exhibit through Sunday, July 28. During this period, there was a tremendous vitality of the arts in Europe. The exhibit illustrates how artists' personal statements expressing outrage at the horrors of war are among the strongest images in the history of art. The works included in the show "reveal how images of incredible power and beauty could be born out of cataclysmic change, intellectual ferment, physical and psychological dislocation, and social discord."

"I-5 California: Four Decades of Contemporary Art" has been reinstated for viewing through Monday, March 18. The exhibit surveys art in California since 1960, with works grouped by media, thematic displays based on an idea, historical period or style, and a selection of works from the 1990s by artists who have gained national and international attention, along with a space for viewing film and video.

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

Timken Museum of Art, "Choices and Inspirations: The Temptation of Saint Anthony" is an instructive exhibition exploring how a work of art is brought into being. The exhibit traces the specific creative influences on 16th-Century Venetian painter Giovanni Savoldo's *Temptation of Saint Anthony*, a painting in the museum's permanent collection. Savoldo's painting is contrasted with Dutch master Hieronymus Bosch's three-panel *Last Judgment*, on loan from the Groeningemuseum in Bruges, Belgium. See the show through Sunday, March 31.

The museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Angel in Between

James Baldwin said "the purpose of art is to lay bare the questions that have been hidden by the answers." In the Fritz Theater's current offering, the answer is gender; the question, how many? *Angel* is a modern Cherubino (a woman in a man's role). S/he's accepted the harness and played "pretend," but being a male feels false. The only thing that holds her tight is pain. S/he needs to escape, but to what? Some impulses are "male," others "female," but most fall "in between." *Angel* is a 70-minute, one-person "musical play." And while it deconstructs strict notions of gender, Kate Kiminski's writing is often as blurry as her subject (she writes like Marguerite Duras, only where Duras can be dreamy, poetic, and clear, Kiminski's pseudo-poetry is just elusive). As *Angel*, Roseanne Ciparick sings everything from Mozart's "Non So Pou Cosa Son" to Sondheim-style tunes (music by Daniel Shamir, who accompanies on piano, and lyrics by Timothy Mathis). It's a vocal tour de force that shuffles musical genres the way *Angel* does genders. Ciparick's acting also resists labels, making quick shifts from one self to another. The performance engages, the theme is strong, and, even with the script's vagaries, it's a show worth checking out.

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Beehive

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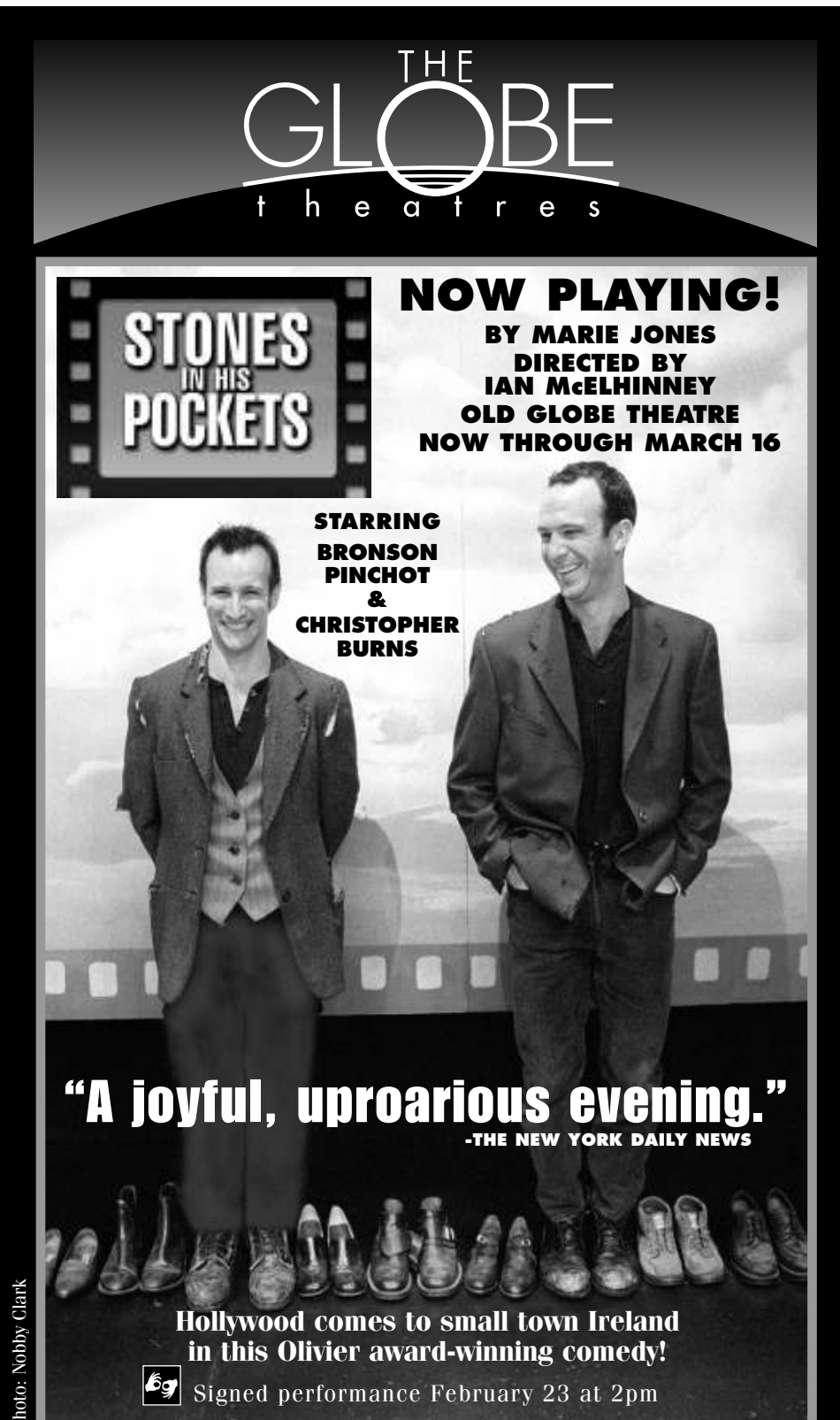
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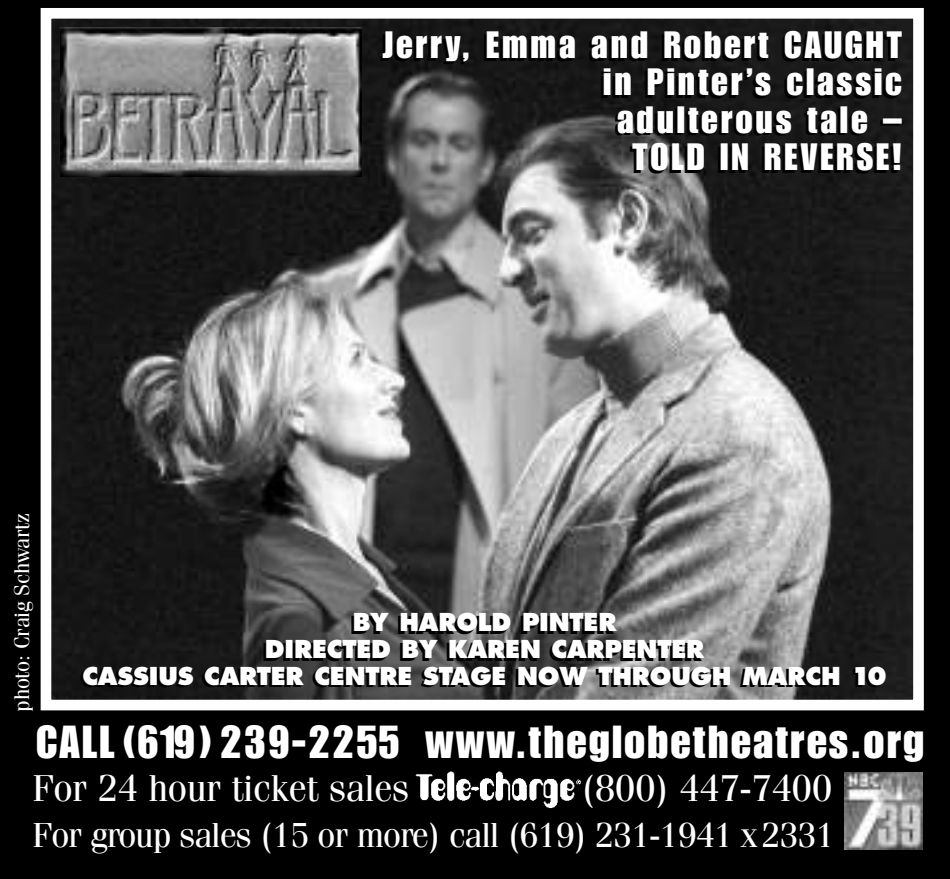
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OnStage Playhouse presents William Inge's comedy-drama about travelers cooped up at a restaurant during a snowstorm. Bob Cervantez directed.

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In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone else?

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Stone Soup Theatre and the La Jolla Stage Company present Ariel Dorfman's drama about a woman facing the man who tortured and raped her. Raimondo Genna directed.

LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room."

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An Evening with Eleanor (in her own words)

This tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt begins with a timeworn cliché: we watch an actor slowly get into a role. At first Rosina Reynolds plays herself. In modern dress she speaks lines, tests tones, and presents pages of exposition. Although this tactic illustrates Reynolds's obvious affinity with her subject (this is her third revision of material first performed in 1997), the sketchy, obit-style treatment gives us less time with Eleanor herself. Reynolds drops the tactic after intermission. When she walks onstage she is Eleanor Roosevelt, and — thanks to precise manners, vocal pitch, makeup, and a thorough understanding of the woman — a much more complete version than Act one promised. While Act one showed an actor's process, Act two emphasizes Eleanor's. Looking back at her legend, it's easy to assume she was always courageous, opinionated, a profound moral voice, when actually she cannot "claim to have been a feminist" in her early years. Reynolds shows us, vividly, the blossoming of a late bloomer. Eleanor Roosevelt grew with the 20th Century and grew into the challenge of its many injustices.

Worth a try.

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Moonlight Stage Productions presents the indefatigable musical/revue about four eager male singers and their posthumous chance at stardom.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Godspell

Point Loma Nazarene University stages Jean-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz's "dramatic musical" — a modern-day version of Jesus' ministry.

SALOMON THEATRE, POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14) AT 8:00 P.M.

Hide and Seek

Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Lezley Havard's thriller about an old farmhouse that seems to resist the arrival of new owners. C. Taylor directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

I Ought to be in Pictures

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Neil Simon's comedy "about the foibles of getting into the movies (among other things)." Dave Rethoret directed.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, THROUGH MARCH 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

It's My Party and I'll Die if I want to)

H.I.T. Productions' new interactive mystery takes place at Ted Sterling's birthday party. But ask his wife: Ted hasn't been all that sterling, "and now he must pay!" Shirley's, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AV-

ENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Joey and Maria's 25th Anniversary Party

Dillstar Productions presents a sequel to its interactive dinner theater show *Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding*. (Note: The show plays one Friday a month.)

CULY THEATRE, 338 WEST SEVENTH, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN, FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY

Let My Enemy Live Long!

Tanya Shaffer's a self-proclaimed "travel-head." She says travel lets her "see what else is possible." That's the noble spin. More to the point, she's quick to escape trouble. When a relationship doesn't work, she flees the country. "It's my life," she says with defiant humor, "if I want to run from it, I can." *Let My Enemy* recalls a boat trip she made up the River Niger to Timbuktu, a 12-day, 11-night odyssey she recounts with expressive movements, minimal props, and Benjamin Williams' excellent percussion work accompanying every step. For much of the evening, the telling's more interesting than the tale, and one begins to wonder if all Shaffer will do is sightsee. Then a subplot emerges: almost everyone's nice to her, but why? Is she having a genuine experience, with "pure, personal connections," or is she just a privileged Other, around whom people behave like actors — as sights seen, who expect things in return? And what did she expect from a voyage that turns out, by the end, to be much more revelatory than first imagined?

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17. NOTE: *LET MY ENEMY LIVE LONG* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *JAYWALKER*. CALL THE THEATER FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES AT 619-544-1000.

Making It

The South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Joe Hortua's drama about "people on the job," at a trendy Manhattan restaurant, and "people on the move." David Emmes directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SECOND STAGE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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A Man for All Seasons

Lamb's Players opens its 2002 season with Robert Bolt's drama about Sir Thomas More, dreamer of utopias, and the backstabbing world of Henry VIII. Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, THROUGH MARCH 17; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Marga Gomez: jaywalker

Satire is rage put to good use. In *jaywalker*, Marga Gomez recounts two "harrowing" years of auditions and makeovers in Hollywood. She sought her fortune with four strikes against her: she's Latina, lesbian, she refuses to play stereotyped parts, and she doesn't drive a car. In spite of Hollywood's gringo-hetero leanings, Gomez knew she'd make it when she saw John Tesh's star on the Walk of Fame. "It made me feel," she says with an innocence barely masking armadas of irony, "that anything was possible." Her experiences would infuriate the most Prozacked of aspirants, yet Gomez uses a moderate approach in the 90-minute piece. Her deliveries nudge more than slash, and she becomes a kind of Dorothy, in a place far stranger than Oz. *jaywalker* 'd be just another tale of Tinseltown disillusionment of Gomez didn't get so close to the top. The Big Agency wooed her—roses, limos, promises, the whole shot. They showed her the penthouse then took away the key. She believed "that if I worked hard and played by the rules I could make a difference." Which is why her character, La Jaywalker, now breaks the rules, walks against the

light, and yields "to no car!" A nationally recognized comic, and original member of Culture Clash, Gomez is funny. Oh, is she funny! They say the best revenge is living well. For Gomez, the best revenge is the gentle, but on the mark, satire of *jaywalker*.

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 7; *JAYWALKER* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *LET MY ENEMY LIVE LONG!* CALL THE REP FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH AT 619-544-1000.

The Moving Violation

Community Actors Theatre opens its new season with Sharon Martin's "mind-bottling melodrama about survival and how human excesses determine the quality of life." Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Murder Most Romantic

Murder Mystery Players, Inc., presents an interactive dinner-theater mystery about attempts to get more press for Ruthie Lavonne's "latest and tired romance novel." Frances Palmer directed. DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO SOUTH, MISSION VALLEY, THROUGH MARCH 9; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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



An Evening With Eleanore

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 acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Never the Sinner

Diversions Theatre stages John Logan's drama about Nathan Leopold, Richard Loeb, and the murder of 14-year-old Bobby Franks. Sean Murray directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, THROUGH MARCH 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The School for Wives

South Coast Repertory Theatre offers Molière's comedy about Arnolphe, the cuckold *malgre lui*. David Chambers directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, MAIN STAGE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Seven Weeks of Greeks! The Tragedies

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work, or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semi-circle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the

emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire-irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent, and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Euripides' *Trojan Women*, on February 25.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 28; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION (AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS) CALL 619-698-2659.

Showboat

The Lawrence Welk Resort Theatre, by popular demand, reprises its production of the musical about 50 years in the life of Magnolia Hawks and Gaylord Ravenal, "troubled riverboat gambler." LAWRENCE WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 30; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY, AT 1:45 P.M.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun." CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. NOTE: THE SHOW PLAYS TWO FRIDAYS PER MONTH. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Stones in His Pockets

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Struggling Truths

Peter Mellencamp's epic drama is a movie in a play's body. Make that four movies. He recounts 20 years in the history of Tibet, the rise of the Dalai Lama, a polite de-

bate between he and Chairman Mao Zedong, and Communist China's takeover of Tibet. He gives lessons in Buddhism and moral conundrae, and tells the story of Dorje and his sister Rinchen. They become torn between Tibetan tradition and Chinese communism, and face "struggling truths" sprung from fixed ideas. The play concerns one of the most important events of the 20th century and, surprisingly, presents both sides (Tibetan lamas are either saintly *Rinpoches* or reactionary oppressors, depending on one's point of view). It's a vast canvas that the San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre only paints in parts. Like a movie, Mellencamp's script unfolds in brief scenelets, but the production has neither the flow nor the force to sustain them for the play's two

hour, 45-minute length. AART has plusses: Sandra Kraus's costumes range from military drab to the distinctive maroon and saffron robes of the Tibetans; and director George Ye's sound design, from bullets to deep bass chanting, is first-class. Although Jyl Kaneshiro and Chad Sakamoto give strong performances, the acting's quite mixed and tends to weaken when needed most in the last hour. There is, however, a truly standout performance. Robert Dahey, one of the area's best young actors, plays Sang Sang, a crazy wisdom guru who delights in proving that reality is illusion or, just when you believe him, might not be after all. MCDONALD MORI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scenemaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. 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." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to blackout best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) 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."

Worth a try.

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Triple Espresso:

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Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s.



A Man for All Seasons

The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and

the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

2 By Shepard

UCSD Department of Theatre & Dance stages Sam Shepard's *Icarus' Mother* and *Action*, both about "banal, apocalyptic" Southern California. Les Waters directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, THEATRE DISTRICT, UCSD, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, THROUGH FEBRUARY 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

V-DAY

As part of V-Day, a national campaign to stop violence against women and girls, SDSU stages Eve Ensler's funny, moving *Vagina Monologues*. Carla Nell directed. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, AT 6:00 P.M. AND 8:30 P.M.

Verdict

The Coronado Playhouse presents Agatha Christie's mystery, which asks, "Can friendship ever require too much from us? Can mercy ever be wrong?" Kathryn Lee Moss directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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"92/1 is certainly nothing more than a pimple on the butt of 91X."

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anonymous column (by "Ms. Beak") in *SLAMM* magazine described the alternative rock radio battle in San Diego.

Before May of last year, 91X had no direct competition. That changed when Mike Halloran, who worked at 91X from 1986 to '96, launched his own concept of "independent radio" at KFSD (92.1 FM) in North County. KFSD is owned by 40-year radio veteran Art Astor, who also owns two North County

AM stations and an Orange County FM station.

91X is controlled by Clear Channel, which owns 1200 stations nationwide. Locally, Clear Channel owns, co-owns, or controls 14 stations that reach local listeners.

Only one problem with *SLAMM*'s pimple/butt

analogy, says Halloran: 92/1 is beating 91X among North County listeners in the 18-34 age range, the most sought-after demographic in alternative radio.

This is noteworthy, he says, since 92/1 has been around for seven months, while 91X has been on the "cutting edge" in local radio for 19 years. He also says it's important to note that his station could only rely on stickers to get the word out, while Clear Channel stations traditionally use TV

ads and billboard campaigns.

91X has 100,000 watts while 92/1 relies on a 580-watt Escondido transmitter. Since 92/1 does not reach into the southern parts of the county, North County is the only part of the county where the two stations have transmitting parity.

While Arbitron's survey says 91X maintains a 3-to-1 ratings dominance over 92/1 countywide among all listeners, it also says North County ratings for October through December show 92/1 tops 91X in North County listeners aged 18-34; 92/1 is in third place with a 6.7 rating while 91X is in fourth with a 6.1 rating.

Halloran notes that 92/1 made its mark without any help from *SLAMM*, which he says has conveniently avoided giving him a feature story.

"It's ironic that *SLAMM* magazine, which pretends to be all about San Diego's music scene, would take from May of 2001 to now to even acknowledge that we

actually exist. Is it possible [*SLAMM* publisher Kevin Hellman] has ties to another



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HALLORAN — INDEPENDENT FOOTSTOMPER OR KIDNEY SELLER?

broadcasting company in town and he can't write the facts because he's beholden to that major corporation?"

Clear Channel does not advertise with *SLAMM*, but the two entities both promote the PB Block Party.

Halloran said he contacted *SLAMM* about co-promotions but was "not even given a courtesy phone call.... I would keep in mind the same corporation...has

just filed a \$2 billion stock sale to make money to continue to operate. Maybe Enron can sponsor the PB Block Party."

When asked if the Clear Channel/*SLAMM*/PB Block Party relationship had any bearing on Hellman's decision to not run a story on 92/1, Hellman would not comment. Hellman did say that he and Halloran spoke briefly via phone about advertising, but it was Halloran who did not follow up.

"How long can you stay in business when you are not following up on advertising leads?"

Hellman said he is not Ms. Beak.

Editor

Troy Johnson said *SLAMM* has written 1196 words on 92/1 since the station went on the air, which includes various column items in the "Locals Only" column.

"I love what Mike Halloran does for San Diego

radio," e-mailed Johnson. "But he's also a whinin' foot stomper. He would sell his kidneys for press."

— Ken Leighton

"By the end of the show the audience is numb, but they don't seem to care.... People keep coming back."

Singer Jared Hren and his band Offtrack have played five different gigs at an Escondido ice-skating rink, starting last summer. Every Saturday the Iceoplex brings in two bands that set up right on the ice. He says 100 to 150 fans show up — who also stand on the ice.

"Our fingers get numb



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not so bad for me. We just need places to play.”

The show costs \$6. For an extra \$2.75, fans can rent ice skates and skate while the band plays.

“We were the guinea pigs,” said Hren, 18, about their first punk-on-ice shows.

“The biggest problem was our speakers actually got stuck in the ice. We had to get a blowtorch and a shovel and a crowbar to get them out. It took six guys.”

Now the bands play on a carpet that’s rolled out on the ice. The drummer gets a drum riser.

Before they closed, the Aztec Bowl in North Park brought in live bands to enhance its bowling business. Iceoplex employee Nikki Grenier said her boss

was also looking to boost business.

“It was getting pretty slow,” said Grenier, who now books the bands. “In the summer people are surfing or going to bonfires. They wanted to do this here to spice things up.”

She said one hip-hop show at the Iceoplex was not well attended because of a confused newspaper reporter. “The *North County Times* said [hip-hop trio] Down Low was going to play the Ice House. People went over there instead.”

The Ice House is an all-age nightspot in Escondido that hosts DJs and dance music but not live bands. It is so named because it is housed in a building that sold ice in the ’50s and ’60s.

“We make sure the ice isn’t smooth,” said Grenier. “Some people have slipped, but no one has gotten hurt.... We also bring in wooden boxes for people to stand on and dance.”

“It’s freezing, but it’s the only place catering to all ages north of Mira Mesa,” said Ryan Dunnam, bassist for Notice. “Besides the

temperature, it’s a pleasant place to play. My only other qualm is that they don’t have their own sound system.”

Offtrack and Notice appear Saturday at the Iceoplex in Escondido. Admission is \$6.

— Ken Leighton

“I heard he was fired because he would tell bands that if they played the Scene, they couldn’t also play Epicentre.”

The unnamed insider was speculating on why James Barnum was relieved of his duties as talent buyer and venue manager at the Epicentre on Friday, January 25.

Neither Barnum nor Epicentre spokesman Samuel Ingersoll-Weng would get into details about why Barnum was cut loose after seven months at the all-age Epicentre. Last week Ingersoll-Weng said that the Epicentre was not planning on honoring Barnum’s commitments to the major-name bookings, including Finch on February 22 and Link 80 on February 23.

Ingersoll-Weng said the Epicentre will now be focusing more on local bands and less on national acts.

“The Epicentre is committed to training teens for careers in the music industry and to hosting local bands,” he said. The Epicentre is run by the nonprofit Harmonium group with the support of the City of San Diego.

“We’ve always had great difficulty in providing low-cost, quality entertainment for teens while trying to find a way to make it self-sufficient. We want to restructure so that the teens will be more involved in the management.... We want to develop a wider range of

partners with House of Blues and the Casbah and others in the industry.”

Barnum’s dismissal caused a Battle of the Bands finals that night to be

was able to round up enough security and the show was back on.”

Barnum, based in Fullerton, said he had no comment about the reasons for his dismissal. But he said he would be back to present major-name artists to the local all-age crowd.

“San Diego is a very good market. We don’t want it to be deprived of quality artists.” Barnum said he was responsible for bringing Good Riddance and Something Corporate to the Epicentre and will continue to bring them to San Diego.

Meanwhile, the all-age Scene in Kearny Mesa has stepped up its commitment to hosting major-name bands.

“Our first big national act is Machine Head on March 8,” said Scene co-owner Sean Brandes. He said House of Blues Concerts, promoter Harlan Schiffman, and the owners of Brick by Brick and the Casbah have also contacted him about using the Scene for all-age big-name concerts.

“We haven’t been



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EPICENTER TOSSES TALENT BUYER

momentarily canceled.

“He was not happy and convinced several security guards to quit with him,” said Ingersoll-Weng. “We didn’t have enough security. A decision was made to pull the show. An hour and a half later, another employee

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contacted by [Barnum],” said Brandes, admitting that he was uncertain which site Barnum would use to host all-age shows in San Diego.
— Ken Leighton

“We attempted to get the name back,”

said No Knife singer/guitarist Ryan Ferguson about the loss of his band’s website address *noknife.com*. “They were ready to make a deal. We were ready to offer a couple hundred dollars. They laughed at it. They wanted a couple thousand.”



NO KNIFE LOSES THEIR “.COM”

Only a few other local bands — including Rocket From the Crypt and fluf — have been around as long as No Knife, which formed in 1993. Ferguson said his band started using *noknife.com* to sell

merchandise and connect with fans worldwide from 1998 through November of last year.

Unfortunately, No Knife lost the rights to its name. They let the renewal lapse. “A Malaysian Internet company jumped in and grabbed it. I think they saw this as an opportunity to make some money from us. Instead of succumbing to them, we decided we would rather pay \$30 and change it to *noknife.net*. Now we’re trying to get the word out.”

Attorney Howard Tarr of Tighe & Associates said that if the Malaysian company was merely a “cybersquatter with an intent to only buy and resell the name, and if

No Knife was a federally registered trademark,” the band could pursue legal action to retrieve the Web name. He said two articles in *California Lawyer* magazine (June 2000 and April 2001) explain the

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process.

Ferguson said the name “No Knife” is not trademarked. He said No Knife plans to tour Europe this summer. Their fourth album is set for a midsummer release.

“I guess we won’t be touring Malaysia anytime soon.”

As for why *Amazon.com* came up at the *noknife.com* name, Patty Smith, spokesperson for Amazon.com, said that some 600,000 U.S. websites maintain a link to Amazon through their “associates program.” She said those sites get a percentage of the price of Amazon items purchased through that link. Smith said some sites have “improperly used the

associates program” and that the new owners of *noknife.com* are improper users. “We closed their account.”

Last checking at *noknife.com* brought up a “virtual reality casino” and also *half.com*.

— Ken Leighton

Danielle LoPresti,
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Well, there’s a couple of horror songs — at least — specifically about penises: the title track (which is concerned with not just penises but also the *metaphoric penis* that is the record industry, as well as all profit-driven corporate power-whatsems that subject the artist to, well,

insane concern with hideous *market things*) and “Say It” (which is quite graphically about being *raped* — in the first person — or possibly only *threatened* by rape).

“Sahara” is about some friend of hers “cutting off her own tongue to make room for his.”

“Worthless” features a married friend who gets beat on all the time. “I want to hurt your husband / He’ll raise his fist about to hit you / But I’ll be there right behind him / I’ll catch his fist in mine.”

“Your Best Best” is addressed to a former great love, and speaks of forgiveness: “I know you didn’t mean to skin my heart.” Hey, his lot is no

great shakes either: “Your darkness grew too sad / Your sadness grew too sick / Your sickness grew too black.”

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With the aid of his drug dealer and lawyer, Solomon Rainbolt, who calls Sughrue “the music critic from Hell,” they lay a long trail of extension cord and drag the entire machine out the door and onto the railroad tracks. Sughrue sinks a handful of quarters into the thing and punches P-17. The tequila-fried partners sit back and wait.

“When the cowcatcher on the engine pulling the 3:12 fast freight to Spokane hit the jukebox, the high thin voice sang one last empty screaming wail that died quickly beneath the thundering steel wheels. The collision filled the snowy night with an explosive rainbow shower of plastic and pot metal, worthless quarters, and inflated dollar bills that covered the pale parking lot like a hard post-apocalyptic rain falling.”

The cover art on the paperback edition of *The Mexican Tree Duck* features nothing but a jukebox.

Jukeboxes are everywhere in the world of cop fiction, and there is a reason for this. Ex-LAPD Sergeant turned San Diegan Joseph Wambaugh writes in *The Delta Star*: “Leery’s Saloon was very dark, as every cop’s bar must be (they don’t want to see too much when they’re off duty), and had a jukebox so that they could bump and shake and grind and wiggle on the miniscule dance floor...exactly the size of three coffins.”

Or in *The Golden Orange*, Newport Beach cop Winnie Farlowe “found a quarter and walked to the old Wurlitzer jukebox in self-defense. He had to choose between Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Mel Tormé, Peggy Lee, or Bobby Darin. [Bar owner] Spoon considered them to be the great saloon singers of our time and was convinced that any song written after the ’50s was bad for business. Spoon liked old songs with ocean water in them, like ‘Red Sails in the Sunset.’ Winnie punched

Peggy Lee’s ‘Fever.’”

This has the ring of truth to it according to a former San Diego vice cop who prefers to be called simply “Wharf Rat.” Sitting in the Waterfront bar, eating *pozole* and drinking drafts, Wharf Rat nods and says, “Anything with balls usually. But not Metallica.”

Some years ago I had worked behind the bar at the Waterfront for a day in order to write about it

with some, er, verisimilitude. Wambaugh — who had called me after my story came out — told me over the phone that I had picked the one bar in town where most of the customers were both “loaded and packing.” Undercover cops were on every other barstool. Wharf Rat was one of them on the job that year. Nowadays you’re more likely to find assistant D.A.s drinking at the Kettner Street bar, or even judges — but not all together. Wharf Rat recalls, “Remember in that one book [by Wambaugh] where he mentions ‘Rose Bird and the Supremes?’”

“I think so. The anti-death penalty judge? Supreme court judges etc.?”

“Yeah, but *the Supremes*. You know, ‘Set me free why don’t you, babe?’ That was hilarious.”

Mary the bartender comes over to check on this end of the bar and I ask her, “Would you still call this a cop bar?”

“No, we’re a fisherman’s bar.” She looked at me as if I had suggested it was an abortion clinic.

“It used to be a cop bar. Big time.”

The voice comes from a few seats over. A long-haired woman, maybe 30, 35, attractive, with that been-around-the-block-but-still-a-lady appeal. “Plainclothes. You wouldn’t see uniforms. You still get cops, you just don’t know it.”

“Yeah? Well...” Mary shrugs. She’s innocent.

The longhaired woman, also eating *pozole*, starts talking to Wharf Rat. They are reminiscing about local crime fighters they have both known. The woman mentions how often, when she’s pulled over on the road, the cop will say, ‘Hey, I know you from the Waterfront.’ I’m not saying this is the case, but the *pozole*-eating lady puts me in mind of the phenomenon of certain women who are ardent fans of police officers the way some

women are with rock musicians.

This reminds me — “How’s Tracy?” I ask Mary. I am referring to Tracy Hoze, a bartender there who was answering questions of mine the other day, before evildoers stole my laptop, tape recorder, and notes.

“Good, I guess. Oh, were you the one that was here when they were naked?”

“What?”

“That was you, right? And Tracy and Ami?”

“I truly wish it was.” Mary had to be putting me on, but a few other people seemed to know what she was talking about. Since it was *not me*, she dropped the subject.

The jukebox at the opposite end of the bar is a monster: seven feet tall, maybe. You just touch the screen and CD covers are displayed in groups of a dozen or so all at once, and alphabetically. I have accessed the TouchTune’s *M* pages. In the *Ms*, you’ve got more selections than the average roadhouse juke machine 30 years ago.

Reba Mcentre [*sic*],

Tim McGraw, Joe De Messina, John Mellencamp, Meatloaf, Metallica, Marilyn Manson, and Dean Martin (it goes on and on) — side by side in cyberspace. There is enough country music on the TouchTune to suggest the patronage of the police on occasion, that is if Tim at the Camel’s Breath is right.

Tim is the bartender (maybe the owner too, I don’t know) of the Camel’s Breath in Mission Valley, and he says, “Yeah, we get cops on the weeknights when the shifts change, and they like country. Dwight Yoakum; they’re big on Dwight Yoakum.”

Tim points out the only cop in the room at the moment — and he doesn’t want to talk to me.

“I’ve got a tin ear anyway,” he says.



The Waterfront, Kettner Boulevard

PHOTOGRAPHS BY RANDY HOFFMAN

Down the road at the Clubhouse, owner Brian Buckholtz agrees that country music is favored by some of San Diego’s finest and shows me the jukebox with a preponderance of cowboy hats on CD covers.

“Also, stuff from the ’70s.”

He flips the album covers to Joplin and Hendrix, etc. Buckholtz hesitates to call the Clubhouse a “cop bar.” In fact, Tim is the only barman who didn’t seem to mind the tag. Even at Landlord Jim’s, the closest bar to the police station downtown on Broadway, the bartender Julie Kanive demurs from the label. I can see that the idea might be intimidating to certain scofflaws or those with an overdeveloped sense of guilt about everything from insider trading to overdue library books.

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At Landlord Jim's you can often find Walt sipping slow beers. An ex-policeman from Texas, Walt tells the story about himself and his dad, also a cop, playing chess in a barroom when a gunman walked in to hold up the joint.

"We were at the service station — where the waitresses get their drinks," Walt says. "My dad had his back to the wall, and when the guy came over, pointing a gun at the bartender, my old man seemed annoyed. He stood up, grabbed the guy by the throat, and pinned his gun hand to the wall by his wrist. Dad just looked at me and said, 'It's your move.'"

If I've got that story a little wrong, Walt, it's like I said, my notes were stolen because there's never a cop around when you need one.

I pressed Walt to remember what might have been on the jukebox at the time, if anything, but Walt didn't remember if there was or wasn't any music. I like to think the Rolling Stones might have been playing "You've Got to Move" with Mick Taylor working that slow slide, or maybe Bobby Fuller's "I Fought the Law (and the Law

Won)."

Speaking of ex-Texas cops, former patrolman and friend D. Schultz from Fort Worth remembers sitting in a bar, waiting for a woman he was supposed to meet. (He's telling me this story in his car, driving me to Coronado, and prefaces the whole thing by telling me his favorite music is rock and roll like Lynyrd Skynyrd, Queen, and the Doors. Meanwhile, he's got a tape in the deck playing Pachelbel's "Canon.")

"I parked my squad car outside the bar, and the left rear door didn't lock, and somebody discovered this, got into my glove compartment, and took my .38 service revolver and my handcuffs. Meanwhile, I'm sittin' there listening to 'I'm a long tall Texan, I ride a big white horse' and 'Elvira' by the Oak Ridge Boys. The girl never showed up. The department didn't appreciate the gun thing, so they just said 'Adios.'"

Days later, on C Street downtown, I see a large man in police blue walking down the street fondling a wad of \$20 bills. He is wearing a ball cap with the letters FDNY in gold, and on his hip is a 9mm automatic pistol. He is humming something to himself. I ask him what he's humming.

"I've gotta get to the bank," he tells me — like I care. I tell



The Waterfront's jukebox

him about this article, and he says, "Oh, I'm not a cop. I'm a security guard."

Indeed his shoulder badge says Wackenhut Security. His name is Tyrone.

"That's okay, you've got a gun. What kind of music do you like?"

He thinks for a minute. "I like Chuck Mangione, Michael Jackson, and Maynard Ferguson."

"Wow. Hardly anybody mentions Maynard Ferguson these days."

I say this to cover my puzzled

look. I am trying to imagine the elasticity of a musical sensibility that would include Michael Jackson and Maynard Ferguson. And it's hard.

Another uniformed officer, Vigil (pronounced Vee-hill), whom, I must point out, was on duty and yards away from the nearest downtown bar, answers me pretty quickly.

"Classic rock," he says. His favorite stuff. "Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, you know. When I'm driving, that's different. Then I listen to techno, like house mu-

sic. It keeps my attention focused. Then, when I get home, I listen to Spanish music. Ottmar Leibert, flamenco guitar."

Kansas City Barbecue has been more famous in the past 15 years for its appearance in the Tom Cruise movie *Top Gun*, but it is still, on occasion, a watering hole for policemen. The walls are covered with dozens of cloth badges from all over the country—even Victoria, British Columbia.

"The old police station used to be right across the street, and

this place was called Club 553. This was the police bar, and they still come in," bartender Mark McCullough tells me. "We do have a jukebox, and that was in the movie too. It hasn't worked in a long time."

The item is a vintage Wurlitzer, and many of the titles behind the darkened, slightly dusty glass are a testament to fugitive nights and the police force 18 years ago.

"Why Don't We Get Drunk (and Screw)" by, it reads, Jim Buffet. "Take My Breath Away" by Berlin is on there, because it was the theme to *Top Gun*. Also residing silently for years behind the layer of dust motes, wood, glass, plastic, and pot metal is "Mama, He's Crazy" by the Judds. "Killin' Time" by Clint Black is on there, as is Alan Jackson's "Don't Rock the Jukebox" and Johnny Cash's "I Walk the Line." I can't believe some sensible music lover with a badge didn't drag this thing onto the trolley tracks and punch "Achy Breaky Heart" a few times, but I guess the tracks weren't quite there then.

What else do we have? "Born to Run" — Springsteen; "Friends in Low Places" — Garth Brooks; "Indian Outlaw" — Tim McGraw; "Bad Bad, Leroy Brown" — Jim Croce; and Z.Z. Top's "Tush." I'm thinking you could write a term paper linking the themes

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in these song titles: cops, robbers, outlaws and cowboys, fugitives, and poon.

"C'mere, I wanna show you something." Bartender McCullough takes me into the back room with long tables and benches to accommodate large parties — private and otherwise. Immediately to our left on the wall as we walk in is a blue rayon police jacket gathering dust, donated by some crooked copper. But next to it is really something: it's the passenger side door of a black-and-white police car hanging there and riddled with bullet holes. Most of the holes are marked with grease pencil: .38, .357, 9mm, etc. The biggest of them, just beneath where the passenger's elbow might be, is an unmarked hole you could sink a golf ball into.

"I don't know what made that," McCullough shrugs. "I'm not a gun guy."

Neither am I, but I'm thinking .12 gauge and a deer slug. On the way out, I'm thinking of Solomon Rainbolt calling his partner the music critic from Hell, and that triggers another memory. At home I leaf through Wambaugh's *Floaters*, the San Diego-set story of murder, the America's Cup, and the Harbor Police. Something in here ties in with cops as music critics, and it takes a moment to find it. Ah.

Mick Fortney is a San Diego harbor cop cruising Mission Bay looking for bad men. "Two guys on the boat were playing a Grateful Dead tape at a jaw-breaking decibel level. It sounded to Fortney like Jerry Garcia was strumming on a plate-glass window with a brick."

This, to me, is acute, canny, and above all, a generous musical evaluation of Mr. Garcia's guitar work.

One more literary reference cannot go uncited, and that is Lawrence Block's *When the Sacred Ginmill Closes*. New York cop Mathew Scudder (transplanted to L.A. and played by Jeff Bridges in *Eight Million Ways to Die*) is taken to the home of a neighborhood bartender. He has a song he wants Scudder to hear. It is by '60s folkie Dave Van Ronk, with the lyrics:

And so we'll drink the final glass
Each to his joy and sorrow
And hope the numbing drink will last
Till opening tomorrow
And when we stumble back again
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Mr. Lucky's Legend

"When John Lee Hooker plays, it's like writin' his name: 'I'm John Lee Hooker.'"

Speaking of the foggy San Francisco Bay Area as I was last week, two of its resident musical legends passed away last year: John Lee Hooker and Joe Henderson, both of whom will sorely be missed. Let me tell you a little something about both artists.

But first, let me briefly relate a shameful occasion some 30 years ago when I attempted to get onstage in Juneau, Alaska, to personally convey my appreciation to the great John Lee Hooker. It was a good-sized, crowded room. I was extremely drunk. John Lee had just reprimanded the local pickup band that was filling in for his regular outfit, which'd somehow gotten stuck in Fairbanks or Anchorage. In any event, Mr. Hooker had seized the reins of power, as it were, from the shaggy-haired, ersatz blues-rockers whose energetic and clumsy attempts at boogie were getting in Mr. Hooker's way. After dressing down those silly boys, John Lee took it out on the music and tore off savage blues after savage blues, as only he knew how. It really was a marvelous moment, and I wanted to tell Mr. Hooker how marvelous it was. I don't know why the security guy had to throw me off the stage so violently! After all, I was just being me, in my early 20s.

Actually, by 1973 John Lee Hooker had long since compromised with the marketplace and recorded with popular white blues bands, especially in England: The Animals, the Yardbirds, the Spencer Davis Group, and the Groundhogs, with whom he recorded a lousy album in 1965. In 1970 he cut a double album with Canned Heat. Hooker knew how to do the real thing, all right, but he also liked money; he died in his sleep at age 83, with money in the bank and a driveway full of fancy automobiles. Well into his 70s he liked to hold court in Vesuvio's in San Francisco's North Beach in his

black cowboy hat and shades. Not bad for a guy born in 1917 in Vance, Mississippi, some 30 miles or so from Clarksdale.

Like Howlin' Wolf, he was never a first-rate guitar player but was able to make use of the instrument, in a very basic, stripped-down style, to complement his powerfully expressive vocal style and surging sense of rhythm, which included his signature hobnailed boot foot pounding away to the beat. It was in Detroit that the "Hook" first made his mark, after a brief early stint in Memphis and a seven-year stretch in Cincinnati. He had his first big hit in the Motor City in 1948 with "Boogie Chillen," on the flip side of "Sally Mae." He was never to look back.

The Hook was born of sharecroppers, one of 11 children. His first instrument was an inner tube on the barn door. His stepfather, William Moore, taught him some guitar, and by the time he was 14, young Hook was playing local country suppers, fish fries, and dances. By the time he was 15, he'd already run away from home and begun his long career, a career so long and successful that another of his nicknames would come to be Mr. Lucky.

John Lee Hooker was overrecorded. His best recorded performances, in my view (and in the Hook's), are his earliest sides from the late '40s and early '50s.

Back when I was younger coming up, I was playing more hard blues by myself. I could play more guitar and do more by myself. I could do the same thing now if I went on and started playing by myself. But to get the best hard stuff I did, you want to go back to the Detroit days when I was playing by myself in coffeehouses. I played more guitar. I had no band to interfere. I didn't need to give no band no breaks and solos. I could do what I wanted to do.



John Lee Hooker



Joe Henderson

I'm not sure what kind of coffeehouses existed in Detroit's black ghetto in the late '40s — "That's a decaf macchiato with low-fat milk, to go" — but Hooker would have been playing in bars and clubs in front of an exclusively black audience, many if not most of whom had lately come north from places like Mississippi to work. He was playing bare-fingered in those days, with the soundhole pickup on his Stella acoustic running into an Ampeg or Silvertone amp, and he was keeping time with his feet, tapping quarter-notes on one foot and eighths on the other. His fellow Mississippian, another Mr. Lucky, B.B. King, said of the Hook:

John Lee plays the blues like I heard 'em when I first started to play. The way Lonnie Johnson, Robert Johnson, and Blind Lemon Jefferson played, they were so themselves. Well, in the modern times — and what I call modern times is the time I started to play — John Lee Hooker was one like that. Lightning Hopkins was like that. You know who they were the minute you hear 'em play. When John Lee Hooker plays, it's like writin' his name: "I'm John Lee Hooker."

Like John Lee Hooker, Joe Henderson's career got going in Detroit, though he also was from elsewhere: Lima, Ohio. And like Hooker, Henderson wound up in the San Francisco Bay Area. As a kid

in Ohio he heard a lot of country and western on the radio, also a lot of rhythm and blues: Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, and probably the Chicago/Chess stars like Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, not to mention the Hook himself, 20 years older than the saxophonist. In fact, he may well have heard Hooker live in Detroit while a student at Wayne State in the mid-'50s, although

the older bluesman would have been a star by that point and playing with a band.

While at Wayne State, Henderson became interested in all manner of music — Indian, Balinese, along with other world musics, and, of course, jazz. Coltrane and Sonny Rollins would have been the tenors who caught the young Henderson's ears as he himself advanced on the instrument; Ornette Coleman, too. It's no cakewalk launching your own career on the instrument with those three guys on

the scene. But Henderson took what he needed from them and whatever else grabbed him. He seems not to have endured any serious anxiety of influence. His playing, throughout his extended, musically exemplary career, incorporates elements of bebop, modal, and free jazz without ever calling attention

to itself by insisting too much. Henderson was always an uncommonly melodic player and inventive phraser, and his solos are models of improvisational structuring.

It so happens that my buddy O'Meara studied with Henderson, who did a fair bit of teaching in the '70s, especially in the Bay Area, where he moved in the mid-'70s. O'Meara had caught Henderson live at a little club on Powell

Street called Cristo's and simply approached the tenorman and asked if he could study with him. O'Meara described him, as everyone does, as a soft-spoken, shy man. He recalled that Henderson didn't like to make eye contact. Years later, long after O'Meara's lessons were behind him, O'Meara was surprised, when their paths crossed, that Henderson remembered his name and all about him.

Unlike John Lee Hooker, Joe Henderson wasn't Mr. Lucky throughout his career, a career also unlike Hooker's, that sustained a high level of excellence. Rather late, however, in his musical life, he was "discovered" with a series of albums from Verve, including *Lush Life: The Music of Billy Strayhorn*, released in 1991. Tribute albums for Miles Davis and Antonio Carlos Jobim followed, along with a collection of tunes from *Porgy and Bess*, all of them very successful.

I like Henderson's '60s sides with Blue Note the best, and his four-CD compilation on Blue Note of those years is among the best sets in jazz, if you're willing to spend the dough. You won't be disappointed. If you want to mull it over, there's a single "Best Of" on Blue Note as well. I think my favorite individual session is with Bobby Hutcherson as leader, a Blue Note disc called *Stick Up* from 1966, where the conversation between free jazz and hard-bop gets very interesting indeed. R.I.P. ■

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EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Willie Nelson (783): East County Performing Arts Center, today, Thursday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Phil Perry (675) and Paul Taylor (677): 4th & B, today, Thursday, February 7, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with **Jessica Williams:** Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, today, Thursday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

FRIDAY

"Tenth Annual Brazilian Carnival" featuring **SensaSamba:** 4th & B, Friday, February 8, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Dokken (514) and Sirens Wail (535): Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, February 8, 3:05 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys (343), the Lucky Stars, and the Sleepwalkers (434): The Casbah, Friday, February 8, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Sunsets & Landscapes, 30 Seconds to Mars, and Chrome Pony: Brick by Brick, Friday, February 8, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

"Melody of China": Sunshine Brooks Theater, Friday, February 8, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., 217 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. Concert hotline: 760-435-5570.

SATURDAY

The Specials' Neville Staple, Dave Wakeling, and the Untouchables (171): Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, February 9, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Nelly Furtado and Citizen Cope: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February 9, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips (419), Kevin Salem (455), and Ides of Space: The Casbah, Saturday, February 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Paladins (962) and Ramsay Midwood: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 9, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

H2O (281), Mest, Tsunami Bomb, Bigwig, and Parkside Drive: The Epicentre, Saturday, February 9, 8:45 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

Berkley Hart (880), Tim Flannery (828), Joel Rafael, and Chuck Brodsky: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, February 9, 8 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

SUNDAY

Anya Marina (118): Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Sunday, February 10, 8 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

MONDAY

Slayer (109) and Hatebreed (446): 4th & B, Monday, February 11, 3:45 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

4th Ave. Jones and Square Circle: The Casbah, Monday, February 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

O.A.R., Lest Undone, and Howieday: Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, February 12, 3:05 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Brad Paisley (781): California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, February 12, 8 p.m.,

340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

The Yonder Mountain String Band: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 13, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Marcia Ball (934) and Larry McCray: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 14, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Rita Coolidge: Pala Events Center, Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on SR 76, North County Inland. 760-510-5100 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell: 4th & B, Friday, February 15, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Nils Lofgren (404): Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, February 15, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

BeauSoleil (854): Mandeville Auditorium, Friday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Chubby Checker & the Wildcats: Pechanga Entertainment Center, Friday, February 15, 8 p.m., 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

The Samples (449) and Minibar: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 15, and Saturday, February 16, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Dave Edmunds and Square Circle: The Casbah, Tuesday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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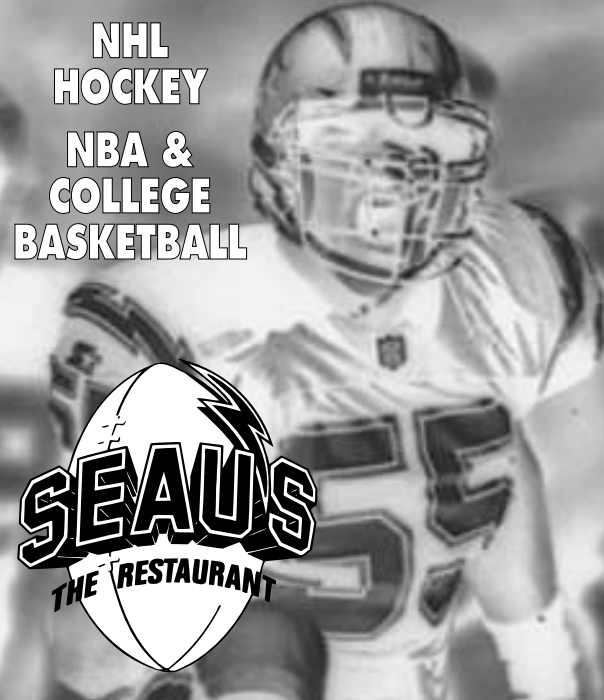
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The Alkaline Trio [345] and Bouncing Souls [332]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, February 21, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Short [654]: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 22, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers [770] and Minibar: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 22, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Desaparecidos, Kill Me Tomorrow, and 31 Knots [327]: The Casbah, Friday, February 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Linkin Park [400], Cypress Hill [153], and Adema: Cox Arena,

Saturday, February 23, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Craig David [611] and Tweet: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 23, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Gregory Page CD Release" [186]: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, February 23, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Busta Rhymes [194]: 4th & B, Sunday, February 24, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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"Earl Thomas CD Release" [946]: Winston's, Sunday, February 24, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822.

The Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra, GoGo Airheart [136], and Transit: The Casbah, Monday, February 25, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Breeders [509] and the Radar Brothers: The Casbah, Tuesday, February 26, and Wednesday, February 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Death Cab for Cutie [392] and the Dismemberment Plan: The Epicentre, Thursday, February 28, 8:450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

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MARCH

Mary J. Blige [601]: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, March 1, 1245

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Nikka Costa [612] and Tre: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 1, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Ryan Adams and Leona Naess: 4th & B, Friday, March 1, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Zen Guerrilla [106]: The Casbah, Friday, March 1, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Vamp: Tio Leo's Lounge, Friday, March 1, 5302 Napa Street, Bay Park. 619-542-1462.

Deke Dickerson & the Ecco-fonics, the Stillmen, and the Sleepwalkers [434]: Tio Leo's Lounge, Saturday, March 2, 5302 Napa Street, Bay Park. 619-542-1462.

The Wu-Tang Clan [182]: 4th & B, Sunday, March 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Rufus Wainwright [811]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Blasters [478], the Beat Farmers, and the Skid Roper Combo: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

"Newport Jazz 2002" featuring Joe Lovano [662], Terence Blanchard, Cedar Walton, Howard Alden, Justo Almaro, Idris Muhammad, and Peter Washington: 4th & B, Thursday, March 7, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Keller Williams [879]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 7, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Dashboard Confessional and the Anniversary [181]: 'Canes Bar and

Grill, Thursday, March 7, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Tish Hinojosa [855]: California Center for the Arts, Friday, March 8, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Lisle Ellis [525] and Paul Plimley: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, March 9, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

★NSYNC [615]: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, March 10, 7 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

Alicia Keys [605] and Glenn Lewis: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, March 10, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Wilco [538]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Melissa Ferrick [278] and Mary Dolan [859]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 13, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

John Scofield [658]: The Casbah, Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz [815]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Rob Zombie [987], the Damed [502], and Sinistar: Cox Arena, Friday, March 15, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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The Radiators [244]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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The Pat Metheny Group: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young [507]: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 27, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

The Moody Blues [537]: California Center for the Arts, Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Bad Religion [151], Less Than Jake [132], and Hot Water Music: Cox Arena, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

John Hammond [961] and Charlie Musselwhite: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Le Tigre [164]: The Scene, Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Omara Portuondo: California Center for the Arts, Friday, March 29, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Natalie Merchant [532]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

Mannheim Steamroller: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

Soullive: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Keely Smith: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Dan Bern: The Casbah, Tuesday, April 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

NOFX and Rancid [163]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Reverend Horton Heat [134], Nashville Pussy [154], and Tiger Army: 4th & B, Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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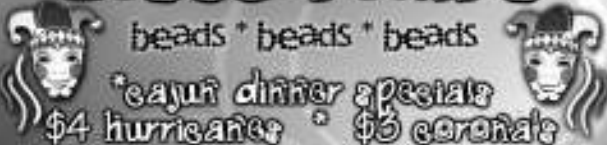
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- Backside: Epicentre
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- 343.....Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys: The Casbah

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- Max Blasto: The Filling Station
- Cain: Brick By Brick
- Candarella X: The Kensington Club
- Chrome Pony: Brick By Brick
- Cinderleaf: The Casbah
- Common Ground: The Scene
- Crawlspace: The Scene
- Cryin' Blue Wine: Brick By Brick
- David X: 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Dead Radio: 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Displaced: Dream Street, The Casbah
- 358.....Dodecahonic: The Casbah
- Downpour: Dream Street
- Edify: The Scene
- Elbow: The Casbah
- El Cajon: The Casbah
- EXP: Blind Melons
- Farfetched: The Scene
- Fat Rabbit: The Scene
- First Nations: Dream Street
- Friction Switch: Dream Street
- Fridge Buzz: Brick By Brick
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- Greyeighteen: Brick By Brick
- Grove: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
- Gunfighter: The Casbah
- Gustavo: Brick By Brick
- H2O: Epicentre

- Happy Hour: 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Hot Box: Dream Street
- How'eday: 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Idiot Wind: The Casbah
- 200.....Jason & Jane: Lestat's Coffeehouse
- Lest Undone: 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Life Hates Me: The Scene
- The Lobster Tank Divers: Bub's Whiskey Dive
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- Tsunami Bomb: Epicentre
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- Twin Dynamo: Tio Leo's Lounge
- 171.....Ultrabend: The Casbah
- The Untouchables: Viejas Casino
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 - 542.....Agent 22: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
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 - Avalanche: Fannie's
 - 442.....Billy Bacon and the Forbidden Pigs: Belly Up Tavern, Croce's Jazz Bar
 - Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill
 - 498.....Joey Bowen: Buffalo Joe's
 - The Bumpin' Uglies: Surf N'Saddle
 - The Craig Carter Band: The Alley
 - Collage Menage: Etta's Place
 - The Damn Dirty Apes: Winstons
 - Detroit Underground: Fogerty's Pub
 - The Dirty Knobs: Belly Up Tavern
 - 514.....Dokken: 'Canes Bar and Grill
 - Eesch: Tiki House
 - 8 Ball Rack: Blind Melons

- The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
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- 4th Avenue Jones: The Casbah
- Faze: Pal Joey's
- The Free Range Chickens: Surf N'Saddle
- Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub
- Goat Brothers Rock: The Roadhouse
- The Groove Cats: On The Rocks
- 446.....Hatebreed: 4th & B
- Heavyosity: Plum Crazy East
- 461.....Hera's Olive: Dick's Last Resort
- Hornswaggled: Brick By Brick
- 547.....Hot Rod Lincoln: Tio Leo's Lounge
- The Ideas: Dick's Last Resort
- Identity Crisis: Fogerty's Pub
- The Knuckle Busters: Plum Crazy East
- The Last Exit Band: Tiki House
- The Late Late Show: Hennessey's Tavern (PB), Tio Leo's Lounge, Neimans Bar and Grill
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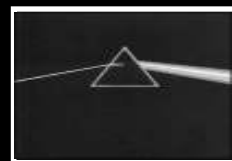
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The Nickel Project: Blind Melons
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Nymbus Luna: Tio Leo's Lounge
One in the Chamber: The Scene
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 489.....**Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort
Pure Flow: Second Wind (San Carlos)
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Rad Bones: Blind Melons
Redhanded: The Kraken
The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Rock-A-Bullies: The Pine Valley House
 455.....**Kevin Salem:** The Casbah
The Scavengers: Sham Rocks Shack

410.....**Eve Selis:** Belly Up Tavern, Humphrey's
Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)
Seven Nation: Buffalo Joe's
 535.....**Sirens Wail:** Canes Bar and Grill
 434.....**The Sleepwalkers:** The Casbah
Square Circle: The Casbah
Steal Dawn: Henry's Pub
The Stiletto's: Henry's Pub
Streetheart: Diamond Jim's Nightclub
 473.....**Suntower:** Brick By Brick, Tio Leo's Lounge
Ten Ton Chicken: Winstons
Thunderhead: The Roadhouse
Traveling Salesmen: The Roadhouse
Two Cents: Blind Melons
Undeclared: The Scene
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The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's
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Emergency Broadcast: Blind Melons
Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel
Donna & Michael Hill: The Imperial House
The Hodads: The Calypso Cafe
Jody & Co.: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
Stephen Knight: Shooters Bar and Grill
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The Christopher Adler Trio: Galoka
 649.....**B-Side Players:** Belly Up Tavern
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
The Boogie Woogie Duo: Juke Joint Cafe
 670.....**Breezin':** Etta's Place
Susie Burns: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)
 703.....**John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado
The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe
The Credit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
Diversiti: The Raintree
 638.....**Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
Forward Funk: Galoka
 644.....**Hollis Gentry:** Croce's Jazz Bar
Glissando: Redfish

Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
Cynthia Hammond: Juke Joint Cafe
 684.....**Holly Hofmann & Friends:** L'Auberge Del Mar Resort & Spa
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Jazzmag: Jimmy Love's
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Ned Landau: Miracles Cafe
Carrie Landsgaard: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Alan Lechusza: Galoka
 718.....**Tim Maglione:** Jimmy Love's
Bob Magnusson: Dizzy's
 660.....**The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
Larry Moore: Moray's Lounge
Neon: Croce's Jazz Bar
The New Breed Orchestra: The Alley
 641.....**Sue Palmer:** Juke Joint Cafe, Neimans Bar and Grill, The Calypso Cafe
David Patrone: Croce's Jazz Bar, Buffalo Joe's
The David Patrone Quartet: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
 675.....**Phil Perry:** 4th & B
Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern
Pro2call: Humphrey's
Calvin Romance: Humphrey's
Rick Ross: The Beach House
 659.....**Rick Ross-Piano:** The Inn at the Park, Moray's Lounge
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 724.....**Spaceman Spiff:** Redfish
 643.....**Peter Sprague:** Dizzy's
Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
Stellita & Dave: Humphrey's
Storm: Dizzy's
 655.....**Tony Taravella:** The Gospel Cafe
Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
 677.....**Paul Taylor:** 4th & B
Thea & Brian: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
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EXTENSION 4006 REGGAE/ SKA

Earth Ride: Henry's Pub
Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations: Belly Up Tavern, Buffalo Joe's
The Fabulous Rudies: Dream Street

Quino: Humphrey's
 747.....**Semisi & Fulabula:** The Beach House
 745.....**The Specials:** Viejas Casino
Dave Wakening: Viejas Casino

EXTENSION 4007 COUNTRY

Hill Country: Magnolia Mulvaney's
Elmore Jennings: Don's Cocktail Lounge
King Country: Cactus Rose Saloon

EXTENSION 4008 ACOUSTIC/ FOLK

Erick Balkey: Lestat's Coffeehouse
 880.....**Berkley Hart:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
 860.....**The Boxty Band:** The Field
Brax: The Old Sod
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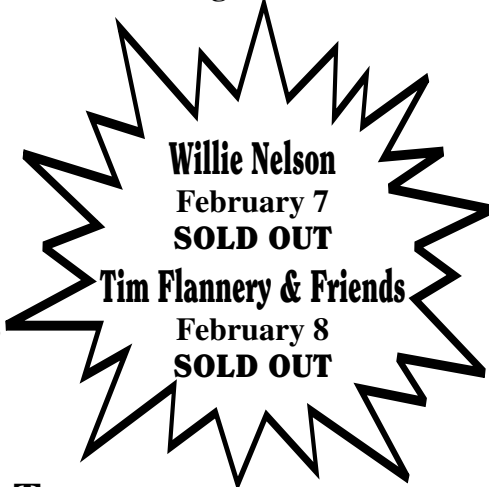
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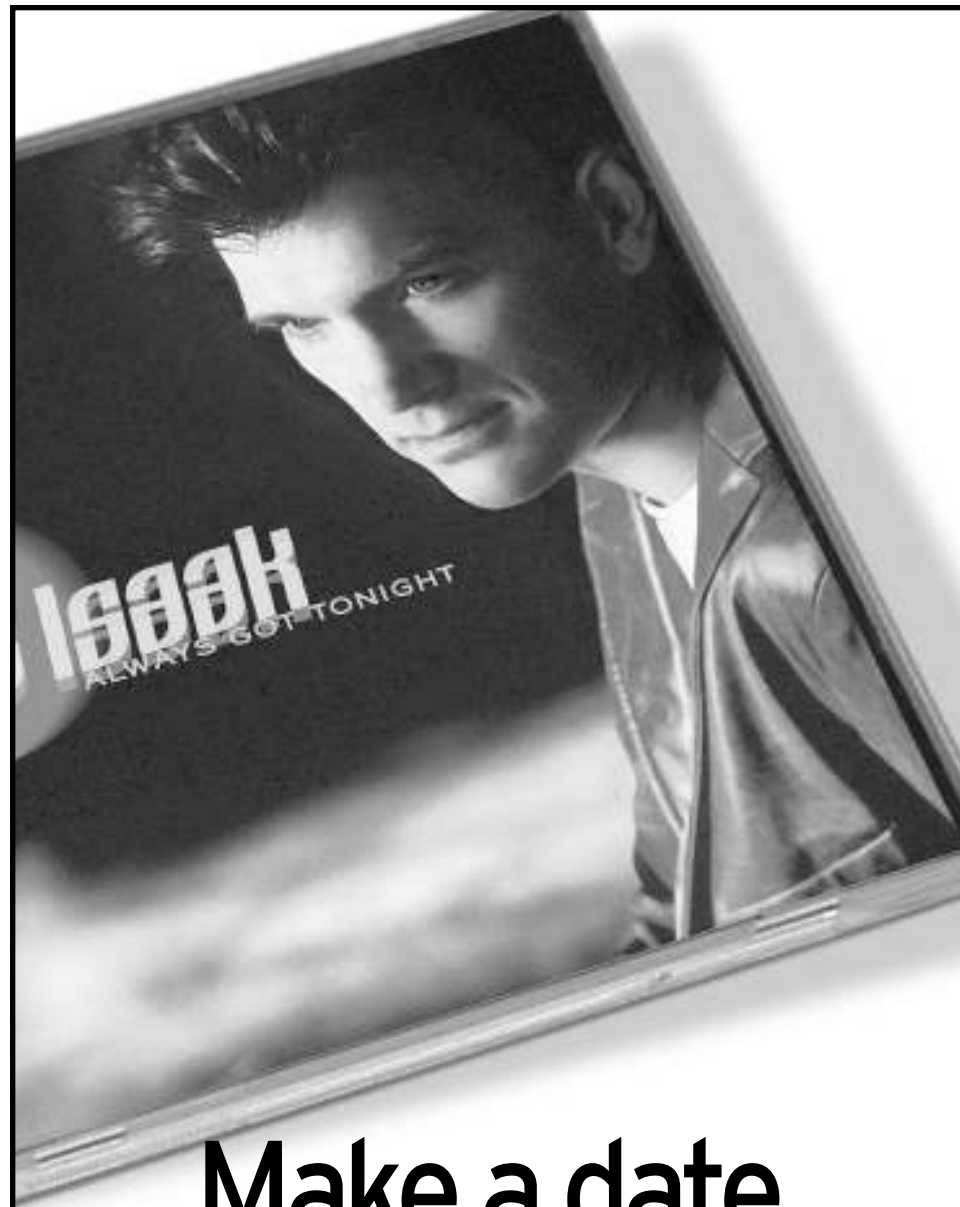
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948 **Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz:** Patrick's II
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924 **The Blonde Bruce Band:** Coyote Bar and Grill
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921 **Len Rainey & the Midnight Players:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery
 918 **Ruby & the Red Hots:** Viejas Casino
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Brett Sanders: Dizzy's
 913 **Shelle:** Juke Joint Cafe
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 945 **The Soul Persuaders:** Dick's Last Resort
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 946 **Earl Thomas:** Winstons
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 994 **Kjell Holmes:** House of Munich
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 983 **Gordon Kohl:** House of Munich
 999 **Latin A Go-Go:** Juke Joint Cafe
Tony Lencioni: La Casa del Zorro
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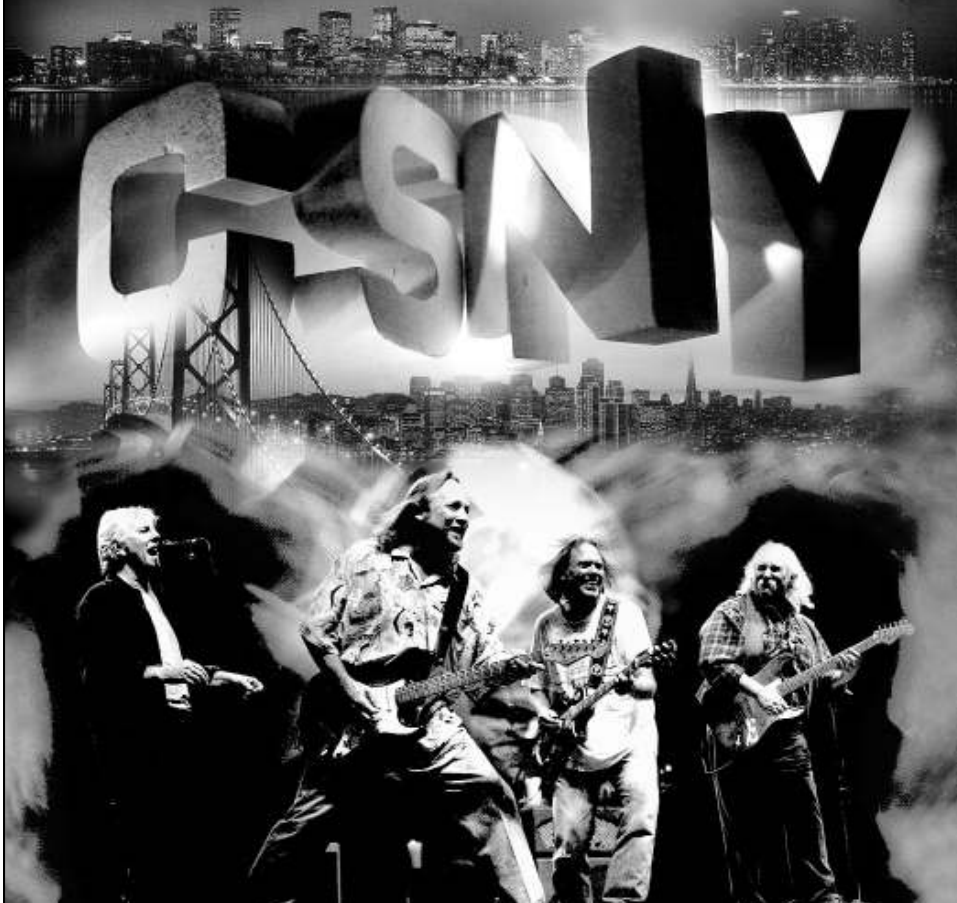
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Chive: Fridays, DJs Parallel Mechanics, downtempo music. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 558 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-4483; recorded information, 858-831-1820.

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Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Richard D, and BCZAR spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; recorded information, 619-465-5827. www.klubs.com.

Club Flow: Thursdays, the ultimate hip-hop experience with DJ Tova. 9 p.m., no cover. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163. www.theflame-sandiego.com/weekly.htm.

Club Flux: Thursdays, DJs Mylar, Jecs, Dubz, Marlino, Rage, Style, and guest DJs spin the best of hip-hop and R&B. Weekly giveaways. No cover before 10 p.m.; 21 and up. The Blue Tattoo, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-7191; recorded information, 619-333-2000.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, house, and trance. 2000+ capacity multi-level venue; 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Recorded information, 619-441-1800.

Club Pulse: Saturdays, local and nationally known DJs spin the best in house, trance, drum 'n' bass, and hip-hop. Room 1: ages 18 and up. Room 2: ages 21 and up. Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. Recorded information, 858-488-1780.

Club Retro: Tuesdays, DJ Dementia and Esoterica spin the best of '80s and '90s new wave, synthpop, industrial dance, and more. 21 and up; no cover. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233. www.synthclubs.com.

Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T, Stiffy, and guests spin hip-hop, Latin, old skool, and reggae. Sunday, February 17, Jammin' 'Z90 President's Day Jam. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-9402.

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BY DAVE GOOD

When Portland's **fEARnoMUSIC** ensemble plays San Diego, they will bring along with them elements of the ongoing debate about what constitutes classical music. They are in their tenth season as an avant-classical chamber outfit.

I confess that I am not a fan of avant-classical (think Steve Reich, John Cage, Terry Riley). However, I do appreciate quality musicianship in whatever format. The five core members — **Joel Belgique** on viola, percussionist **Joel Bluestone**, **Julie Coleman** on violin, the cellist **Philip Hansen**, and pianist **Jeffrey Payne** — are the virtuoso stunt performers of modern classical. They can play anything that can be written on a page of sheet music (or not) and often perform to multimedia accompaniment such as weird lighting or film shorts.

Classical music has been in trouble for a long time, argues Joe Waters, a professor of music and electro-acoustic composer who is responsible for bringing fEARnoMUSIC to SDSU. Waters calls the bigger orchestras that play only the tried-and-true conservatory stuff museums mired in a repertoire of the European classics from 300 years past. Waters says he can bridge the gap between the classics of four centuries ago and the electronic music of today, especially rave and hip-hop. (Waters will perform with fEARnoMUSIC using a DJ club rig, only with CD players instead of turntables.)

For a time, Waters served as fEARnoMUSIC's composer-in-residence while teaching in the Northwest. fEARnoMusic, both with and without Waters's influence, make discordant, uninged, and highly creative music that sometimes sounds like the Dead's Mickey Hart summoning spirits and holding fellowship at Frank Zappa's altar. The music ranges from sweet, listenable stuff to



fEARnoMUSIC

complex works full of unidentifiable meters and audio trickery perhaps better suited for adjusting the settings on one's stereo. It is often intelligent, engaging stuff. But is it classical music? You be the judge.

fEARnoMUSIC, Smith Recital Hall, SDSU School of Music and Dance, Friday, February 8, and Saturday, February 9, 8 p.m. 619-594-1696. \$10; students/seniors, \$6.

Maxim and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Hole, 2820 Lytton Street, Loma Portal. 619-226-9019.

Four Points Hotel/Sheraton: Thursdays, *Salsa Fever* with DJ Kaliente Mix. Fridays, *Party Mix*, '70s to current dance hits. Saturdays, *Club Manila*. 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. Recorded information, 619-596-9777.

Fresh: Mondays, weekly residents Chad Fortin, Eric Diaz, and Jared Joseph. No cover before 10 p.m. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

GLO: Fridays, superstar guest DJs, house percussionist Sacca, and the GLO girls fill the main level with progressive house. '70s and '80s in the Ultra Lounge; R&B and rap in the Gallery Bar. On Broadway Event Center, 615 Broadway, downtown. 619-231-0011. www.obec.tv.

Hollywood Star: Fridays and Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B. Sundays, *Private Stock*, hip-hop and R&B; 9:30 p.m. to close. Also Saturdays and Sundays, *After After Hours*, house music 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. 1320 Fifth

Avenue (between A and Ash), downtown. 619-232-2102. www.hollywoodstargrille.com.

Ice House Young Adult Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJs Battle and Shakes spin trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Sunday, February 17, Jammin' 'Z90 President's Day Jam. All ages; high school ID required for admittance. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

It Feels Good: Late night Fridays and Saturdays, 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.; 21 and up. 740 Broadway, downtown. Information, 619-234-0303.

Karma: Thursdays, house music from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590. www.clubmontage.com.

Luminal: Tuesdays, industrial and gothic; 21 and up. Kickers (inside Hamburger Mary's), 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-491-0400.

Moondoggies: Thursdays and Sundays, DJ R.I.O. spins hip-hop

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, *the Dirty Knobs* and *Eve Selis*, rock. Friday, 5:30 pm, *Billy Bacon*, 9:15 pm, *B-Side Players* and *Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations*. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *the Paladins* with *Ramsay Midwood*, blues and soul. Wednesday, 9 pm, *the Yonder Mountain String Band*.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Like most country singers, **Willie Nelson** makes a lot of being just a good ol' boy. But in his case, it doesn't come off like just an act. His may be the most recognizable face in country, and his voice may be one of the most distinctive in popular music, but he has never seemed like a superstar. He's just some scraggly-looking, long-haired fellow who holds a benefit for small-time farmers every year and fits into the punch lines of jokes about the IRS. In his new book *The Facts of Life and Other Dirty Jokes*, Nelson reveals more of the story. Turn its pages and you may be shocked to see photos of the weather-beaten icon as a young man with short hair and a clean-shaven face.

Nelson started his career as a Nashville

songwriter for the likes of Faron Young ("Hello Walls"), Roy Orbison ("Pretty Paper"), and Patsy Cline ("Crazy"). It wasn't until the 1970s that he returned to his native Texas and made a name for himself as a performer in his own right. He also emerged as a leader of the so-called outlaw movement — a sort of synthesis of redneck country music and hippie culture that fueled the mystique of Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, Kris Kristofferson, and Johnny Cash.

In recent years, Nelson has seemed to be coasting, often singing old pop standards instead of his own songs. His latest album, *The Great Divide*, features duets with the usual suspects in the career-rejuvenation business (Bonnie Raitt, Rob Thomas, and, um, Kid Rock). But it's hard to knock the guy. Whether it's a classic like "Stardust" or schlock like "To All the Girls I've Loved Before," his voice sounds like your grandfather or your favorite uncle welcoming you



WILLIE NELSON

home. (To hear a sample of **Willie Nelson**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4783.)

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The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, *the Strange Woods*, Celtic folk. Saturday, *Gene Warren*, folk.

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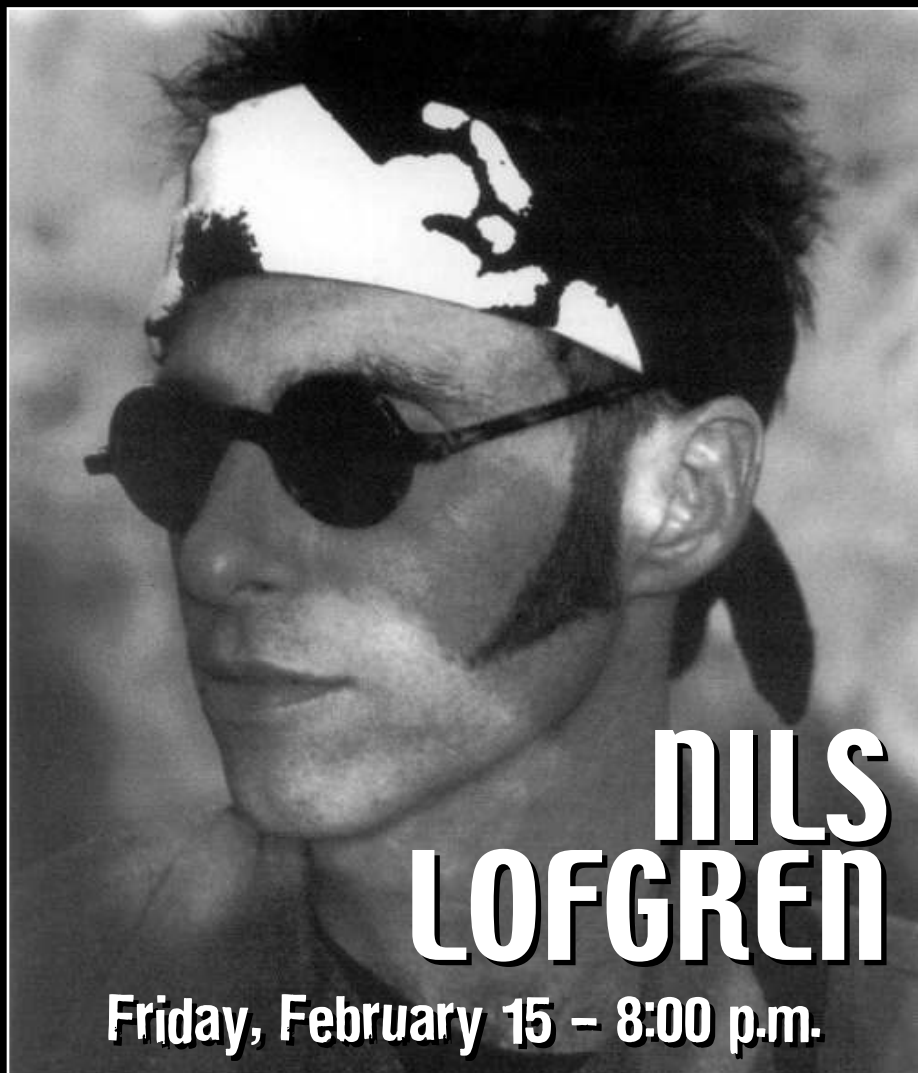
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Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Friday, 7 pm, *Andy Villas-Boas*, Brazilian jazz.

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Emergency Broadcast*, hip-hop. Friday, *Rad Bones*, *Two Cents*, 3

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Wild Child, rock. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Liquid*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *the Christopher Adler Trio* featuring *Alan Lechusza*. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday and Sunday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Late Late Show*, rock. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk. Monday, 9 pm, open mike.

Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. Call club for information.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

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Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday and Saturday, live music.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Evans*, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, *Sin Sin 77* and *Candarella X*. Saturday, *the Organization*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Angela Patua*. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Smooth Move*. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *North Atlantic*, rock. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Plural*. Tuesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Jason & Jane*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Erick Balkey*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk, blues. Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam

session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Faze*, rock and roll.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Call club for information.

Sante, 7811 Herschel, La Jolla. 858-454-1315. Friday and Saturday, *Bill Beyer*, variety, jazz.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Thursday, *Farfetched*, *Fat Rabbit*, *Zero to None*, and *Common Ground*. Friday, *Life Hates Me*, *Crawlspace*, *Turam*, and *Pound Foolish*. Saturday, *Undeclared*, *the Abuse*, *Edify*, and *One in the Chamber*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Pure Flow*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *the Scavengers*, rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Candy Kane* and *the Late Late Show*, blues/rock. Saturday, *Suntower*, *Twin Dynamo*, *Nymbus Luna*, and *Star Crossed*, alternative.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Downtown

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *Koko Loco*. Friday, *the 80z All-Stars*. Saturday, *Joey Bowen* and *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings*, blues. Monday, *David Patrone*. Tuesday, *the Disco Pimps*. Wednesday, *Elijah Emanuel* and *the Revelations*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Lust*, *El Cajon*, and *Gunfighter*. Friday, *Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys*, *Lucky Stars*, and *the Sleepwalkers*. Saturday, *the Mother Hips*, *Ides of Space*, and *Kevin Salem*. Sunday, *Perfektomat*, *Robert M*, and *Dodecaphonic*. Monday, *4th Avenue Jones* and *Square Circle*. Tuesday, *Cinderleaf*, *Ultraband*, and *the Displaced*. Wednesday, *Lualta*, *Lot 13*, and *Parklife*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, 8 pm, *the Sound Doctors*, blues.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Thursday, *David Patrone*, jazz. Friday, *Neon*. Saturday, *Primo*, Latin jazz. Sunday, *Hollis Gentry*, jazz. Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*, Latin and traditional jazz. Tuesday, *Billy Bacon* and *the Forbidden Pigs* and *the Shep Meyers Quartet*, jazz. Wednesday, *the Art Johnson Quartet*, jazz.

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Bands start at 8 pm. Thursday, *the Ideas*, rock. Friday, *NRG*, high-energy

dance. Saturday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *the Soul Persuaders*. Wednesday, *Private Domain*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Paul Viani*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Paul Seaforth*, *Peter Sprague*, and *Bob Magnusson*, jazz. Saturday, 9 pm to 11:30 pm, *Brett Sanders*, soul. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Storm* with *Lynn Willard & the Latin All Stars*, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 pm to 11 pm, *Trio Alchemy*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Friday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk. Sunday, *Kitchenfire*, modern Celtic. Monday, *Amon Carol*, Irish folk. Wednesday, *Heel Stone*, Irish folk.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Cobblestone* and *the Boxty Band*, Irish folk. Tuesday, live traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, 8 pm, *Phil Perry* and *Paul Taylor*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm, *SensaSamba*, Brazilian jazz. Monday, 8 pm, *Slayer* and *Hatebreed*, alternative.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Friday, *X-Cel*, pop. Saturday, *Roz & the Wrecking Crew*, pop, dance. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jazzmag* featuring *Tim Maglione*. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, *Jazzmag* featuring *Tim Maglione*. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the Edge*.

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-SOUL. Call club for information

Lilo's, 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-1969. Sunday, 11 am to 2 pm, *the Rob Thorsen Trio*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, 9 pm, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless

otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Nik Simon Band*. Friday, *Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars*. Saturday, *Blues Streak* featuring *Michele Lundeen*. Sunday, *Big Mo*. Monday, *the Small Town Heroes*. Tuesday, *Two for Texas* and *the Bayou Brothers*. Wednesday, *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*.

Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-7226. Friday, *Spaceman Spiff*, jazz. Saturday, *Glissando*, Latin jazz.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *D.J. Mile*. Saturday, *Jungle Boogie*, pop.

Roger's on 5th, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Saturday, 6 pm to 11 pm, also, Friday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Robbrecht the Pianoman*.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Hector Rivera y la Combinacion*. Tuesday, *Primo*. Wednesday, *Orquesta Guayao*.

La Trattatoria Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Thursday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Calima*, Flamenco, world music.

Tsunami Beach Club, 802 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-WAVE. Call club for information.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Robbrecht the Pianoman*. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Carrie Landsguard* and *Joe Tarrantino*. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, contemporary.

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel*, *Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *Streethart*, classic rock.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday through Saturday, 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, *James Parrish*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *John Cain*.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

The House of Munich, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

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Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, *Tracy Niles*, acoustic.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Elmore Jennings*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Avalanche*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

Magnolia Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, *Hill Country*.

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, *the Nectarines*, rock. Saturday, *the Groove Cats*, rock, blues.

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Plum Crazy East, 1678 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. 619-442-7676. Saturday, *the Knuckle Busters*, *Ten Foot Tongue*, and *Heavyosity*, alternative/rock.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, rock and roll.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 8 pm, *Ruby & the Red Hots*, swingin' blues. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Untouchables*, *the Specials*, and *Dave Wakeling*, ska. Sunday, *the Tami Thomas Big Band*, swing.

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Where do they do Mardi Gras the most? New Orleans, Rio, Port of Spain...and San Diego. We're a party town if ever there was one, even though our bash lasts just one night. The annual Fat Tuesday bash in the Gaslamp is coming next Tuesday, February 12 — a huge street party (for over-21 only) with parades, bands, Hurricanes in to-go cups, and food catered by Dick's Last Resort. Last year we covered all the Louisiana-style cooking we could find in the Quarter — oops, the Gaslamp. (Recaps are at the end.)

This year, I searched the neighborhoods for Cajun-Creole cooking, for those who'd rather celebrate closer to home. And there's good news. Some of the most authentic N'awlins fare in this town may be right in your own backyard.

MARDI GRAS CAFE: MISS NEW ORLEANS

If you know what it means to miss New Orleans, Mardi Gras Cafe and Market is truly your home away from home — a deli that not only serves Louisiana cooking but sells the ingredients. The shelves are piled high with Camellia brand red beans (yeah!), Cafe Du Monde beignet mix, several brands of crawfish boil, King Cake mix, and something like 1000 hot sauces with origins from Baton Rouge to Trinidad. There's even Savoie's bottled, ready-made roux, the browned-flour-and-oil mixture that's indispensable in this cuisine and requires long, intensive care to make from scratch.

And then there's the freezer case, which will liberate you forever from the pathetic supermarket travesties of "Louisiana" sausages (unless you're lucky enough to find Aidells' andouille at your market). Here, there's not only Cajun andouille and tasso and lean, mild alligator *chaurice* sausage, but actual south-Cajun style boudin blanc — not the extruded (frank-like) pork boudin served boiled in Cajun Prairie groceries in Opelousas and Eunice, but the fat, white, peppery but delicate simmered rice sausages that they offer at every mom'n'pop from Lafayette south to Avery Island. Three bites and you're hooked for life. (If you want to taste before you buy, boudin's available cooked as an inexpensive side dish.) They also have frozen crawfish, your choice of whole in-shell or peeled tails. Rural people may sit in their yards patiently shelling mudbugs, but in New Orleans, *everybody* buys peeled frozen tails.



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Mardi Gras Cafe

The same ingredients you see in the store go into the cooking. The owners love N'awlins but they're not natives, so their cooking is recipe-based and classical rather than tradition-steeped and intuitive — sound, mainstream Creole cookery. There are a few tables inside, a few outside, but most customers get takeout or drop by to schedule catering.

The sandwich menu reflects New Orleans' large Italian-American community, especially in the muffaletta — a huge sandwich of cold cuts, provolone, and a special olive salad on a round Italian bread, as created by the Central Grocery on Decatur Street in the Quarter. Mardi Gras' version, on bread baked specially for them, is a tad skimpier on the filling but the flavors are authentic. The olive salad is homemade and is available retail from the deli case at \$12.95/quart. A secret about muffaletta: Take it home, immediately rewrap it in foil to keep the bread fresh, and let it sit for several hours or overnight, so the olive dressing can penetrate the bread and make friends with all the other flavors. The café also makes boiled

crawfish and po' boys, using seafood from the freezer case: The "peacemaker" (oyster po' boy) is well dressed, and the oysters are well battered, but they don't have quite the juicy squish of fresh ones.

You may want to add salt and hot sauce to most of the cooked dishes — they go easy on both here, sensibly leaving it to the eater to finalize the seasoning. The red beans and rice is a meaty mixture with a lighter-than-usual texture and mouth-feel, thanks to a healthy load of celery and peppers and to the lean, smoked alligator sausage (in place of fatty hocks). This comfort food is also diet food. There are two gumbos,

one seafood and the other chicken and sausage, both based on the same broth and flavorings. The chicken-sausage version proved pleasing and genuine, if more serviceable than sublime. The jambalaya, too, is a respectable, authentic version, albeit a little dried-out and clumpy from reheating. Crawfish étouffée ("étouffée" means "smothered") is more traditional than most around here, made with a roux-based light sauce of tomatoes flavored with diced onion, pepper, and celery — what Cajuns call "The

Holy Trinity," since that vegetable mixture (called *mirepoix*) is a staple seasoning of the cuisine. The one flavoring that's a bit odd in this version is a palpable shake of sugar. For dessert, best bet is the dark and weighty raisin-studded bread pudding, resembling an edible fruitcake.

Mardi Gras Cafe, 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-Eleven, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00-8:00. No alcohol. Dress: Come as you are. Inexpensive.

ASWAN: "WHERE THE MISSISSIPPI MEETS THE NILE"

At this spiffy new restaurant in La Mesa, half the menu features Somalian food and the other half is pure Louisiana, homeland of four of the chefs. It makes a certain sense — after all, "gombo" is a West African word for "okra." Except that Somalia is in East Africa. But don't worry about that, it works, as witnessed by the enthusiastic omni-ethnic diners who've quickly adopted this as a favorite eatery. (I'll be going back to cover the Somalian side a few weeks down the line, so stay tuned.)

The chicken and seafood jambalaya is probably the best in town: It's light-textured, tomatoey (but not goopy with it), and mildly spicy, with loads of down-home flavor. All the seafood is just barely cooked through, and the top is strewn with heaps of sliced scallions. (Darned if my sweetie didn't like it even better than my homemade Cajun Prairie version — but that was before I found my new source for andouille.)

The restaurant follows Muslim dietary laws, so there's no pork, no alcohol — and no great loss. The seafood gumbo is a loose, liquid, thoroughly savory version with a little rice added to the broth and the okra cooked down until it's given its all and simply dissolved. Big crab-bodies lend the broth their wonderful crabby flavor, while a large shrimp enters each portion just before it's served, to keep it from overcooking. The red beans are smoky, each portion topped by two halves of a tasty turkey sausage and another scallion forest.

But watch out for the incendiary crawfish étouffée. I think it's misnamed. Crawfish tails

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swamped in a simple, cayenne-blasted tomato sauce — I'd call that a crawfish sauce *piquante*. And is it ever piquant! I like it hot, but at first bite, I nearly fainted dead away. To cool my mouth, I reached for the coleslaw — and it was the spiciest coleslaw I've ever tasted, bearing another mighty lash of red pepper. I grabbed for the high, light cornbread, dotted with corn kernels and (whoops) fresh hot peppers! I took a long gulp of Somali iced tea and it did the trick — it's a perfect pick-me-up beverage, delicious and energizing with its gentle jolt of ginger. But if you're not eating the crawfish at the same time, the cornbread is perfect, and everything else is just-right spicy, exactly what taste buds expect when they go to Louisiana.

Saturdays and Sundays, Aswan puts on a huge brunch buffet (\$13) that emphasizes the American side of the menu. I'm not a big buffet fan because it does the food no favor to hold it for long periods at serving temperature — but the carving station affords a chance to try that elusive delicacy, deep-fried turkey that so many readers have asked about.

Aswan African Restaurant, Helix Center, 7404 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-697-0361. Lunch noon-4:00 p.m. dinner 4:00-9:00 (5:00-9:00 weekends). Brunch Saturday and

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. No alcohol. Dress: Informal, respectable. Lower-moderate.

SASSAFRAS: LAFAYETTE, WE ARE HERE

Sassafras, a new restaurant serving "Continental Americaine" cuisine, isn't named after the street that shares its name. It's actually about a mile further north and gains its moniker from ground sassafras, the primary seasoning in gumbo filé. The chef-owner, Andre Bellard, is a son of Lafayette, Louisiana, and knows that flavor well.

There are just a few Cajun-Creole classics on the menu: gumbo, oysters Bienville, and fresh boiled crawfish Wednesday nights on the patio. The appetizer list also offers some modern, streamlined recombinations of traditional ingredients — more like what you'd find at Bayona or Upperline than Galatoire's or Dooky's.

This time I concentrated on the traditional Louisiana dishes. The Acadian seafood gumbo proves to be one of the best gumbos in town (tied with Juke Joint's). It's done in the true Acadian (Cajun) mode, with a base of very dark roux and okra cooked away to nothing but thickening and subtle flavor in a broth with alluring seafood undertones. The solids include chewy-soft poultry (could it be duck confit?), andouille sausage, a handful of rice, and — added at the end — a single tender shrimp.

Oysters Bienville are as good as I've ever eaten, due to a clever revision of tradition. Six oysters, raw on the half-shell over a slice



Aswan

of tasso (the peppery Cajun twist on Canadian bacon), are topped with a very buttery, hollandaise-like sauce with a little chopped spinach (borrowed from oysters Rockefeller). Normally, oysters Bienville are baked, with some considerable risk of overcooking. Through some twist of magic, the top of the sauce is crisped here, but the oysters remain raw and juicy, with barely warm shells.

The Wednesday-night crawfish boil served on the heated patio starts with freshly shipped live mudbugs from Louisiana, cooked just until tender. You know this is a high-class joint because you get about 1½ pounds heaped onto a big oval dinner plate, not a steel cafeteria tray with sheets of newspaper on the table. The boil is housemade, not a mix —

it's salty and savory, with just a light, alluring touch of hot pepper. Included are hunks of boiling potato, elderly corn (it's winter, right?), and powerful housemade Cajun-style sausage, fragrant from a spell in a hot-smoker behind the kitchen. Alongside there's a tasty remoulade for dipping and a plastic bib. Who could ask for anything more? Oh yeah, the Hurricanes are tasty, too. And on Mardi Gras, the restaurant is going to have a special celebration.

Sassafras, 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. Mondays-Thursdays 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Friday to 10:00, Saturday 4:00-10:00 p.m. Full bar. Slightly dressy inside, informal on patio. Reserve for crawfish-boil Wednesdays. High-moderate.

CHATEAU ORLEANS: PB PARTY

This is one of our older Creole-style restaurants, a handsome house with several dining rooms (often with live bands in the main room) and a heated patio that's a choice location for hearing both the band and your companion's conversation. Since they always have a hoop-de-doo for Mardi Gras, I deliberately ate there on New Year's Eve to catch the kitchen in party mode. It was just like eating in the French Quarter — at Bourbon Street's best tourist trap.

We began on a high note with good, honest crabcakes, more crab than filler, with a pleasant "remoulade" resembling thousand-island dressing. Then came the blackened popovers — not an accident,

but consistent all evening at every table. I think that even Paul Prudhomme would blanch at burned buns. (The unburned parts were airy and delicious with honey butter.)

A combination plate called "The Holy Trinity" (named after the vegetable mixture described earlier) gives samples of the three best-known Louisiana dishes — gumbo, jambalaya, and crawfish étouffée. All three were served on a single plate, the étouffée and gumbo separated by a levee of white rice with a dome of jambalaya in the center guarding the sluice-gate. The gumbo was thick enough that it could, indeed, be served on a plate, not a soup bowl. Mildly seasoned, it tasted of a slightly burned roux but was still edible, with crawfish, small shrimp, bay scallops, and a little Louisiana sausage. I'd have spiced it up with a shake of hot sauce, but the bottle on our table was an extra-hot habanero sauce, a fine pepper but rarely the right one for this cuisine.

The jambalaya, in thick tomato sauce tasting heavily of oregano and maybe, just maybe, a whiff of Texas-style chile powder, was not what I'd call jambalaya. I'd call it "Spanish rice" — a grownup rendition of that awful stuff Mom used to make with Minute Rice and canned tomato sauce. Finally, the étouffée. Reddish, glutinous, floury, and bland as gravy, it was like nothing I've ever tasted in Louisiana. The menu claims the recipe comes from Breaux Bridge, a town that's home to two famous crawfish restaurants. I've eaten blissfully at one of them. This recipe did not come from that one, and prob-

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ably not from the other one, either.

We did enjoy the bacon-wrapped sweet scallops but not the cloying barbecue sauce that came with them, and we liked the crisp, clean-flavored catfish fillets that were only slightly besmirched by the thousand-island "remoulade" (what's good for the crabcakes isn't good for the catfish). Dessert consisted of sugar-dusted beignets (the ethereal New Orleans remake of "donut holes") with slightly gummy interiors.

I have a feeling that at some point in the past, Chateau Orleans was more on target than it is now. It's a nice place with a real Crescent City "let the *bon temps rouler*" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes currently seem better bets than the kitchen's Acadian attempts. Maybe a week's refresher tour of N'awlins — and Breaux Bridge — would be in order.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise (at Mission Blvd.), PB, 858-488-6744; www.chateaurorleans.com. Open Monday-Saturday, dinner only. Reservations strongly advised. A little bit dressy. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with restroom doors. High-moderate.

**POPEYE'S:
"CAJUN OUR WAY"**

I've always had a soft spot for Popeye's, as the only major fast-food chain that proudly cleaves to a regional identity. (Also, I love their spicy fried chicken. And, oh yeah, their good light drop biscuits — try them one-on-one sometime against KFC's, and you'll see the difference.) Then, too, I've got a "one-degree-of-separation" situation with Popeye's: Sometime in the '80s, Popeye's hired my friend Stanley Jackson, a chef formerly with Commander's Palace, to come up with recipes for a more uppity adjunct chain. The latter never materialized, but about a year after Jackson reported to work, Popeye's regular side dishes started to taste a little more serious.

By now, as the chain has opened a gazillion more branches, some of those changes seem to have been reversed — I remember a mashed-potato gravy, for instance, with the

earthy flavor of roux and Creole *mirepoix* (the Holy Trinity). Today it's more like a cornstarchy, mainstream roast-chicken gravy, just a little spicier and with a touch of bell pepper.

For this roundup, I headed for the Chollas Creek branch (there can be minor flavor and menu differences branch to branch) and took home some hard-core Creole fast food. The gumbo was a big surprise; not a liquid with a little rice added but a dish of wet rice, like some sort of Cajun risotto. I wouldn't have guessed its identity until, tasting it carefully, I picked up the flavor of file powder, along with salt, pepper, salt, okra, green pepper, plenty of salt, and a pretty flavorful broth. (But — where's the soup?)

Popeye's étouffée was a pleasant surprise, with chicken, bits of ham, a light tomato gravy, and soft, mild okra. (The chain does make a crawfish version, but only during the holiday season or when they

feel like it.) On the downside, the jambalaya was strange, nasty, and dry, with odd seasonings, cardboard chicken breast bits (thigh would be so much better), and some unidentifiable small brown edible objects, possibly of the pork family. The "dirty rice" is dry, too, and strangely enough, its "dirty" (protein) component consists entirely of hamburger

meat and a little pork — you'd think that with all the chicken they're cooking, Popeye's would welcome a handy, authentic way to use the giblets! Well, there's always that fried chicken.

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sule reviews and address data): **Bayou Bar and Grill** (excellent red beans and rice, eggplant dishes, and sublime desserts); **Juke Joint Cafe** (superb gumbo, reliably fine soul food and atmosphere); **Redfish** (crawfish étouffée is their best dish); **Sixth Avenue Bistro** (local best oyster po' boy, good muffaletta on a kaiser roll).

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Twenty years later, he's doing just that, at his own restaurant on El Cajon Boulevard.

Hank and I have been "hankering" to come here. Every time we drive by Sherman's big black-and-white joint with the red stairs and the giant sax player and the Mississippi riverboat painted on the front, we say "Someday." Today, with Fat Tuesday around the corner, we crack.

We go in with a bunch of African-American servicemen and women. They're joshing and readying their cash. "Please Pay First," says the sign. Giant photos of jazz players in New York, half a century ago, surround the cashier's desk. Tanisha, the gal behind the counter, takes their money, then looks at us.

"First timers?"

"First timers."

We pay \$9.49 each. "This way, please," says Tanisha.

We follow her into a long dining room with

white walls, gray booths, maroon carpet, black and red chairs, plastic-covered white tablecloths, and a rock formation with a waterfall right here inside, and out through the windows a sunken rock garden. Classy.

Naturally, before we've even sat down, Hank is coming back from the buffet loaded down with barbecued chicken, dirty rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta shells, and collard greens.

So I get up and grab a coffee (soft drinks and coffee are included in the price), while I stew over where to start. "Why don't

you begin with the gumbo," says Tanisha, "and then go for some red beans and dirty rice, and then come back and get some crawfish étouffée, and then catfish and jambalaya."

Right.

I begin as she says, with the Louisiana gumbo and corn bread. This is dee-lish. It's a thick, orangey soup with shrimp, crawfish, bits of catfish, beef sausage, turkey, ham, and chicken popping into your mouth every spoonful. You can tell they've been simmering together for hours. I really just want to go back for more and more of this, but I follow Tanisha's advice. I hit the red beans and rice and candied yams and collard greens. Tasty. Can't resist taking a little bowl of the vegetable gumbo along too. It's loaded with okra, corn, tomatoes, peppers, onions, and rice, but no way as rich

as the Louisiana. I pour their pepper sauce with vinegar and garlic over the collard greens. Hot greens! Then it's on to rich and mushy crawfish étouffée, with the cornbread and coffee. We almost try out the Dixie or the Voodoo beer they have, but they're \$4.00 a bottle. I settle for the free Coke. Then I'm back up and ladling fried catfish and jambalaya aboard, red, steaming. I give up on my private plan to nab a barbecue beef hot link and a piece of Southern fried chicken. No space.

"You like hot sauce on your catfish?" says Tanisha. She brings this bottle with a label saying "Kikidee's Liquid Snake Pepper Blend." Huh. I see it was made right here in Lemon Grove. It also says "Spicy. Use with caution." It means it. A couple of spots, and the slow burn begins, under the tongue, growing, growing. Oh man, this makes Mount St. Helen's look like a tepid kids' pool.

"Only difference here is you guys are more health-conscious," this guy John Ford is saying. He and his friends, John and Terrell, are munching at the next table. "Back home in New Orleans we throw everything in," he says. "More fat, pork."

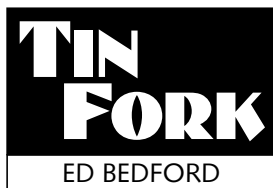
"Well, it's definitely healthy," says Brian Powell, Sherman's partner who's passing by. "Collard greens scrub your insides. Sweet potatoes are good for your skin."

"I come here two, three times a week," says Jack Murray, at another table. "I'm diabetic, and this food agrees with me." He turns out to be a play-by-play announcer for USD football.

Sherman himself comes out from the kitchen. He says he works 10-, 12-hour days. But his hard labor seems to be getting results. He buys 4000 catfish every month from a Mississippi fish farm — and gets rid of them all.

Hank and I have just enough space to go check out the dessert bar. Hank takes some peach cobbler and German chocolate cake. I grab a piece of sweet potato pie and a chunk of coconut coffee bar. Pie's good, like pumpkin, but the coconut coffee — mama mia! To die for! Must be cinnamon in there. I hang on to my seat so I don't fly back and tip the entire tray of them down my gullet.

I ask Sherman what the difference is between Cajun and Creole — people and food. "Creoles were generally the mixed-race town sophisticates, the Cajuns were the country French," says Sherman. "I'm Creole. Gumbo's a soup and Cajun, jambalaya's a casserole and Creole. But there are big crossovers. Onions and peppers and celery are the base of both traditions. And red beans and rice are important too. Louis Armstrong sure thought so. He always signed his letters, 'Sincerely, Red Beans and Rice.'" ■



The Place: Sherman's Cajun and Creole Buffet, 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area (619-698-8797; www.shermanscajun.com)

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"Fifty percent of consumers didn't feel comfortable talking about wine with their own spouses."

The wine industry," says Master of Wine Tim Hanni, "operates from such a narrow, commercially driven, crass perspective. We tend not to encourage thinking; it's all memorization by rote. You nod your head in agreement and everything's going to be all right." As a result, when Hanni obtained his lofty title 12 years ago, he found he was less sure of his knowledge than a master ought to be. He knew what he calls "the conventional wisdom," but he questioned that wisdom's foundations.

Then as now, the conventional wisdom seemed sufficient to the task of selling wine: vineyard soils were discussed, point scores were given, reviews gushed rivers of loving descriptors, and waitstaffs and shelf talkers (the printed sales pitches that line wine-store shelves) took care of the rest. The wines sold; the system worked.

Or did it? Hanni's experience with his mother-in-law — a near-daily White Zinfandel drinker at home who does not order wine when she goes out because of the stigma attached to the sweet, soft-bodied wine she prefers — alerted him to a potential disaster. As he puts it, "The wine community has disassociated itself from normal people — we don't even know what they want."

For example, "Due to the relatively homogeneous nature of a lot of Chardonnays, it's a point of confidence for consumers, and yet we'll make consumers wrong. There are people who think we should withhold Chardonnays from the wine lists just because the consumers are too stupid to determine what they like. There's the Anything But Chardonnay movement — it's looked at as a good thing for the industry, when in fact, it's withholding what consumers are telling us they want. It's all industry-driven, or it's consumers who are so high up that they're operating within the industry level as a consumer."

At first, this sounds like a bit of a conflation — consumers, no matter how much they drink or how much they spend, are not producers, and if

they are tired of homogenous Chardonnay, then why not let the producers know? But Hanni has a reason for grouping these "high up" consumers outside the realm of "normal people." As he notes, "Ten percent of consumers account for over 90 percent of consumption — what's that about?" Hanni suspects that it might be about the disassociation created by industry/aficionado winespeak. "Mark Russo of Clarity Marketing performed a survey recently of 1000 people who were questioned in the act of buying wine for their

own consumption. Fifty percent of consumers didn't feel comfortable talking about wine with their own spouses or family members. Ninety percent didn't feel comfortable talking with friends about wine, 97 percent with coworkers. And out of 1000 people, 8 said they felt comfortable talking with somebody in a restaurant."

Hanni thinks back to his mother-in-law. "We wonder why we can't expand the consumer base, [but when] certain people walk into a restaurant, [we say], 'Oh, we don't serve that wine, because we don't honor you as a consumer. The only way you can consume is if you adopt our values.'"

Of course, nobody actually says anything that blunt and unpleasant, and even Hanni grants that the industry is full of good intentions. "I [recently spoke with] the [wine] editor of *Gourmet* magazine. He said, 'We're promoting Sauvignon Blanc when a chef puts on his menu, "This fried oyster appetizer is perfect with this Sauvignon Blanc.'" The spirit of things, the intention, is absolutely terrific. But it's our feeling that these very things actually create this disconnect.

"The problem is, what if by saying, 'The Sauvignon Blanc is a good match with the fried oysters,' you actually created barriers against anybody's even trying it? There are many customers who will respond positively to it, but those are the ones who would order a Sauvignon Blanc anyway. If Sauvignon Blanc is in the realm of flavors that the customer is looking for, then it is absolutely

a great match." The problems arise when you make the suggestion to people who don't know much about Sauvignon Blanc, possibly the very people you are trying to hook with your suggestion: "Here is something you may not have had before, which we feel pairs well with this dish.

"First of all," says Hanni, "how would you define Sauvignon Blanc?" Depending on how it is made and where the grapes are grown, the wine can take on any number of characteristics, some of them directly opposed. "Secondly, would somebody who really likes Chardonnay — who is just comfortable ordering Chardonnay and gets emotional satisfaction from it [because] they've found a wine that they like — reject the whole thing just because [the proposed wine] is not Chardonnay? And who says it's not great with a red wine? Because, probably, nobody has even tried [that combination]?"

"It's an imposition of values, rather than encouraging and stimulating consumption. The Sauvignon Blanc actually becomes more of a [hindrance] to more consumers than an attraction. The payoff is that it [helps make] people feel frightened and intimidated about wine, [albeit] in a very minor way."

One might wonder whether Hanni is being a trifle thin-skinned on the consumer's behalf; the suggested pairing is, after all, only a suggestion. But he doesn't think so. "You do not teach a restaurant staff to get somebody to order oysters when they give you a clear indication that they don't like oysters. Educating the [customer] about oysters is not going to make them like oysters. But [that's] what we're construing when we say, 'This Sauvignon Blanc goes with this dish.' What if you simply don't like Sauvignon Blanc?"

"If I'm making wine recommendations and I as the chef say, 'Oh, this is the perfect wine to go with these oysters,' and my mother-in-law comes into the restaurant, I've done nothing to honor her, because she's not going to like the Sauvignon Blanc. The reason is because she is in the top few percentile with regard to number of taste buds, and she's highly sensitive to bitterness and



Oregon Netart Oyster

stringency [Sauvignon Blanc can be quite acidic]. If the oysters were garnished with eggplant, she would not order that dish anyway, because she knows she doesn't like eggplant. So also, she would not order the dish simply because it goes best with Sauvignon Blanc."

The wine-as-garnish analogy raises the question of whether or not the chef has a right to suggest a wine, the same way he has a right to determine the garnish on his oysters. He knows the food; presumably, he knows the wine as well. He may know the way the flavors interact when the two are paired and find the effect pleasing. It's his menu — why can't he recommend what he thinks is best?

Hanni is not impressed. "If that were the case, why have a menu and a wine list? 'Here's the dish and the wine and forget about it.' A good restaurant has a good wine list because there's a huge diversity of wines. What's the basis for that diversity? There should be a customer for every wine on the list," regardless of questions of what matches with what.

Hanni suspects, as he has long suspected, that the source of this offense against the consumer is related to the anxiety he felt about the "conventional wisdom" concerning wine: people don't understand their terms. "[The pairing is] built on a fantasy of 'This is a good match' without any definition of what a good match is." So, 12 years ago, he decided to start looking. "I started to work with scientists and anthropologists and an awful lot of people outside the realm of wine. I started asking the questions that I was afraid to ask: [things like] what do aroma and bouquet mean, really?" ■

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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with

the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.

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 pan-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly 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; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — N.W. (9/01)

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the

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KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — E.W.

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled *carne asada*, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a "cilantro tortilla." Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twigg, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — E.B. (9/01)

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STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

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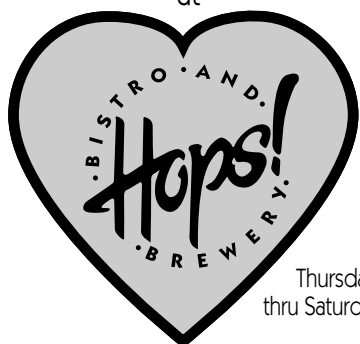
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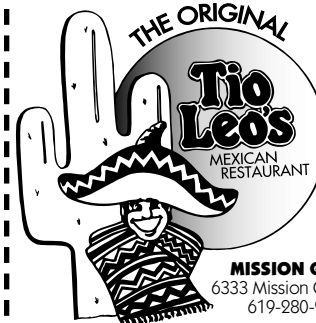
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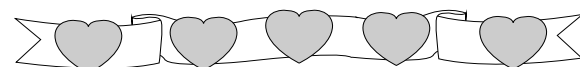
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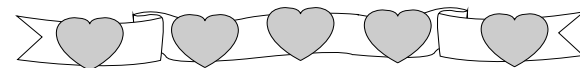
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dinner house. Meanwhile, Rosanna's Deli, 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546 (open daily 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) is the town's secret Italian weapon, furnishing fresh-baked breads (and who knows what else?) to some of the best local eateries. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the *sfogliatelle*, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, and deli sandwiches. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (9/98)

TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it . But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 640-A Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-7234. Opt for Irish rather than American dishes. Recommended are the stew, shepherd's pie, and fish and chips. Boxty dishes added to the menu. A brown bread, baked on the premises, is available for takeout daily. Inexpensive. — E.W. (3/99)

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — E.W.

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try

chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., diners only. Expensive. — E.W.

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza (close to Rancho Bernardo) off I-15, 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisserie chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades*, *tyropita*, and good gooey *spanakopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the corn-starch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greasiness of beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

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)

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woelsel. Order at will, everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road (Country Plaza Shopping Cen-

ter), North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. Elegance describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, North County Fair, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, entrées. Lively atmosphere. Bib salad and Max's pizza outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (3/00)

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scal-

lops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

DAILY'S Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Closed Sunday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's, University Towne Centre), La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

MAITRE D' 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb or fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Closed Sunday and Monday. Dinners only, Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — E.W.

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PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and its 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

ROY'S 8670 Genesee (Costa Verde Center, across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Cool out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering,

which make all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu *ahi poke*) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant. (Try the "Loess is More" with seafood.) The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or the chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Open nightly. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster.

Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W. (7/98)

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THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Good value here. Open approximately 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT Hazard Village, 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *man-*

doo (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele, because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black and red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) is all here. The *Chao Long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY 4577 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant with a mission: Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to

Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here. But it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has gotten extra-careful preparation. Closed Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and well-decorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

TROPICAL STAR 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Closed Sunday. Same menu all day

Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

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BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and



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rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. The interior of this Cajun and New Orleans restaurant has rarely looked better. All dinners include house salad, a Cajun stuffed pastry, and popovers. The menu offers blackened prime rib, crawfish étouffée, and Cajun-style chicken, fish, and pasta. Very large portions, excellent service. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, dinners only. Low moderate to expensive. — E.W.

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577, www.humphreysbythebay.com. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scram-

bled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB burger (chicken breast, green chili, pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Inexpensive, breakfast and lunch only. — E.B. (10/00)

QWIGGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAURANT 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals. Particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables and a swag of rice. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs. Hearty breakfasts, which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.; the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties. Beachcomber atmosphere. Open daily. Breakfast inexpensive; dinner moderate. — E.W.

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't

come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea-snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp-heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar-seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled-access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to

the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. — E.W.

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early bird dinner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Saturday, din-

ner nightly. Brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and *gyoza* dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Closed Sunday. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, www.nativegrill.com. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try *Comanche* fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S Alvarado Plaza, 6930 Alvarado Road, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

EFFIN'S PUB AND GRILL 6164 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9800. Come here after a hard day's hittin' the books at nearby State. It's a brass-on-the-fan-blades, wild west-looking place where things can get pretty lively. The surprise is, they have some pretty good food, especially the pizzas. Check the house specials: Mon-

day Madness (an "x-large pizza with domestic draft pitcher"), Taco Tuesday (tacos are bi-ig), and Wing Wednesday (hot & spicy wings go for a song). But, best of all, you can come up to the bar and say "Gimme an Effin beer" and not have to duck. Inexpensive to moderate. Closed Sundays. — E.B. (11/01)

THE LIVING ROOM COFFEEHOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Later in the day, try their turkey lasagna with fruit and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

LY'S GARDEN 6011 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-1885. Although the extensive menu offers Chinese as well as Cambodian specials, it's best to order the Cambodian food. Be sure to ask Mr. Ly for suggestions. Live crab and lobster as well as fresh oysters and shrimp available. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. Makes a great Sunday drive destination. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. So naturally the food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, kitchen closed from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOOD JUNCTION 9330 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-938-1511. Maybe it's the clean country air, but Rocky Mountain Junction's food tastes sharp and fresh in the mornings. Check out the "Macho Man" breakfast: three eggs, two bacon strips, two sausages, two pancakes, country potatoes or fries, and toast. Or the "Big Honkin' Omelet": six eggs, ham, turkey, bacon, sausage, bell pepper, mushroom, tomato, onion, country potatoes or French fries, and toast. On the lunch menu: the Junction Burger — with or without cheese — big and juicy. Also good: "old fashioned" BLT sandwich and chunky chicken breast salad. Early breakfast through lunch, Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. 17 appetizers, 20 items of sushi, 19 specialty rolls — all excellent and exciting — are served in a modest premise that seats 10 at the sushi bar and holds 12 tables. The hot mushroom special, the "3 of a kind roll," and the Toshi tempura roll are all worth the trip. Diners are modestly priced, but watch cost of rolls. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinners nightly. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (11/99)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), 619-563-3666, www.asmara-sd.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *tsebhi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Open daily; vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Inexpensive. — N.W. (11/00)

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, North Park, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs \$8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish,

Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a separate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday. (Call for prices.) Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate room. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3983 54th Street, corner of University in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

MAX DELI AND MARKET 734 12th Street, East Village, 619-239-9568. Architectural students, diesel mechanics, and guys off the street hang out at this restaurant-market in one of Center City's more knockabout neighborhoods. Don't worry. Max is South Korean, a lifelong sea captain. He can handle any little problems. Fact is, this is real neighborhood. Some customers have been coming in 10, 15 years for a sandwich and a beer. Best buys are Max's thick homemade soups and his sandwiches. And at least one regular swears Max serves up the "best hot dogs this side of Coney Island." Breakfast

and lunch. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis), North Park, 619-291-4090. Is that Cher pulling up a chair? There's a definite *Moonstruck* atmosphere about this place. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree, an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafra* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront

café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-you-can-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

COTTAGE CAFE 2321 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071, www.cottagecafesandiego.com. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. But you can eat American if you want. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of

chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. But maybe the most Polish is the all-you-can-eat buffet. Expect items like stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. If you've been searching for a place to have dessert after a movie or other cultural event, keep this dessert café in mind. Baker-owner Karen Krasne prepares sensuous cakes, tarts, cookies, and all manner of chocolate goodies. Teas and coffees are uniformly good. In summer, the patio is especially charming. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend lunch, and until late evening: Sunday through Thursday to 11:00 p.m. and weekends until midnight. — E.W.

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood diners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open

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ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "ichi-ban" means. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue, Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054; sandiego.citysearch.com/EV/SANCA/0004/13/05/1.html. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of nabeyaki udon (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., satay, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck"

salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10.00. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (7/98)

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays, three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (10/99)

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in

a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green-lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered writer you've never read. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better, and faster, than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

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 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-8100, www.aubergineon4th.com. You'll think you've stepped into a chic Manhattan supper club, but the gorgeous young staff — clad in Calvin Klein, no less — are sweet and skillful. The fare is a puzzling mélange of Mediterranean roasting, American grilling, and pan-Asian wokking, aimed to satisfy all appetites. Preparations vary unpredictably; safest choices are grilled meats (especially the succulent pork slab) and wok dishes. Slightly dressy; noisy weekends with loud live music; long and busy bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8:00 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish

and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajás, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (5/01)

DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly spe-

cial and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner nightly, moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

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GYROSCOPE GREEK CAFE 926 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-235-4635. You want cheap and interesting food in the Gaslamp? Gyroscopes' one of the few that make that list. They have the usual medium-priced beef kabob, moussaka, *spanakopita*, *dolmades*, tiger shrimps, and steak. But you can also get amply filling "sandwich" size plates for just a few bucks: beef kabob, lamb, chicken breast, and of course the gyro (marinated lamb and beef slices in pita bread). Get one of these, a glass of burgundy, and a table with a view of the passing parade, and you'll be feeling like a king. Even cheaper at lunchtime. Open seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue, downtown, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammed Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread. Or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, to 3 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, downtown, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try *tortilla española* (cold potato and egg "pie") and *paella*. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W. (1/99)

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at Fifth and G), Gaslamp District, 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp District, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby,

luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half- or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

PETE'S QUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — *escargots*, frogs' legs, *charcuterie*, et al. — with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE 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 on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — E.W.

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excel-

lent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *hamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — N.W. (12/00)

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to 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)

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault.

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VINCENZO RISTORANTE ITALIANO 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181, www.vincenzoristoranteitaliano.com. The specialty at this tourist favorite (Texans are rife) is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Easy parking a block east in lot on Columbia. Moderate. — N.W. (8/01)

THE WESTGATE GOURMET DELICATESSEN Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the

best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Break-

fasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/00)

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the *Kalua* pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with

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HANAOKA 1528 C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and *gyoza*, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "Hanaoka" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE HUDDLE BY THE PARK 333 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-425-0335. Run by Janet, daughter of Ruth Henricks, famous for her community work, who started the original Huddle up in Mission Hills. Like mom's place, Janet's has good, robust, homey, easy-on-the-wallet food, and waitresses you can actually talk to. Omelets, like the three-egg "truly vegetarian" omelet, come stuffed with everything from mushrooms to guacamole. Daily specials like the biscuits, sausage, and gravy are real deals. But don't leave without slopping some of their marmalade on your toast — mom makes it. Breakfast and lunch seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

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 *Sfilatino Con Bistecchina* (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*

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altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of specifically Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator-meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone, e-mail, or web) are strongly advised; ask then for street directions. Low-moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

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EL RODEO 1647 Blvd. Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again,

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LA ESPADANA 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth, and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Moderate. — E.W.

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A Tale of Two Stories

The over-obvious provocateur runs the risk of becoming an unprovoking provocateur.

Todd Solondz's *Storytelling* is a diptych composed of one part called "Fiction" and another part called "Nonfiction." Both subheads actually appear on screen within quotation marks, though in truth everything that appears on screen could have had quotation marks around it — an artifice by which the modern or post-modern artist can distance himself from his material as well as from the more obtuse or refractory members of his audience. An artifice by which, more succinctly, he can serve up his material *cum grano salis*.

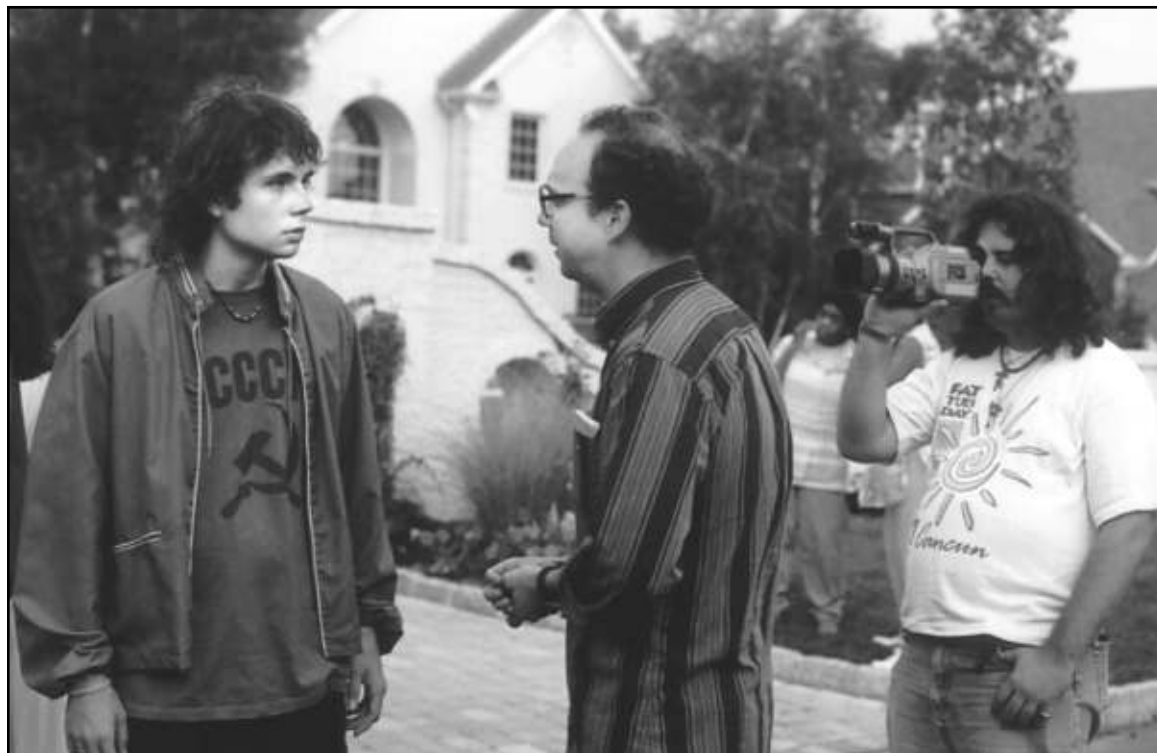
Part one deals with a college coed (the stick-figured Selma Blair) whose appetite for life, for experience, for adventure, far exceeds her self-esteem. Bored with her present, palsied lover ("Pleasure isn't there anymore," he moans. "The kinkiness is gone. You've become *kind*"), she puts up little resistance to the advances of their mutual Creative Writing teacher (Robert Wis-

dom), a smoldering African-American, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Sunday Lynching*, a man who sees no need to mince words or pull punches in classroom critiques ("It's a piece of

shit"), and a man whose bedroom preferences run to racist and misogynistic degradation: "Say, 'Nigger, fuck me

hard'." (A big red rectangle is superimposed on screen to shield the viewer — the American viewer, anyway, if not the European — from the physical particulars.) The student writes up the experience for class — what are experiences *for*? — and after she endures her classmates' charges of ugliness, prejudice, stereotyping, etc., her handicapped ex-lover comes to her defense with the argument that, after all, it actually happened. "I don't know about what 'happened,'" deadpans the professor, "because once you start writing, it all becomes fiction." End of story.

Part two revolves around a would-



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be documentary filmmaker, formerly a would-be writer, presently a shoe salesman (the pudgy Paul Giamatti), who has mastered his new calling at least to the extent of the promo pitch for a hypothetical film on the contemporary suburban high school: "A sociological study in the aftermath of Columbine." The concept is open to

change, however, when the first subject who agrees to submit to the camera, a well-off Jewish slacker nicknamed Scooby (Mark Webber), wants to be the primary if not solitary focus, gaining a forum to voice and to advance his pipe dream of being a TV talk-show host à la Conan O'Brien. Henceforth the project becomes "kind of *An*

American Family for the new millennium." Tragedy strikes the family, to the betterment of the film, although the editor articulates some misgivings: "It seems glib and facile to show how idiotic these people are." When Scooby sneaks into a rough-cut screening of the unfinished work, *American Scooby*, he gets his first inkling that he and his

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family have been made into the butts of sophisticated derision. A bigger tragedy now strikes, but Scooby brushes off the filmmaker's condescendances with the inscrutable remark — bitter? accepting? matter-of-fact? — that it doesn't matter as long as the movie's a hit. End of movie.

Both parts permit Solondz to re-echo some of the accusations — the "ugly" comment in part one, the "glib and facile" comment in part two — thrown at his two previous films, *Happiness* and *Welcome to the Dollhouse*. One only wants to point out that to parrot these accusations is not to answer them. (Unless maybe you're eight years old.) And an awareness of what he is up to, a self-consciousness about it, does not substantially alter it. He is drawn to squalid characters, and he is condescending to them. Of course it could be said in his defense (inasmuch as he himself hasn't said it on screen) that squalor is as legitimate a subject as, and perhaps intrinsically a less dull subject than, wholesomeness (see, if you can stand it, *A Walk to Remember*). And condescension is just the other side of the coin from glorification (see *A Beautiful Mind*, *Ali*, *The Majestic*), and no more unpardonable an artistic sin. The inherent ambiguities and paradoxes in the art of storytelling, for those who wish to pur-

sue them, can certainly be ferreted out in the slithering movement of the two narratives. But why would anyone, except for ease and convenience, choose to pursue them here when they could be pursued anywhere?

My own view is that while there is something bracing about the presentation of special-interest groups — the African-American, the handicapped, the modern liberated woman, the Jew, the homosexual, the Salvadoran refugee — without the usual cushion of courtesy and deference, without *politesse*, without kid gloves, there is nonetheless something relentless and tactless about the way Solondz goes at it. The over-obvious provocateur runs the risk of becoming an unprovoking provocateur: the prospective provokee, if that's the term, will be over-ready for him. And while there are some funny lines, or at any rate some thorny and indelicate lines ("I just thought Marcus would be different. I mean, he's got CP"), there is nonetheless the occasional stumble into lame humor, as when, in part two, the youngest son of the family hypnotizes his father into doing his bidding: the sort of gag that would be more at home in an old Bob Hope comedy (or the most recent Woody Allen one) than in, say, Albert Brooks's earlier take-off on *An American Family*, 1979's *Real Life* — a better hunting ground, by the way, for narrative ambiguities and paradoxes because, into the bargain, it's also a better hunting ground for laughs.

In the bigger picture, my own view

is that Solondz here has taken a step backward from the ambitiousness of *Happiness*. By seeming to want to do more in that film than simply provoke, he was at the same time better able to provoke. Still, he has not, by my yardstick, stepped all the way back to the cruelties and crudities of *Welcome to the Dollhouse*. So if the test of a Solondz movie (as we've been led to believe) is to stir up a strong reaction one way or the other, then I must mark *Storytelling* a failure. I honestly don't have one.

Monster's Ball, directed by the Swiss-born Marc Forster, centers on the middle man (Billy Bob Thornton, miserable as in *The Man Who Wasn't There*) in three generations of Georgia corrections officers. It starts right out throwing haymakers — first-thing-in-the-morning vomit, wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am sodomy, good-ole-boy bigotry, Death Row, the Last Walk, more vomit, a suicide, and a hit-and-run fatality — before it settles down to a hesitant, awkward, muted interracial romance (with Halle Berry, a Death Row widow), and more vomit. By that time, it's all punched out. The electric-chair diaper is a new screen detail, if you're keeping track.

Dark Blue World, Jan Sverak's Second World War story, is a limp epic about Czech refugees in the RAF, two of them in love with the same woman. (She makes her choice, although her depth of commitment seems less heart-touching than that of the man's abandoned spaniel back in the home country.) It's such a throwback that

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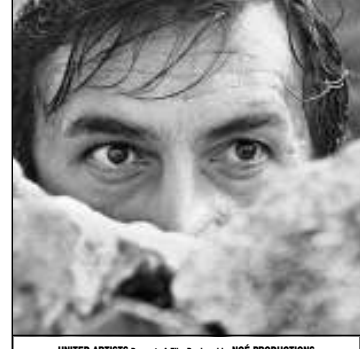
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Amélie — Cutesy art-house item looks at the world (at Paris, more precisely) through the primrose-colored glasses of Jean-Pierre Jeunet: a delayed-meeting romance à la *And Now My Love*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, et al., and a fashionable juggling act of fate, chance, coincidence, etc. The dementedly winsome heroine (Audrey Tatou), prone to conspiratorial glances at the camera, and egged on by a waggish narrator, is a self-denying do-gooder whose secret mission seems to be the spiritual enlightenment of others, often by the most devious means: reprogramming a speed-dial button from "Mother" to "Psychiatric Helpline." The boundless, bounding imagination tends to be grounded, however, by the air of effortfulness. The best of it — the broad omniscient view of humanity combined with an eye for random trivial detail — was done better, and funnier, in Jane Campion's apprentice work, *Passionless Moments*, and at about one-tenth the length. With Mathieu Kassovitz. 2001.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

A Beautiful Mind — Laundered biography of the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician, and madman, John Forbes Nash, Jr. It's his madness, of course, and not his math, that makes him a viable screen subject, and director Ron Howard nurtures it with care. (And with more taste and restraint than are his custom.) But between the West Virginia accent and the nerdish introversion, much of what he says — or rather, what an emasculated Russell Crowe says — is lost in transmission. With Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Christopher Plummer, Paul Bettany. 2001.

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Big Fat Liar — Movie-biz comedy with Frankie Muniz, Amanda Bynes, and Paul Giamatti, directed by Shawn Levy.

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Birthday Girl — Offbeat, roundabout love story. It starts out as a kinky light comedy about a Russian mail-order bride in provincial England who proves to speak only one word of English ("Are you a giraffe?" "Yes"), and who uncovers an instructional stash of S&M porn in the bedroom closet. Then, near the halfway mark, it goes off the rails into an unnecessarily



Dark Blue World

nasty crime caper, though it stays on the track of offbeat love. There are several points at which the hero might have averted the spectator's ire by calling the cops. Ben Chaplin, Nicole Kidman, Mathieu Kassovitz, Vincent Cassel; directed by Jez Butterworth. 2002.

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CHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Black Hawk Down — Faithful re-enactment of a 1993 incident in Somalia: the eighteen-hour urban firefight that ensues when an intended neat, clean, in-and-out raid into the heart of Mogadishu (colloquially called "the Mogue," or just "Mogue") goes bad. It delivers a mixed experience, even, you might say, a mixed message: harrowing yet spectacular action, unglamorous yet gorgeous, rugged yet slick. The director

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is Ridley Scott (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, and on down through *G.I. Jane* and *Gladiator*), so the spectacular, the gorgeous, the slick are givens; the harrowing, the unglamorous, and the rugged must be counted as bonuses, neither to be taken for granted nor taken lightly. (The damage done to the bodies of some of the soldiers goes well beyond indignity.) Though some of the faces — Josh Hartnett, William Fichtner, Ewan McGregor, Ron Eldard, and that latter-day Aldo Ray, Tom Sizemore — are more familiar than others, there has been a concerted effort to steer clear of big stars, and to spread the dramatic interest evenly among the sizable cast: no one-man-armies, no centers-of-the-universe, no empathy-magnets, in this group. There is individual courage on display, and competence, and selflessness, but there is no villainy or cowardice deeper than the inevitable snafu. The soldiers are just that and no more: followers of orders. The virtual and inexplicable absence of blacks among them — the total absence among the principal ones — perhaps creates an unwanted and unfortunate *Zulu*-like image of a handful of civilized whites holding the line against hordes of savage blacks. But there appears to be no conscious point of view apart from the dizzying spectacle of it all, the sensory overload, the nonstop assault on eye and ear, the swirl of dust and bits of paper beneath the churning blades of the helicopters, the

trails of smoke, the explosions, the spray of debris — in sum, the big wow. Yet there are moments of genuine power, not to mention genuine skill. So, yes — a mixed experience, but an intense one, an exhausting one, and, most importantly, a lingering one. 2001.

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Brotherhood of the Wolf — There might be a presumption of seriousness about a ravaging-monster movie in which the monster stays off screen for the first hour, and comes freighted with political symbolism. (To say nothing of the English subtitles! Or of the venerable presences of Jacques Perrin and Edith Scob!) But there is plenty of ridiculousness in refutation: from the *Matrix*-y camera moves and abrupt changes of speed, to the Hong Kong brand of martial arts practiced by an 18th-century French naturalist and his Mohawk Iroquois sidekick. The monster's first appearance, at least, is good cheesy fun, till spoiled by a rational, albeit incomprehensible, "explana-

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tion." Samuel Le Bihan, Mark Dacascos, Vincent Cassel, Emilie Dequenne, Monica Bellucci; directed by Christophe Gans. 2001.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Collateral Damage — Arnold Schwarzenegger on the trail of a terrorist, directed by Andrew Davis. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/8)

The Count of Monte Cristo — Somewhat rushed retelling of the Dumas revenge story. Granted, there's a good deal of story to be gotten through, and the speed might be hoped to counteract the snags: the details of the tunneling in the Chateau d'If are not altogether credible (the dirt is disposed of in the chamber pots?); and a neatly trimmed beard, along with the passage of sixteen years, seems an insufficient excuse for a man's oldest friend to fail to recognize him — especially when the man speaks as strangely, as haltingly, as gulpingly, as Jim Caviezel. With Guy Pearce, James Frain, Dagmara Dominczyk, Luis Guzman, Michael Wincott, Richard Harris; directed by Kevin Reynolds. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15;



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Dark Blue World — Reviewed this issue. With Ondrej Vetchy, Krystof Hadek, Tara Fitzgerald, and Charles Dance; directed by Jan Sverak. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Fluffer — Affectionate, almost gooeey,

look at the world of gay pornography, though with harsh sound and image, cheap and brassy. It's the unsavory depraved heterosexual — a hunky gay-for-pay hophead — who causes the dramatic turmoil. With Scott Gurney, Michael Cunio, Roxanne Day, Robert Walden, Deborah Harry; co-directed by Richard Glatzer and Wash West. 2001.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/7)

Gosford Park — From Robert Altman, a pleasant if overlong *divertissement* that combines the British class-conscious social satire with the dark-and-stormy-night murder mystery: Evelyn Waugh meets

Agatha Christie. In short, Altman hell: etiquette, decorum, hierarchy on the one side, and convention, formula, artifice on the other. However much the director might distance himself from the nitty-gritty of detective work (Stephen Fry's clueless inspector, more Clouseau than Poirot), the body in the study, much like the murdered screenwriter in *The Player*, gives the movie an impetus often missing in an Altman ensemble piece, and somewhat checks his tendency to run to flab. Every little push helps, because there is very little new (except to Altman) in the class portrait: the upper crusties talking in the presence of servants as if in the presence of furniture, etc. (Nice

point of emphasis: the below-stairs people are addressed not by their own names but by the names of their employers.) The inclusion among the houseguests of a Jewish homosexual vegetarian Hollywood producer — researching his next Charlie Chan opus and observing the ways of the landed aristocracy — affords Altman an outsider with whom to identify. Or at least — in a pet expression of an Evelyn Waugh character — up to a point. (Bob Balaban, who plays the producer, also happens to share the story credit with Altman.) The director's democratic inclinations, sometimes indistinguishable from his misanthropic inclinations, come out clearly in the casting, seeing to it that the servants (Helen Mirren, Emily Watson, Kelly Macdonald, Eileen Atkins, Alan Bates, Derek Jacobi, Clive Owen, Rupert Grant) are as stellar as their masters (Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Jeremy Northam, Charles Dance, James Wilby). The winsome Macdonald and stoical Owen best survive any misanthropic inclinations. 2001. ★★ (COVE; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10.)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone — The children's book by J.K. Rowling, now a movie by Chris Columbus — maker of, among others, *Adventures in Babysitting*, *Home Alone*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Nine Months*, *Stepmom*, and *Bicentennial Man*, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner Child. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to the effect that, however good or bad it might be, the kids at least are *reading* it, reading *something*. Even if you haven't read it yourself, you can infer a slavish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special-effects movie, no "event" movie, no movie scored by John Williams, would otherwise keep so leisurely and strung-out a schedule of dramatic incident. It's more a matter of going new places and meeting new people (or new owls, gobblins, trolls), a social schedule. The bespectacled little hero, if you didn't know, is a put-upon orphan who, on reaching his eleventh birthday, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dickensian grossness, discovers that he is a natural-born wizard and is eligible for admittance into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, there to develop his infinite inner potential. In short, he is a close cousin to every neglected, unappreciated, unloved, scorned, mocked, but ultimately (sweetly, revengefully) triumphant hero out of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales. In the end, his plodding path will lead him to a confrontation with the evil entity who slew his parents. But this destination is not signposted with the efficiency or urgency of a *Hamlet* (for instance). Maybe admirers of the book will be content with what amounts to an ancillary text of lavish illustrations. Still, it's not the, or a, book. More bluntly, it's not anything special. With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Robbie Coltrane, Ian Hart, Alan Rickman, Richard Harris, and Maggie Smith. 2001. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

I Am Sam — Queasy-making entertainment. And not only, or even largely, because of the jiggly, jostly, zoomy, freeze-frame-y camerawork under director Jessie Nelson. No: Sean Penn's impression of a mental defective, complete with a new whisk-broom haircut to add to his tonsorial portfolio, no doubt offers many rewards, not the least of which is the license to laugh with impunity at the less fortunate. It is somewhat reminiscent, in its levels of observational detail and skill in mimicry, of Mickey Rooney's memorable performance in the made-for-TV *Bill*. But what kept the earlier film from the threshold of queasiness was its lower dramatic pressure, its lighter mood. So perhaps, on second thoughts, it might be more reminiscent of John Malkovich's Lenny in *Of Mice and Men*. The storyline here, as there, is fashioned for nothing other than to torture the character and spectator alike, to wrest pain from the one and pity from the other. The titular Sam is the single dad of a normally

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bright, abnormally cute little girl who, nearing her eighth birthday, has already caught up with and outdistanced the mental capacity of her father. When a social worker takes an interest in the situation — takes the daughter away from the father — it's not because the movie, too, is interested in the situation, but because it is interested, as mentioned, in torture. The whole brutal business is almost a sort of *Saturday Night Live* gag on a cinematic "heart-tugger" — *They wouldn't let his daughter come out and play with him anymore!* — except that it goes on and on, and no punch line ever arrives. (Small mercy: at least it isn't Robin Williams in the part of the permanent child.) With Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning, Dianne Wiest, Laura Dern. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

In the Bedroom — A dealing-with-tragedy movie (a summer romantic idyll turned violent) with dangerous tendencies toward a Lifetime Channel original. But first-time director Todd Field proves himself to be a true director, cunning in his omissions, his obliqueness, his attention to off moments, his focus on marginal details: the family photos in the D.A.'s office, or the jingling of coins in the D.A.'s pocket during an impromptu conference on the street. He can also be a trifle pedantic: the military action figure given as a birthday present by a hot-tempered father, or the bedtime reading of *The Wyeths* to supplement the Wyeth-esque landscape of the film. (It's set in Maine, the heart of Wyeth country.) Field, of course, was already known as an actor (*Ruby in Paradise*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, et al.), and it is thus hardly surprising that he should strive to carve out human-sized roles for which his cast — Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei, Nick Stahl, Richard Mapother, William Wise — would be grovellingly grateful. Spacek, alone of them, belongs to that rare subspecies of actor who never seems to be acting, and who thus never seems to exhaust or recycle her repertoire, and who thus never wears out her welcome. For her particular role, the viewer can thus be as grateful as she is. 2001.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Joe Somebody — Nothing much. A white-collar cog becomes a sudden celebrity when he challenges the company bully to a rematch. Occasion for sitcom moralizing ca. 1959. With Tim Allen, Julie Bowen, Hayden Panettiere, Kelly Lynch, Patrick Warburton, and Jim Belushi directed by John Pasquin. 2001.

● (VOGUE)

Kandahar — Timely exposé of the plight of women under the Taliban. The narrative peg — an exiled Afghan journalist sneaking back into the country to reach her sister before the latter's pre-announced suicide in concert with the final eclipse of the 20th Century — may be overly contrived and corny, and the acting might often be stiff and awkward, and the first-person English narration a little rudimentary and remedial, but the glimpses of the people and their culture reveal the eye of an artist, namely the eye of Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf: the classroom where young boys are drilled simultaneously in the Koran and in weaponry; the communal clothes-washing by veiled women around a village well; the examination room in which a doctor and his female patients are separated by a blanket with a silver-dollar-sized hole in it (the African-American doctor, a figure of compassionate liberalism on screen, is in real life, you might have heard, an accused Islamic assassin); and the Red Cross outpost where land-mine victims line up, after a year's wait in some cases, for their prosthetic limbs. The capper to this last scene: the crowd of impatient patients hopping and hobbling on crutches to catch up with the sets of false legs lowered to earth on parachute strings. One could only



Kung Pow: Enter the Fist

wish Buñuel had lived to see it. 2001.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/7)

Kate and Leopold — Time-travel romance (or in the words of the whiz-kid Cupid who makes it happen, "a 4-D pretzel of kismet inevitability") uniting a Type-A Manhattan career woman and a 19th-century British duke, who tumbles through a time-portal into the present day. The matching of Meg Ryan — tossing around and peering through a grass-skirt haircut — with Hugh Jackman almost transforms it into an older-woman-younger-man thing, to boot, but that only underscores the novelettish swoony-mooniness of it. (All that perky, plucky, ditzzy, daffy stuff of Ryan's has doubtless

gotten a little old. It got there a little ahead of Ryan herself.) The woman's chosen career, market research, sanctions a satirical dig at modern filmmaking practices — "You people with your tests!" fumes the movie's actual director, James Mangold, in a cameo. "You're sucking the life out of American cinema!" — but this comes ill from a movie which itself is pure manipulation and massage. Liev Schreiber, Breckin Meyer, Natasha Lyonne. 2001.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; VOGUE)

Kung Pow: Enter the Fist — Director-star Steve Oedekerk mixes new footage into an old Hong Kong action film. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON

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Lantana — Three sour marriages in the Land Down Under. Director Ray Lawrence and writer Andrew Bovell (whose screenplay is adapted from his own stage play) seem to be going for something deep, something fundamental about relationships. But the degree of coincidence in the multiple path-crossings surpasses the improbable. Eye-catching work from Kerry Armstrong and Leah Purcell, respectively, as a cop's wife and cop's partner. The cop is a cop only in order to keep the movie busy. Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush, Barbara Hershey, Rachael Blake. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien's home-cooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer magic, etc., cannot alter what is in essence an overblown bedtime story. They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson. 2001.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Love Me Tonight — The introductory sequence, in which the rhythmic noises of early-morning Paris are worked into a massive musical number, is in the style of Disney's Silly Symphonies. In most other areas, this Rouben Mamoulian musical is in the style of Ernst Lubitsch (Mamoulian's musicals skip wildly in style, from the gritty naturalism of *Applause* to the giddy parody of *The Gay Desperado* to the epic extravagance of *High, Wide, and Handsome* to the pastel nostalgia of *Summer Holiday* to the cosmopolitan urbanity of *Silk Stockings*), and in its sly lasciviousness and its witty camera placements it is pretty well the equal of its model. With Maurice Chevalier, Jeanette MacDonald. 1932.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/13, 7 P.M.)

The Merry Widow — Ernst Lubitsch jumped from the Paramount lot, where he reigned supreme, to MGM for this one musical only. And to all of his lavish requests for re-creations of mythical kingdom and legendary Par-ee, the new studio did not know how to say no. Subsequently, this gargantuan dream, with hopes pinned on the eternity of the Jeanette MacDonald-Maurice Chevalier chemistry, fell on its face. Financially speaking, that is. Artistically, it's a beauty. Lubitsch's coy wit is as scintillating as it ever is; and there is also, stronger than ever, a just suppressed discontent beneath all the stiff and precise adherence to proper courtly form. And on a few occasions, there's a delicious feeling of truly letting loose: when Jeanette MacDonald first begins to sing, for instance, or when, for an even better instance, she first begins to dance. Una Merkel, George Bar-

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bier, Edward Everett Horton. 1934.

★★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/12, 7 P.M.)

Monster's Ball — Reviewed this issue. With Billy Bob Thornton, Halle Berry, Peter Boyle, and Heath Ledger; directed by Marc Forster.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 2/8)

Monsters, Inc. — Plump and rubbery computer animation prefaced by a refreshingly retro (ca. 1960) two-dimensional title sequence. Safely recommendable to any child up to the age of five, and less safely as his age increases. The whole premise of a parallel universe of monsters making nightly forays into our own universe, bottling the screams of children for fuel, all the while shivering in terror of the children themselves, is insufferably condescending to monsters and trucking to children (“Kids these days, they just don’t get scared like they used to”). And the “salute” to the



Monster's Ball

master of stop-motion animation, Ray Harryhausen, in the form of Harryhausen's

Sushi Bar, seems more an insult, a passing wave to the covered wagon from the win-

dow of the jetliner. The sheer industriousness of it all — the cranking-out of gags,

the copious visual detail, the dam-bursting rush of the action — would be easier to applaud, easier to link up with old-time Looney Tunes, if the artwork were easier to look at. Instead of, for instance, a pop-eyed and beer-bellied Bigfoot dyed green with purple spots, a one-eyed pea with twiggy limbs, a Jabba the Hutt in a doorman's vest and bowtie. Only the slithering crossbreed of chameleon and mantis approaches the tolerable. And each of these, in any case, is overpowered by the overfamiliar speaking voice of John Goodman, Billy Crystal, James Coburn, and Steve Buscemi, respectively. Is there some inherent handicap in computer-animation programs to manacle the draftsman? Or is it simply the marketing necessity to co-ordinate efforts with the toy manufacturer? Directed by Pete Docter. 2001.

★ (VOGUE)

The Mothman Prophecies — Sort of an elaborated segment of “The Unexplained” on TV's *Unsolved Mysteries*, minus Robert Stack and his trenchcoat. Purportedly based on a factual case *circa* 1967 (here updated), it details some strange doings in anticipation of a major calamity in the small town of Point Pleasant, W. Va. No more should be revealed of those doings other than to

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A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 7:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (4:30) 7:25, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:05) 7:45, 10:20; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri. 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (5:25) 7:35, 9:45; **Birthday Girl** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:40) 8:00, 10:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 3:45, 7:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (5:10) 8:25; **Brotherhood of the Wolf** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 3:20, 6:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 1:40 (5:00) 8:15; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri. 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. 3:25, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 8:20; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri. 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45; Fri. 12:15; Sat. 11:00, 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45; Sun. 12:15; Mon. 1:15 (4:10) 7:05, 10:00; Mon. 1:55; Tue. 1:15 (4:10) 7:05, 10:00; Wed. 1:55; Thu. 1:15 (4:10) 7:05, 10:00; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:25 (4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **No Man's Land** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:25, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (4:40) 7:15, 9:40; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:35, 4:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:25 (5:30); **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (5:00) 7:30, 10:05; **Slackers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 7:40, 9:50; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (5:20) 7:40, 10:10; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:25, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:30, 4:30, 7:25, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:20 (4:20) 7:10, 10:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 6:50, 10:35; Sat. 11:10, 3:00, 6:50, 10:35; Sun. 1:00, 4:50, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:55) 8:35; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:35 (4:50) 7:50, 10:30; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (5:15) 7:55, 10:25

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 12:40 (4:20) 7:25, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 12:40, 4:20, 7:25, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:40 (4:20) 7:25, 10:30; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri. 12:15 (4:10) 7:15, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 12:15 (4:10) 7:15, 10:20; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri. 12:00, 2:35 (5:15) 7:50, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:35 (5:15) 7:50, 10:30; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri. 12:45 (4:15) 7:20, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 12:45 (4:15) 7:20, 10:25; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. 12:50 (4:25) 7:30, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. 12:50, 4:25, 7:30, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 12:50 (4:25) 7:30, 10:25; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15 (4:00) 7:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 4:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:15 (4:00) 7:45; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00 (4:05) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:05)

7:00, 10:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

Collateral Damage; **Big Fat Liar**; **Rollerball**; **Birthday Girl**; **Slackers**; **The Debut**; **A Walk to Remember**; **The Count of Monte Cristo**; **I Am Sam**; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**; **The Mothman Prophecies**; **Black Hawk Down**; **Snow Dogs**; **The Royal Tenenbaums**; **Ocean's Eleven**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **A Beautiful Mind**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)

Black Hawk Down (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:30; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:35; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (3:05) 5:15, 7:15; Sun. (3:10) 5:15, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:05) 7:50; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:30) 7:45; **Slackers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 5:15); **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30, 5:45) 7:55; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:05, 10:00; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:40

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)

Tuvalu (Not Rated) Fri. 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 5:25, 7:30, 9:35

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)

Amelie (R) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; **Dark Blue World** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:05; **Lantana** (R) Fri. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Storytelling** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

Mark of the Hawk, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Lilies of the Field**, Friday, 8:50 p.m.; **The Merry Widow**, Tuesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Love Me Tonight**, Wednesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Amazing Journeys Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 1:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00; Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated)

Fri. 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 8:00; Sun. 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15; **Birthday Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:10, 3:45) 7:00, 9:55, 10:25; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 3:30, 4:20) 6:50, 7:30, 9:40, 10:15; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:45; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:05) 7:20, 10:25; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:45, 4:50); **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:10) 7:10, 9:50; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:30; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30; **Slackers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:

say they point to a grand design, however far beyond our comprehension, in the seemingly random tragedies that visit humanity. The design, to the degree that it can be glimpsed, gives a design to the movie as well, and gives to it a corresponding degree of elegance. The degree of factuality, meantime, scarcely matters except insofar as it encourages the filmmakers to keep a lid on, and to let the tension build, till the big finish. The belief of director Mark Pellington in the paranormal rises nowhere near to the level of seriousness of, say, a Carl Dreyer. But his belief — his conviction — rises at least to that of a Terence Fisher or Freddie Francis in their Hammer Horror heyday. Quite sufficient, that is, for a work of imagination. (Of course the drawback to the factuality, or pretense thereof, is that the filmmakers’ imagination cannot quite connect all the dots.) The acting tends to be a bit heavy, and the huge closeups make it seem even heavier: make it seem to belong more in a genre piece than in a journalistic or a propaganda one. But that’s not altogether a bad thing. The cast of characters features a quorum of requisite figures: a rationalist reporter for the *Washington Post* (Richard Gere), a ploddingly ordinary and over-matched cop (Laura Linney), a God-fearing unimpeachable witness (Will Patton), a winged anthropomorphous creature that



Rollerball

fits no known prototype, and an in-the-know occultist (Alan Bates) who can give a

name to the thing: Mothman, as translated from the tongue of the Ukraine. When

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)

Birthday Girl (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:35, 7:45, 10:05; Mon. (1:00, 3:10, 5:35) 8:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 5:45) 8:15; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:25) 7:00, 9:50; Mon. (12:35, 3:25) 8:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:55, 5:20) 8:40; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (12:30); Tue.-Thu. (1:50); **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 7:10, 10:00; Mon. (12:45, 3:35) 8:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:05, 5:30) 8:30; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 7:05, 9:55; Mon. (12:40, 3:30) 8:35; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 5:25) 8:35; **Slackers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:40) 5:40, 7:50, 10:10; Mon. (3:40, 5:40) 8:10; Tue.-Thu. (5:50) 8:10; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; Mon. (12:55, 3:05, 5:20) 8:20; Tue.-Thu. (2:15, 5:40) 8:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:25, 3:55) 7:35; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 5:15) 8:45; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 7:15, 9:35; Mon. (12:50, 3:15) 8:25; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 5:35) 8:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Black Hawk Down; **Collateral Damage**; **Big Fat Liar**; **Snow Dogs**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

555 Broadway (619-338-4214)

A Walk to Remember (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Birthday Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:30) 9:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Slackers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 2:15) 7:00; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)

Collateral Damage; **Big Fat Liar**; **Rollerball**; **Gosford Park**; **Birthday Girl**; **Slackers**; **Brotherhood of the Wolf**; **A Walk to Remember**; **The Count of Monte Cristo**; **I Am Sam**; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**; **The Mothman Prophecies**; **The Debut**; **The Royal Tenenbaums**; **Black Hawk Down**; **Snow Dogs**; **Orange County**; **A Beautiful Mind**; **Ocean’s Eleven**; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius**

Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:15; **Birthday Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:45; **Black Hawk Down** (R)

Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:10, 3:05, 3:30) 6:55, 7:20, 10:00, 10:30; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:40, 3:00, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:10) 7:10, 10:10; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:40, 4:45); **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:00, 4:25) 7:05, 9:35; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:20; **Slackers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:55, 10:05; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:15, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50) 6:15, 9:50; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:20) 6:50, 10:00

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

Joe Somebody (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 8:00; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 9:45; **Monsters, Inc.** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)

Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392)

The Count of Monte Cristo; **Snow Dogs**

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)

A Walk to Remember (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. (1:05, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:45, 5:50) 7:55; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:30, 5:25) 7:25; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:05) 7:50; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:45) 5:55, 8:20, 10:30; Sun. (1:45, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:00, 5:55) 8:05; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 5:50, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:40); **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:40, 5:45) 8:00; **Slackers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:55) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:50) 7:35; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:05) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 5:10, 7:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:35) 7:40; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:20, 7:05, 9:55; Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:45; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:20; Sun. (2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:30

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00) 5:15; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri. (2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; Sat. (10:00, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (10:00, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:00) 7:15; **Black Hawk**

Down (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:30; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (2:15) 7:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri. (2:20) 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri. (2:15) 5:05, 7:10, 9:15; Sat. (1:10, 3:15) 5:15, 7:10, 9:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 5:05, 7:10, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:10, 9:15; **Birthday Girl** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:35) 7:40, 9:45; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:25, 7:30, 10:35; Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:25) 7:15, 10:05; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:35, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:40) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 8:05, 10:25; Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:00; **Slackers** (R) Fri. (1:05); Sat.-Sun. (12:45); Mon.-Thu. (1:05); **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri. (1:35) 4:40, 7:05, 9:20; Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:05, 9:20; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:00, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:05, 9:55; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:45) 8:15; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:20, 9:40

POWAY

Poway 10

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asked the common question of why, if this creature knows so much more than us mere mortals, it doesn’t simply come out and share its secrets, the occultist has a good answer: “You’re more advanced than a cockroach. Have you ever tried explaining yourself to one of them?” 2002.

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Branko Djurik, Rene Bitorajac, Filip So-vagovic, Simon Callow, and Katrin Cartlidge. 2001.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 2/8)

Ocean’s Eleven — Superdeluxe remake of a Rat Pack lark of 1960: a happy-go-lucky, jolly-good-fellows, high-tech, clean-as-a-whistle casino heist, with a star-studded cast (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, Julia Roberts, Andy Garcia, Carl Reiner, Elliott Gould, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan). There are sellouts, to be sure, and then there are sellouts, and Steven Soderbergh’s philosophy apparently holds that if you’re going to be one, you might as well be a big one. Bigger than he was in *Erin Brockovich*, bigger than in *Traf-fic*. The biggest. (The original was directed by the man who

Calendar MOVIES

Orange County — Confused-teen-crazy-world comedy, fairly formulaic (a gallery of stereotypes, a splash of gross-out, a dab of sentiment, an instructive moral), notwithstanding the genuflections to Fine Literature. Agile comic turns by Jack Black, Catherine O'Hara, Lily Tomlin, and John Lithgow. But the romantic leads, Colin Hanks and Schuyler Fisk, bear so strong a resemblance to their real-life thespian parents — Tom Hanks and Sissy Spacek, respectively — that they have a hard time staking their own claim. The director, Jake Kasdan, is the son of the director of *The Big Chill*, *Silverado*, *I Love You to Death*, *Grand Canyon*, *French Kiss*, etc., but outside of an uncredited token appearance by Kevin Kline, the resemblance is not so apparent. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

PLAZA 18; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Rollerball — John McTiernan's remake of the 1975 s-f action film, with Chris Klein, LL Cool J, Jean Reno, and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/8)

The Royal Tenenbaums — Not just a dysfunctional family; a determinedly, unrelentingly oddball, eccentric, wacky, weird, kooky, cracked family; but only a rarely and very mildly funny family. (None of this deters Gene Hackman, as the long-absent head of the clan, from his normal excellence.) Wes Anderson, the director, favors frontal and centered compositions, or frontal and symmetrical ones — the visual equivalent of hammer blows. (Nailing down, if nothing else, the sameness and

monotonousness of it all.) And no scene would be complete without a musical selection from the eclectic soundtrack: Ravel to Vivaldi, the Ramones to the Beach Boys, Dylan to Nico. With Anjelica Huston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, Luke Wilson, Owen Wilson, Danny Glover, Bill Murray. 2001.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24;)

Second Skin — A family man torn between his wife and his homosexual lover. Soapy drama; soupy music. Well acted by Javier Bardem (especially), Ariadna Gil, and Cecilia Roth; overacted by Jordi Mollá. Directed by Gerardo Vera. 2000.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/7)

The Shipping News — From the E. Annie Proulx novel about a widower named Quoylo who returns with his daughter Bunny to his Newfoundland roots, and becomes (among other things) the ace reporter on a local rag called *The Gammy Bird*. A tall tale, a dark tale, a droll tale, arch, sardonic, grotesque, gaudy, absurd, odd, occult, unnatural — loaded, in short, with the hallmarks of contemporary Seri-

ous Fiction. Kevin Spacey (acting like a half-wit), Cate Blanchett (acting like a cream tart), Judi Dench (acting crusty), and Julianne Moore (acting with an accent) invest it with some of the traits of Serious Cinema as well. Sample: the hero's aunt shows up unannounced on the day of his wife's accidental death, close on the heels of his parents' double suicide, and she pilfers his father's — her own brother's — ashes, replacing them in the urn with ordinary fireplace ashes, so that she can take them home in a plastic bag, dump them down the outhouse potty, and piss on them. (She has her reasons, it turns out. They involve revenge for incest. Lasse Hallstrom, the earthy director, is the one who also made *The Cider House Rules*: a thematic pattern develops.) With Scott Glenn, Pete Postlethwaite, Rhys Ifans. 2001.

● (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Slackers — Youth comedy with Devon Sawa, Jason Schwartzman, James King, and Laura Prepon, directed by Dewey Nicks. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Snow Dogs — Sled-race comedy with Cuba Gooding, Jr., and James Coburn, directed by Brian Levant. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Storytelling — Reviewed this issue. With Selma Blair, Robert Wisdom, Leo Fitzpatrick, Paul Giamatti, Mark Webber, and John Goodman; written and directed by Todd Solondz.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/8)

Tuvalu — Viet Helmer's almost wordless *hommage* to the silent cinema, in tinted black-and-white. (KEN, 2/8 THROUGH 15)

A Walk to Remember — Teen weepie. All you really need to know is that it's based on a novel by the author of *Message in a Bottle*, Nicholas Sparks: your guarantee of unintended mirth. Pop singer Mandy Moore (singing two songs in that vaguely warped and wobbly vocal style that sounds as though the Walkman's batteries are running low) and Shane West are the mismatched lovers; the ostracized Goody-Two-Shoes and the hub of the in crowd, respectively. And their grand romance, ill-starred but inspirational, generates about the same warmth and passion as a TV evangelist with his hand out. Peter Coyote, Daryl Hannah; directed by Adam Shankman. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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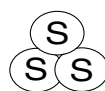
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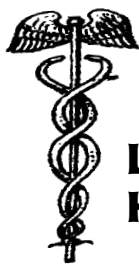
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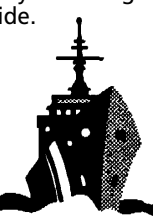


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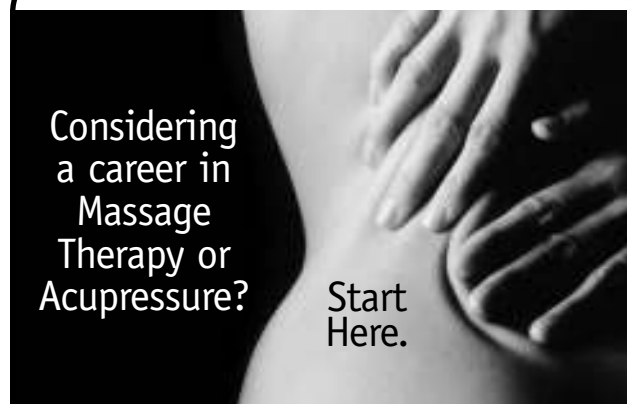
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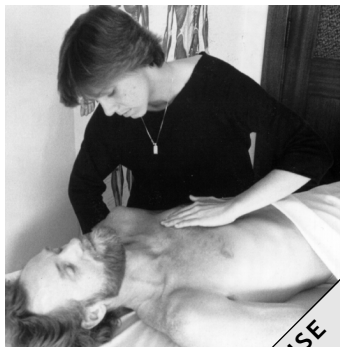
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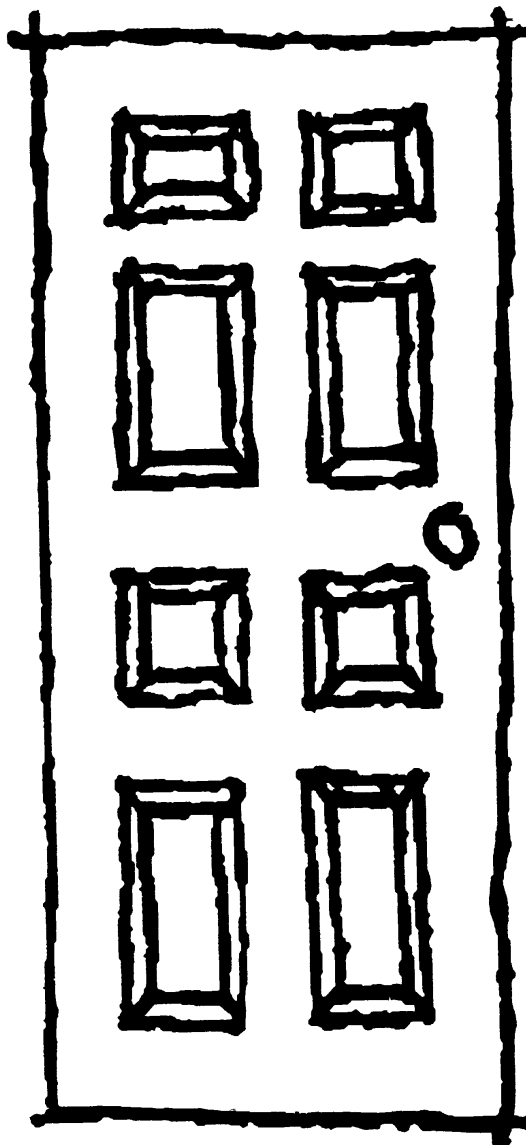
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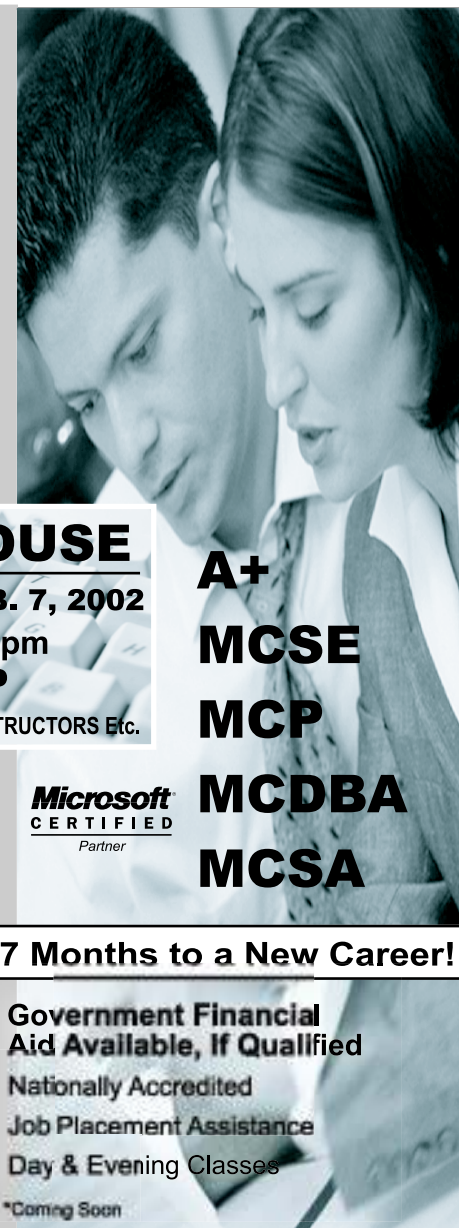


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Kyle Hook
Attorney
New York City

It's hard to say; I live in Manhattan and I don't own a car. The last time I had a car was two years ago, and I spent a lot of money on it; that's one of the things I really miss about living in Manhattan is not having a car. Every time I see a nice car driving down the street — like a Boxter, even though they're not practical — I know I'd spend a large amount of my income on it.



Heather Walker
Waitress
Portland, Oregon

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THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- Bronx Zoo houseful
- Relative of "thud"
- Like overused gym clothes
- First name in jeans
- "Vega\$" star Robert
- Leave out
- She ruled England from 1558-1603
- Nick and Nora's dog
- "Entertainment Tonight" figures, for short
- Furthest back
- Wasser in the winter
- Big dachshund features
- V-J Day ended it
- Hydromassage facility
- School in New Rochelle, N.Y.
- "Dig in!"
- Automatic phone feature
- Lock of hair
- Not hold one's tongue
- Car opener?
- Ontario city
- Regret
- College entrance exams
- Pi follower
- Part of the Constitution covering judicial powers
- Ancient colonnade
- E or G, e.g.
- Department that's associated with checks and balances
- Noted small-plane maker
- Window ledge
- Movie in which the Starship Enterprise lands in San Francisco
- Sit (for)
- Give ____ (heed)
- Singles bar icebreaker
- Hold back
- Show of contempt
- "Just ____!"

Down

- Knighted Guinness
- Soccer icon
- "Who knows what ____ lurks..."
- Small, medium or large, e.g.
- Go down
- Begin to dominate?
- Baltic country: Abbr.
- More sore
- Where one might vanish into
- Wanders
- The Pointer Sisters' "____ Excited"
- Peaches have them but

- pears don't
- Province, to the French
- The third man?
- More sere
- Swing in the breeze
- Value
- "You're ____ talk!"
- Tabula ____
- Company built on the profits of Pong
- Egyptian peninsula
- Actress LuPone
- "Oh, were it not true!"
- "Believe ____ not!"
- Ricky portrayer on TV
- Emulates Babe Ruth
- Hockey disk
- Turns on
- Democracy participant
- Textile pattern
- Ogling sort
- Massachusetts town in an Arthur Miller play
- Recipe amts.
- Kind of gear
- If not
- Responsive to the helm, in nautical lingo
- TV actress Ward
- Weekends in the Alps, perhaps
- Shop opening time
- Tours with?
- Abbr. usually followed by a number

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- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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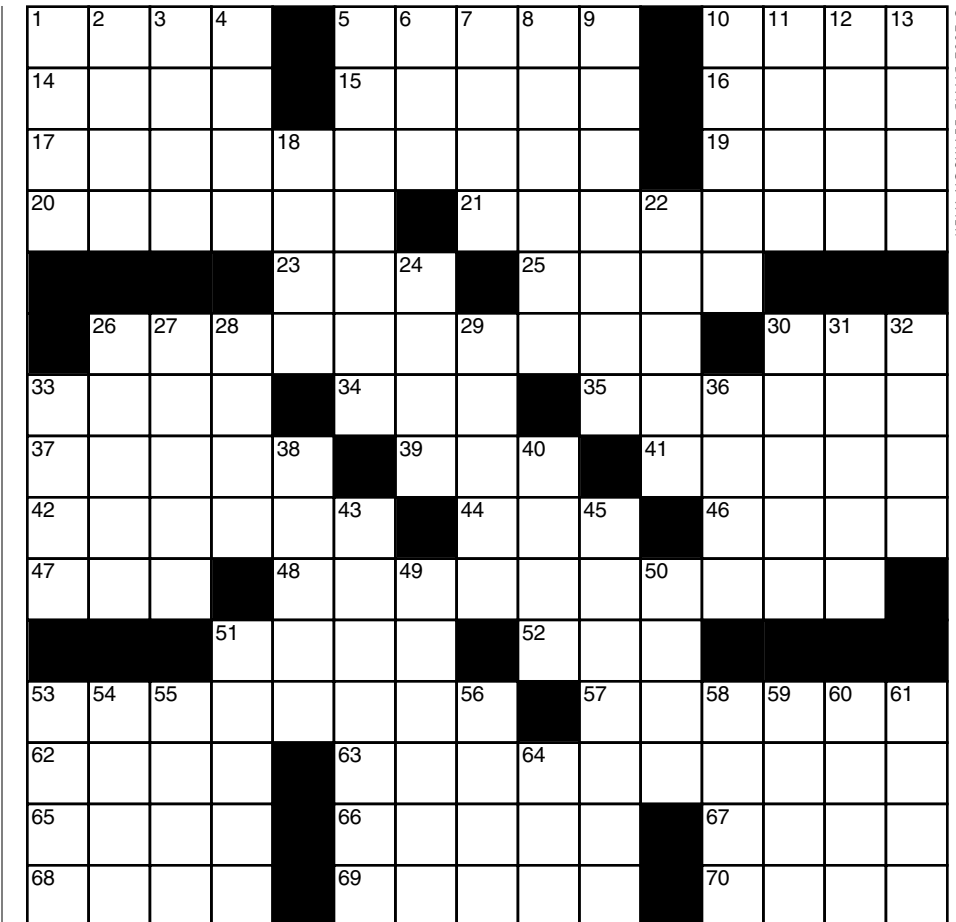
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YOU'RE THE ONE: 42-54, Caucasian, nonsmoker. I'm 51, 5'6", brown/brown, size 14, larger frame. Looking for humor, dreams; gentle man to explore life together. (2/13) ☎90915

EAST COUNTY CUTIE, 47, divorced, 5' tall, average build and absolutely adorable! Work full time and can play part time. Let's talk! (2/20) ☎90949

NICE ASIAN FEMALE SEEKS a gentleman, white, thin to medium body, average plus, 35-59, plan having children. Financially se-

curity. Communication soundly and clear. No game. (2/13) ☎90867

I AM LOOKING FOR A MATURE, intelligent, caring and open-minded man. (2/20) ☎90951

FRIENDS FIRST. Love, walks at the beach, sunsets, rock'n'roll, concerts, movies, dancing. No drugs. (2/20) ☎90952

BABY BLUES AND DIMPLES, TOO! Seeking 40-49, monogamous, African-American gentleman. Me: 40, nonsmoking/drugs. I enjoy movies, sports, reading, traveling and going for walks. (2/20) ☎90957

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". Share love, authentic communication, fitness, community, nature, fun, endless possibilities! Share life with me, friend/life partner. (2/13) ☎90900

ARE YOU TALL AND HONEST? Do you enjoy the mountains? Are you patient, not allergic to a child or dog? I'm 6', independent, self-sufficient. (2/13) ☎90897

ATTRACTIVE, SWEET, curvaceous, 24, African-American woman seeks intelligent, humorous male friend to hang out with, maybe more. Age 21-35. Race unimportant. (2/13) ☎90873

BRILLIANT AND BEAUTIFUL (really), female, 35, 5'7", auburn mane, mom, writer, Jewish, voluptuous size 8, overeducated, witty, wise. Seeking kind, smart, nonsmoker, book lover, 30-50. (2/13) ☎90898

WHITE MAN, 21-40, sought by black female, 29, easy on the eyes, for fun times, great memories. Let's make great memories together. Military always welcome. (2/20) ☎90979

ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS platinum blonde, (resemble Suzanne Somers—Chrissy), young-looking 48, 5'6", 125lbs., seeking extremely attractive, tall, financially/emotionally secure, nonsmoking, unbad, white, faithful sweetheart. (2/13) ☎90901

SEEKING SOUL MATE. White professional, 30, vegetarian, 5'2", 145lbs., brown hair, green eyes. Enjoy movies, outdoors, romance, travel, fun evenings at home. Seeking similar interests. (2/20) ☎90954

LOVELY, EDUCATED, 46-year-old Australian lady desires attractive, spontaneous gentleman. Enjoy sports, outdoors, music, movies and drives in the countryside. No smoking. (2/20) ☎90937

CARING, 18-30, AFFECTIONATE, dependable, friendship, more. Outdoors, cooking, camping, dining, movies. Passionate, open heart, easygoing; bonfire, barbecues. Black Panama female, nonsmoking. Concerts, walk. No games. (2/13) ☎90980

AMPLE AMAZON BEAUTY! Hungry for love; thirsty for adventure. Seeking Tarzan, 30-45, to swing through life's jungle. Amaze me. (2/20) ☎90970

FULL-FIGURED, BRUNETTE beauty. Killer smile, infectious laugh. Seeking tall, mature gentleman to dance, work out, hang out, travel. Must have good sense of humor. (2/20) ☎90960

NEW TO SAN DIEGO, still trying to feel my way around. Not slim, but honest; love fun.

Are you up to the task at hand? (2/13) ☎90871

DON'T OVERLOOK THIS older/young-at-heart lady who still feels 35. 5'6", 135lbs.; laughing, happy, caring and cuddly. Looking for same. (2/20) ☎90933

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, BLONDE, 54, seeking gentleman 50-65, for walks, movies, camping, travel, tennis, dancing. Friends first. (2/20) ☎90946

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, Christian male desired by healthy, built, white female for fun, passion and sincerity. Be 38 to 48, honest, gentle, relationship minded, responsible. (2/20) ☎90928

FULL-FIGURED WOMAN, 34, Asian, 5'2", honest, sincere, caring, romantic, affectionate. Seeking a man with similar qualities for a long-term relationship. Call/e-mail. (2/13) ☎90896

BLONDES ARE SO BEIGE. Color your life with a tall, slender redhead. Be 55-64, witty, outgoing, active in mind, body, compassionate, financially, emotionally secure gentleman. (2/13) ☎90913

BLACK MALE, SUCCESSFUL, attractive, 37-42, sought by attractive, sexy, sweet, intelligent, employed brunette, 37, for dating, relationship? Let's enjoy life together. (2/20) ☎90934

AFRICAN-AMERICAN LADY searching for love/happiness. I've got the career, comfortable lifestyle, humor, age (59), youthfulness. Seeking gentleman, 50+, with similar characteristics; any race. (2/20) ☎90963

CHRISTIAN, PATRIOTIC, active, humorous, alert, redheaded, blue-eyed, young 70ish lady trying to locate same qualities in a gentleman. Chocolate lovers a plus. (2/20) ☎90958

SEXY COSMOPOLITAN GIRL seeks accomplished urban male with culturally diverse experiences who enjoys travel, sailing, live music, theater, dancing, skating, beaches, conversation, humor, dining out. (2/13) ☎90872

WANT IT ALL? Very fit, 5'5", blue/brown, 120lbs. Work out, tennis, golf, ski, enjoy life. Not ready to simply settle. You? Exciting, sincere, successful. (2/13) ☎90914

NANCY NURSE SEEKS SAILOR who is a dog lover. Me: 45, cute, fun loving. You: Low mileage, little baggage. (2/13) ☎90881

INCURABLE ROMANTIC looking for male counterpart, 45-58 and nonsmoker. Petite lady, professional, loves dancing, cultural events, travelling, new adventures. Would like to meet you. (2/20) ☎90944

GERMAN, LONG BLONDE HAIR, green eyes, very good-looking, passionate, humorous, easygoing, seeking handsome, tall, educated, financially secure, quality male, kind, generous. 35-45. (2/20) ☎90925

ADVENTURE IS FOR ME. You are athletic, adventurous, ambitious, artistic, attractive, great listener, communicator, sensual, serious, intelligent, deep, interesting, spiritual, confident, strong, affectionate, romantic. (2/20) ☎90943

HAPPILY ENCMBERED, divorced mom, 45, seeking nice guy for casual dating. Enjoy movies, theatre, concerts, Padres, art, exotic, foods, gardening, walking, travel. No drugs/smoking. (2/20) ☎90930

PROUD, SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 32, 5'6", 120lbs., down to earth with vices but honest. Like motorcycles, heavy metal, the beach and mountains. (2/20) ☎90955

LONG, LIGHT HAIR, BIG BLUE EYES, 46, 5'8", 120lbs. Seeking tall earth-sigmate, 46-56, for adventure, travel, love and laughter. Sincere, educated, Obsecian. (2/20) ☎90945

DO YOU BELIEVE in miracles? Daydreams may be accomplished when there are two. 70, young, adventurous, laugher. I live today, not afraid of tomorrow. (2/13) ☎90893

BRITISH MESSIANIC JEW. Pretty face, shapely body, long legs. Love music, dance, art, theater, travel and fine dining.

Seeking loyal, kind, best friend/husband, 40-70. (2/13) ☎90918

LET'S TALK. ANIMATED, attractive, petite, fit, professional brunette for possible long-term relationship wants handsome, fit professional; enjoys dining, movies, laughing; energetic, outdoors, genuine. 37-50. (2/13) ☎90880

GRINGA EVANGELICA busca equivalente caballeroso. Que tenga 26-34 años. Sea generoso, humilde, ambicioso, chistoso, romántico, culto, bilingue, alto. Soy alta/delgada, pelo rubio, ojos azules. (2/20) ☎90978

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL, Spaniard, 50, 5'7", 135lbs., active, fit, brunette, nonsmoker, seeking educated gentleman for friendship. (2/20) ☎90975

Are You A Godly Man?
Would you like to be? I believe we are happiest when we serve others. Exciting woman, 53, beautiful inside/out, seeks you for a journey of giving. (2/13) ☎90885

FEMALE, 38, SPIRITUAL, nonsmoker, single mom, seeking male, 40-49. Like to share dinner, movies and music. If you share the same interest, let's talk. (2/13) ☎90840

Down To Earth
Aquarius, 39, white female, blonde, 5', loves the beach, roller blades, dining out. You: 6', older, active, childless, want a monogamous relationship. Friends first. (2/20) ☎90974

SURFER GIRL SEEKS SURFER GUY, 28-35. No smoking, no drugs, no kids. Fun, educated, professional, friendly, honest, respectful, open minded. (2/20) ☎90927

BLUE-EYED BEACH CHICK, hip and smart, seeks adventurous guy to make me laugh, buy me dinner. Take me down to Mexico, Rosarito, Baja California... (2/20) ☎90941

NUBIAN PRINCESS, happy, healthy and pretty wise. Woman, 35, 5'10", desires man who's secure, loves to smile, laugh and learn. 25-40, good communicator plus. (2/20) ☎90977

ATTRACTIVE, FIT, OUTGOING, independent white lady seeking genuine, grounded, secure white male, 50+, social drinker, nonsmoker. For friendship, theatre, dining, laughs; loves animals. (2/13) ☎90864

SUPER SENIOR! ATTRACTIVE, tall, female, witty, adventurous, seeks gentleman, white, educated, who walks; enjoys cultural, fun trips, shows. Let's explore the possibility of relationship now. (2/20) ☎90964

FOREIGNER, VERY ATTRACTIVE, petite, green eyes, slim, shapely, highly educated, 46, professional, seeks gentleman, educated, professional, fit, handsome, 5'10"+, white; monogamous relationship. 45-50. (2/20) ☎90923

SENSUAL, ADVENTURE-LOVING white lady, 5'6" trim, attractive, no dependents, enjoys cooking, outdoors; seeks tall, healthy 55-65 who wants to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (2/20) ☎90929

GREAT LEGS, EXCITING, white female, nonsmoker, no baggage, lifestyle rich and famous, jeans to silk, fine wine, equal please. 55 to 65. Boating, travel; semiretired. (2/13) ☎90865

30, FEMALE, OCEAN BEACH area. Tall and blonde. Family and friends important. Seeking someone nice, funny, responsible and attractive to have a nice relationship with. (2/20) ☎90956

DEGREED, TALL, SEXY, voluptuous, intelligent, down-to-earth black beauty seeking intelligent, down-to-earth male, attractive, 6'3" or taller. Age 34-40. Race unimportant. (2/13) ☎90862

ARE YOU READY for intelligence, beauty, honesty, fun, spontaneity, travel, music, theatre, sports? Seeking handsome, confident, communicative, successful and emotionally

ready gentlemen. Is that you? (2/20) ☎90935

BLACK, ADORABLE, SWEET female, educated, 5'4", 123lbs., resides North County, from Midwest, 48, artistic; seeks confident male, 45-60 years, educated, giving, secure, kind. Any race. (2/20) ☎90972

APARTMENT MANAGER, bored, seeking smoker, 57+, beard, boots, nondrinker, flexible. I'm 57, 190lbs., widowed smoker. Like country music, talking, kick-back attitude, spontaneous, weekends. Coffee? (2/13) ☎90899

MEXICAN, ATTRACTIVE, 40+ lady, medium built, sassy, gregarious, intelligent, funny, no children, outgoing, professional, enjoys conversation, movies, theater, trips, museums. You: 38+, outgoing, dancer, honest. (2/13) ☎90879

LOOKING FOR GORGEOUS, chiseled, dark hair, blue eyes, 30s; won't settle for second best. Interview through friend. I'm princess looking for knight in shining armor. (2/20) ☎90948

PRETTY BLONDE, classy, curvaceous, fun loving, active, young attitude, 40s, seeks funny, positive, generous, David Duchovny look-alike, red wine, new restaurants, being active, healthy. (2/13) ☎90891

BLACK PROFESSIONAL interested in meeting black male for weekend fun. Someone who enjoys dining, dancing. Must have sense of humor, honest, sincere, can hold conversation. (2/20) ☎90976

BEAUTIFUL, UNFORGETTABLE woman in her young 50s. Seeking attractive, kind, caring man to share the rest of our years as best friends. 50 to 60. (2/20) ☎90921

CHRISTIAN, DYNAMIC, single black woman, seeking Christian, intuitive, intelligent, hardworking, fun, single male who has integrity and pride. Inquire within. I'm 29. You: Over 21. (2/13) ☎90905

ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, sensational, exotic, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. You're fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous white professional, 35-53. Let's enjoy food, music and more. (2/20) ☎90892

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus-size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic. (2/20) ☎90924

JEWISH, CASUAL, CLASSY, sophisticated, attractive, slender, smart, kind, sensitive, joie de vivre, seeks mensch, 40s-50. Nonsmoker. Friends first. Manners count. Let's explore our roots. (2/20) ☎90967

ONLY A CALL AWAY to meeting a nice, happy, attractive blonde, 43. White lady seeks well-adjusted man looking for me. Dads OK. North County. (2/20) ☎90922

FUN GIRL (24) LOOKING FOR interesting guy to meet. Love dive bars, pubs, dancing, foreign films and travel. Looking for fun. (2/13) ☎90917

WHITE, GOOD-LOOKING, employed with nice lifestyle, 5'1", 120lbs., looking for white, single, stable, unencumbered, honest, gentleman, mid-40s-late 50s, to share quality times. (2/20) ☎90966

CLASSY LADY, 53, interested in making new friends who would enjoy dining out, plays, movies, concerts, walks, sharing. Maybe romance in the future. (2/13) ☎90876

FRIEND OF BILL W. Christian, 39, Italian massage therapist, RN, mom, 5'9", great legs, smile. Brown/brown. Love beach, movies, conversation, romance, honesty. Poway. (2/13) ☎90870

SINGLE CHRISTIAN MOM, 43, seeking honest, sincere, intelligent, tall, emotionally/financially secure man for friendship. Enjoy dining out, theater, movies, music, beach, exercise and more. (2/20) ☎90936

VALENTINE SPECIAL. This coupon good for one romantic evening without the kids. I like my food weak and my men spicy; 40-something. (2/13) ☎90869

REDHEAD, MOONCHILD, SLIM, trim, adventurous, outgoing, seeks multifaceted, attractive, fit gentleman, 45-50; likes travel, events, outdoors, hiking, plays. Nonsmoker. (2/20) ☎90940

FUN, ROMANCE, WALKS, DINING out. 50, white female looking for gentleman who loves family, grandkids, weekend fun, committed relationship. (2/13) ☎90863

LOTS OF FUN! Latina, 26, hazel/black, seeking open-minded, outgoing man, 26-30. Enjoy guitar, music, motorcycles, concerts, anything outdoors. Love to party! You game? (2/20) ☎90931

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 50, seeks romantic, kind, sincere, caring, down-to-earth, single black male, 38-50, for dating and friendship. (2/13) ☎90875

HOTTIE WANTED! You: Good-looking, nice body, white, 21-34, 5'11"+. Fire-fighter/police officer plus! Me: Pretty brunette, beautiful legs, sensual, passionate, fun, exciting! (2/13) ☎90889

CLASSY, EUROPEAN, ATTRACTIVE, warm, sensual, fun, energetic, outgoing, spontaneous, adventurous, emotionally/fi-



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nancially secure, romantic, passionate lady seeking successful, honest, stable gentleman, professional, 40-50, for romance. (2/20) ☎90939

EBONY FEMALE PROFESSIONAL looking for professional, ivory 5'10"+, 45-58, honest, wanting a friend, partner, lover. This ebony, 5'8", 50, 155lbs., looking for a friend. (2/20) ☎90968

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, NATURAL blonde woman with nice shape/curves, in early 40s, seeking friendship/companionship of tall attractive, secure, active man around the same age. (2/20) ☎90938

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM FEMALE professional seeking committed relationship with charming, attractive, 5'8"+, trim male to enjoy life's adventures, intelligent conversations, hiking, dancing, plays, jazz and more. (2/20) ☎90938

VOLUPTUOUS, SWEET, PRETTY, raven-haired maiden seeks honest, tall, funny, smart, down-to-earth gentleman to show me that chivalry is alive and well. (2/20) ☎90932

HANDSOME, SUCCESSFUL BLACK male, 37-42, sought by attractive brunette, 37. Me: Sweet, caring, sexy, intelligent, adventurous, employed. Seeking same for dating/relationship or? (2/13) ☎90888

HISPANIC LOOKING FOR 32-38, brown/blue, college grad who's financially stable and loves animals, Baja camping, sushi, outdoors. Nonsmoker, never married, no children for now. (2/13) ☎90841

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s. Outgoing, adventurous. Movies, dining, sports, weekend getaways, comedy clubs. Seeking tall, outgoing, professional, secure, romantic, fun-loving man for friendship/relationship possibilities. (2/13) ☎90909

RUGGED MOTORCYCLE adventurer, 6'+ wanted. Smart, attractive, active, healthy, entrepreneurial lady seeks wonderful rider. Kind, warm, athletic. Friendship and then long term possible. Laughter essential. (2/20) ☎90973

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, great legs, sexy, easygoing, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (2/20) ☎90965

SOCIAL, FUN, FIT, adventuresome, pretty, late 30s (looks late 20s) seeks hon-

orable, mindful, appreciative gentleman. Self-confident, relaxed, with a good heart/soul. Nice body. (2/13) ☎90907

FUN, VIVACIOUS, GOOD SENSE of humor, gorgeous eyes, great skin, pretty, 40s blonde seeks 40s-early 50s pal. Chatting, dining, dancing, adventure, great times. (2/13) ☎90883

CHRISTIAN SEEKING MR. RIGHT, successful, good-looking, upscale, soul mate. Pretty, petite, 45, homeowner for committed relationship. Only serious respond. No couch potatoes. (2/13) ☎90882

MAN OF DISTINCTION DESIRED: 45-55, 6'+, Caucasian, for passionate adventures with sexy, smart brunette, 5'4", 38, proportioned, sensuous curves. Love books, arts, big hands, heart. (2/13) ☎90902

SENSUAL, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, 53, long blonde/blue, 5'2", curvy, seeks honest, confident, degreed, successful, over 5'8", selective, special man for our best relationship ever! (2/13) ☎90920

SLENDER, BLUE-EYED BLONDE, 47, 5'4", 110lbs., nice legs, fit, enjoys life, people, independent professional, educated; seeks tall, 5'10"+, fit, happy, financially secure. (2/13) ☎90916

EUROPEAN-BORN AND RAISED, multilingual female, very young 56, attractive, active, bright, seeking lifetime adventure with very successful, degreed male professional, nonsmoker. Age not important. (2/20) ☎90959

VALENTINE'S NIGHT, dino/wine. If you're lovable, call. Seeking stable professional. If you kiss softly, you're it. She likes coffee, candlelight, bay, bonfires, sunsets/beach. (2/13) ☎90866

CLASSY, SASSY, BLUE JEANS, short skirts. Walks, talks, dancing, travel, loving. 5'5", 57, athletic body, smart, pretty red-head. Fun-loving lady ready to get serious. (2/13) ☎90912

VERY ATTRACTIVE, WARMHEARTED, 57", 40-something, optimistic professional seeks well-educated male, 45-58, with intellectual/cultural interests, friends, ethics, humor and a sense of perspective. (2/13) ☎90910

PRETTY BLACK LADY, 42, who has been told looks like Natalie Cole, seeking special man, 6' or taller, for special relationship. No kids, no drugs. (2/13) ☎90886

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

CHRISTIAN, HANDSOME, humorous, 45, 5'11", 180lbs., childless, loves dining, movies, laughing, joking, honesty, openness. You: Christian, attractive, fit, similar interests, fun, happy. Children OK. (2/20) ☎20979

GOOD COMMUNICATOR, SENSUAL, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful, early 50s. You: 35 to 45, nice figure, childless, North County. (2/20) ☎20936

SEARCHING FOR A FRIEND, any race, to spend some intimate moments with. I am 5'11", 210lbs., athletic, black, attractive, intelligent, unconventional, impulsive, spontaneous, career professional. (2/13) ☎20887

TOO TALL FOR YOU? 6'7", active, fit, youthful 40s, emotionally/financially secure, seeks smart, good-hearted woman with sense of humor a must. (2/13) ☎20849

I'M 75 YEARS YOUNG. Searching for that one special woman to be my best friend and soul mate. I'm active physically, mentally and almost content. (2/13) ☎20858

IMAGINATIVE ARTIST, 37, tall, blue-eyed gentleman. Successful designer/entrepreneur. Love exotic adventure/travel, vintage cabernet, southwestern cuisine. Seeking imaginative lady for unique adventures. Interested? (2/13) ☎20902

HANDSOME, SMART, FUNNY. I am 6', 179lbs., good career, no kids, like to go out, walk. I am 29. Looking 22 to 38. (2/20) ☎20940

I'M LOOKING FOR A WONDERFUL woman. I'm 54 years old, 5'9", easygoing and a hopeful romantic. I'm spiritual, creative and happy. A light drinker. (2/13) ☎20885

SEEKING ASIAN FEMALE, intelligent, attractive, healthy, sense of humor, Caucasian male, 37, would like to meet slender, attractive Asian female, 27-38, with similar qualities. (2/20) ☎20974

ATTRACTIVE, SENSITIVE, white boy, 32, 5'8", enjoy surfing, running, snowboarding,

hard rock, movies and going out. Seeking sweet, attractive girl, 20-39. Looking for fun. (2/20) ☎20998

HISPANIC, HEALTHY HUNK, 40s, 5'11", Virgo, seeking slim, sensuous, smart blonde for building a great love. Independent and liberal are a plus. (2/13) ☎20874

ME? A TALL, HANDSOME, successful black male with a great sense of humor looking to meet a female partner-in-crime. (2/20) ☎20982

SOUTHERN TRANSPLANT seeks passionate lady; age/race unimportant. Me: 6'1", 210lbs., brown/blue, professional, single white male. Wicked sense of humor! 38, but look 37. (2/20) ☎20993

HISPANIC SINGLE FATHER. Down-to-earth man with good values seeking that special someone for an exciting life. Are you the one? (2/13) ☎20855

REMEMBER WHEN YOU HAD YOUR first crush? Well, I'm your last crush. Black, handsome 35 seeks shapely, affectionate, beautiful, second runner-up OK. Race open. (2/20) ☎20939

HARLEYS, SUNSHINE, FUN, 50 years, 200lbs., handsome, honest, hazel, etc. You: 35-50, proportionate, attractive, honest, etc. All calls answered respectfully. No head games. (2/13) ☎20913

WHITE MALE, 59, RETIRED, secure, blue/grey, casual, seeking woman for a movie or a dinner now and then. Be sincere, honest and warm. (2/20) ☎20971

ATTRACTIVE FEMALE, 25-40, desired for long-term relationship. Must be affectionate, loving, caring. Me: 43, 5'11", 165lbs., attractive, athletic, professional, family-minded, homeowner, without baggage. (2/20) ☎20985

CRAZY DESIGNER LOOKING for cool Latina woman, 25 to 45, to share creative adventures. (2/13) ☎20877

CONSCIOUS WOMAN SOUGHT by tall, easygoing black professional. You are 28-40, intelligent, attractive, open minded and desirous of a special relationship. Call me. (2/20) ☎30010

WITTY, ROMANTIC, TRUE, 45 years, white, nonsmoker, 5'9", social drinker, intelligent, poetic, recreational, financially secure, sensual, playful, personally religious, kind-

hearted, emotionally available, communicative, listener. (2/13) ☎20911

YOU ARE TALL, SLIM, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active, vegetarian and have celebrated between 45 and 58 birthdays. Me too. (2/20) ☎20949

MY PUZZLE IS MISSING ONE piece. Tall, Caucasian, professional, 33, fit, athletic, adventurous and witty, seeks sweet, sensual, intelligent, visually pleasing Asian lady for completion. (2/13) ☎20912

SEXY ASIAN LADY? Me: 52, 5'6", 145lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, fit, generous, handsome, passionate. You: Slim, shapely, cute, playful, unattached, faithful. (2/13) ☎20890

WHITE MALE, 39, LOOK 30, 5'8", 138lbs., green/brown, honest, caring, sensitive, educated, funny, seeks soul mate in 18-45, height/weight proportionate, nonsmoking, childless female. (2/13) ☎20907

DESIRE YOUR ATTENTION. Reciprocal, astute, decent-looking 45 for romantic, sensual woman, 35-60ish, smart and sarcastic. Dining, dancing, movies, some sports. Conversational on many topics. (2/20) ☎20963

BIG BLUE EYES, 45, 5'10". Honest, practical, humorous, fit. Seeking good-looking, divorced woman with kid. Weekends, social dancing and walks are fun. 32-42. (2/20) ☎20927

TEDDY BEAR, BLACK, TALL, handsome, very easygoing and down to earth, seeking a nice, full-figured female, any race, for a friendship or relationship. (2/20) ☎20929

DANCING AND ROMANCING: Cuddle nut seeking soul mate. You must be very physical and communicative. Love dancing, quiet time, the outdoors, dining and theater. (2/20) ☎20961

ASIAN FEMALE DESIRED. Attractive white male, 45, professional, well built, athletic, seeks very attractive female, 34-42, professional, fit, athletic, jazz music; quality relationship. North County. (2/13) ☎20881

VERY ATTRACTIVE, LEAN, relentless, sexy, 6'2", wealthy, seeks tough, brainy, pretty woman, 30-40; intellect, heart, humor and creativity a must. Travel, workouts, yoga, inner growth. (2/20) ☎20968

AFFECTIONATE FAMILY MAN looking for relationship with shared interests in gardening, cooking, jazz, kids, creativity, humor, art and romance. Homeowner, 42. (2/20) ☎20948

LOOKING FOR LOVE, companion, life partner, commitment. 52, divorced white male, 5'8"; look, feel, act, younger; friendly, easygoing, varied interests. Call, we'll talk about you. (2/13) ☎20868

6'2", 195lbs., BLOND/BLUE, handsome, financial professional—day, rock lead guitarist—night. Humorous, honest, loyal, athletic, romantic. Seeking 5'7", 125lbs., 30-35, sincere, very attractive lady. (2/13) ☎20904

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. I'm a sweet-hearted black male looking for a sweet-hearted young lady to become friends with and hopefully more. Talk to you soon. (2/13) ☎20889

PICTURE THIS! A clean-cut Hispanic, short dark hair, brown eyes, 35, 5'11", 165lbs., searching for a nice lady, 24-37, to romance. Race is unimportant. (2/20) ☎30009

DRAMA-FREE, GOOD-LOOKING, white male, 47, 5'8", 160lbs., hopeful romantic, ready, willing, able for relationship/commitment, seeks willing, attractive, slim white female, 30-45. Call. (2/20) ☎20964

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HANDSOME, FIT, SENSUAL, honest, good-natured man seeking under 45, trim soul mate. Grounded, loving, attractive. Share enjoying adventure, life, together. Travel, dining movies and? (2/20) ☎20928

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SPIRITUAL, METAPHYSICAL, black vegetarian male who is remembering to be consciously present and is open to meeting a woman, 26-36, moving in the same direction. (2/13) ☎20864

REFORMED WORKAHOLIC, no children, 5'10", 49, good listener, humorous, affectionate, successful. Seeking 40s, slender, intelligent, easygoing, fun-loving partner. Music, barbecues, hiking, movies, wine tasting. (2/13) ☎20915

6'2", EYES BLUE; I could be one for you. Nice guy, fun, slim, athletic, educated professional. Enjoy surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, dining, music, kids. Seeking slim 30+; friends first. (2/13) ☎20906

BUSINESSMAN, SAILOR, best friend! Live on a boat in Mission Bay. Remodeling. Like walking, biking, reading, hugging, talking and my grandkids. 5'11", 220lbs., 61, humorous. (2/13) ☎20871

COMPOSER, MUSICIAN, producer, 53, blonde, 5'9", 200lbs., emotionally secure, a one-girl guy, seeks a loving, nonsmoking lady to share life with. (2/20) ☎30005

RETIRED USMC, ACTIVE, divorced, educated, Deadhead. Like Baja, camping, travel. Financially secure. Seeking female, 25-40. Me: 6', 190lbs., Caucasian, bilingual, Vietnam vet, prefer Latina. (2/20) ☎20955

LIKE HILLCREST CINEMA films? 30, tall, slim/fit, attractive, dark features, educated, thoughtful, playful, fun, funny, adventurous, homeowner. Likes: Arts, indie films/music, humor, laughter. (2/13) ☎20886

31-YEAR-OLD SWEETHEART seeking my soul mate. I'm a 5'5" tall, 125lb., light-skinned Latino. I am smart, sensitive, and very caring and loving. (2/20) ☎20984

AQUARIUS, 42, 5'11", 165lbs., brown/blue, easygoing, athletic, childless, investor, awaits bubbly, thin, pretty, nonsmoking lady who enjoys outdoor activities. (2/13) ☎20885

BE MY VALENTINE. Romantic, honest gentleman, healthy nonsmoker, caring, communicative, affectionate, humorous. Seeking 45ish, thin, loving, dress-wearing lady for idyllic, enchanting weekends. (2/13) ☎20908

ROMANTIC HEART, BLACK MALE, fitness trainer, very caring, husband material, seeks very attractive female, 25-35, fit, slim, sexy and serious. (2/20) ☎20995

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s. (2/13) ☎20909

COMMUNICATIVE, ROMANTIC, newcomer, professional, white Christian, 55, 6'2", 185lbs. Easygoing, creative, well-balanced, nonsmoker. You: 39-56, height/weight proportionate, happy, emotionally/physically healthy, positive, commitment minded, spontaneous, loyal. Thank you. (2/20) ☎20972

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, successful man, 49, seeks attractive, athletic woman. Good guy to hang with. (2/13) ☎20918

HELLO. Are you looking for someone special that's funny, loves to cuddle, have lots of fun? 29-50. Call me and meet for coffee, drinks. 6'4". (2/20) ☎20977

EASYGOING, YOUNG 46-year-old, health professional seeking partner for arts, dining, hiking, travel, movies, sunsets, quiet times. 5'7", 165lbs., North County. Humor a plus. (2/13) ☎20847

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LOOK LIKE HOWIE MANDEL— with hair! Jewish nonsmoker, 45, 5'10", fit, down to earth, attractive, sensitive, romantic, mature, homeowner, seeks permanent relationship, caring female, 30-42. (2/13) ☎20880

HARLEY WOMAN WANTED. Ride own bike? Great! Passengers accepted. Gainfully employed, race open, 40 to 53. No smoking/drugs/alcohol. Possible long-term relationship. (2/20) ☎20953

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED with or without herpes for a tall, dark and handsome Italian knight in a shining Mercedes for fun and romance. See Internet. (2/20) ☎30008

30s-SOMETHING MOM wanted by tall, athletic, handsome teacher/dad with moustache. You're nonsmoking, intelligent, long-haired beauty, fun, secure, adventurous, who's perfect like for me! (2/20) ☎20994

HALF, HALF AND HALF! 6'4", 195lbs., 55 years. Seeking sincere, alive, not self-centered girlfriend. Culture open. Jeans to little black dress. Jerk chicken to prime rib. Billy Idol to Bobby Caldwell. Not perfect but in shape! North County. (2/13) ☎20842

AM I TOO LATE? Attractive 48, never married, fit, fun, bright, best friend, looking for younger good heart, start family. Call for details. (2/20) ☎20954

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL, young 50s guy seeks woman for surfing, beach and simple lifestyle with few complications. I have lots of free time. (2/20) ☎20959

OCEANSIDE, 44, WHITE MALE, 5'7", 160lbs., seeking white or Hispanic female for long-term relationship, romantic love. Two become one. Dreams do come true. (2/13) ☎20876

HANDSOME, QUALITY, exciting, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., retired and looking share my beach paradise, laughter and romance with you: Slim beauty, 28-40. (2/13) ☎20901

NORTH COUNTY, Catholic dad, humorous, golfer, skier, passionate, honest, 40s, 5'8", 195lbs., brown eyes and hair, seeking similar likes and interests. Be flexible, giving, honest. (2/13) ☎20866

SUCCESSFUL, 38, 5'7", well-rounded and thoughtful guy. Into all sports including running, tennis, biking and golf; movies, reading, theater and entertaining. Well travelled. Homeowner. (2/20) ☎20958

THE BRAIN SEEKS A PINKY. Why? To try and take over the world, that's why. INTJ seeks ENTP. Prince not-so-charming realist. (2/20) ☎20980

HARD BODY AND BLUE EYES, single white male, 5'10", 160lbs., 45 years old, nonsmoker, no children, secure, trustworthy, seeks Asian sweetheart for friendship and dating. (2/13) ☎20905

YOUR VOICE IS HOW I'LL think of you: Your emotional tones in our conversations, the insights that you share with me, your laugh. (2/20) ☎20947

CHINA DOLL WANTED TO SHARE fun, frolic and more. Tall male Caucasian, 6'3", looking for attractive Chinese beauty, 30-45 years old. Extra points if tall. (2/20) ☎30003

SENIOR GENTLEMAN, would like to meet lady for companionship and maybe more. Johnny. (2/13) ☎20899

DOWN-TO-EARTH, NORMAL, middle-aged lady (40s-50s) sought by normal, middle-aged guy (6'2", 200lbs., trim) for fun, listening and committed relationship. Please call. (2/20) ☎20932

POWAY, FUN, HEALTHY, attractive, white, 52, 5'9", short gray hair, hazel eyes, clean shaven, 180lbs., romantic, loving gentleman. No baggage, great job. Indoor/outdoor activities. (2/20) ☎20975

Movie Critic

Well, almost. Attractive white male just turned 50 in October, 5'11", brown hair, green eyes. Down to earth, stable, romantic, affectionate, good sense of humor, nonsmoker, no drugs, no baggage, dog lover. Searching for that special lady who still believes life and love can be like it is the movies: Age and race are open. Long-term relationship and/or marriage possible. (2/13) ☎20922

BLACK MALE, 40, SEEKING full-figured black woman for conversations, movies, music, closeness, quiet time, walks on the beach, long-term relationship. Age between 30-55. (2/20) ☎30001

LET'S MEET FOR A pina colada! Single white male likes the Internet, Chinese food, movies, dogs, evenings at home. Seeking female with similar interests. (2/13) ☎20859

HANDSOME LATINO GENTLEMAN, very affectionate, caring, honest, romantic, single dad. Seeking Hispanic beauty, 42-50, tall, romantic, affectionate. Single moms OK. Me: 6', South Bay homeowner. (2/20) ☎20931

HEALTHY, WEALTHY, WISE, humorous, fit, nonpretentious, love hiking, camping, biking, jogging, beach walking, volunteering, traveling, workouts, tennis. Seeking similar female, nonsmoker, under 40. (2/20) ☎20962

LOVABLE, ROMANTIC, adventurous. Financially secure, fit, 5'11", semiretired, excellent health, handsome. Weekend getaways, dancing, sports car events. Female counterpart. 49+, trim, passionate, affectionate, selective. (2/13) ☎20900

Plus-Size Beauty

White male, 51, open-minded, humorous, romantic, honest, sincere and interested in an ample, voluptuous companion and our future happiness together. (2/20) ☎20923

VOLUPTUOUS, FULL-FIGURED, beautiful, shapely female—North County, handsome, romantic male, 45, degreed, seeks you for dating, romance, possible relationship. All answered. (2/20) ☎20973

GREAT CATCH, 48, HANDSOME, fit, white male, loves adventure. Walk with cane. Seeking pretty, slim, open-minded, 30-

something white female. I'm happy. Want same. (2/20) ☎30006

HOME ALONE DOWNTOWN. Disabled man, 50s, afraid, seeks female volunteer as friend and companion: Slim, uninhibited, student, nurse, dietician; conversation, lunch, dinner, pool. Please call. (2/13) ☎20843

HERPES CONFIDENTIAL: 34, Caucasian, tall, dark and hot male looking for that needle in a haystack. Do you like good food, outdoors, conversation? Let's talk. (2/13) ☎20857

KINDHEARTED, CARING WHITE gentleman, 43, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (2/13) ☎20910

ADVENTURE, FUN, FROLIC! Lady, 35 to 50, fit, secure, available, attractive, balanced in affairs for same male, 40s, 6', athletic, professional. Travel, boating, motorcycles. (2/13) ☎20878

CAUCASIAN, 42, ACCOMPLISHED fit, communicative, educated, speaks French/Spanish; enjoys hiking, camping, dancing, motorcycles, mountain biking, sailing, gardening, traveling, wine tasting. Seeking outdoorsy woman. (2/20) ☎20933

YOUNGER MAN, OLDER WOMAN. Me: 34, fit, tall, full brown hair, financially secure. Seeking 36-50, fun, fit, intelligent woman for workouts, live music, beach, dining. (2/20) ☎20976

MOUNTAINS, LAKES, FISHING, dancing, movies, quiet times, reading and sharing life's simpler offerings! Baby boomer with old-world traditional family values. Romantic, honest, caring, attentive! (2/20) ☎20926

Southern Songwriter

6'2", homeowner; country boy with a Lexus. Seeking someone with time to travel, dance, enjoy nature, passion, growth, hot springs, creativity, great music. (2/20) ☎20952

DIGITAL ARTIST GEEK looking for a life outside of computer screen. Not perfect but ready to share new experience with an honest and adventurous woman. (2/13) ☎20891

HANDSOME, STRONG, CAPABLE Spaniard, 43, 5'8", honorable, relaxed, financially secure. Enjoy outdoors, dancing, travel. Seeking unpretentious, uncomplicated, slim, nonsmoking beauty to share life/start family. (2/20) ☎30000

DEVELOPING A MEANINGFUL, monogamous, together relationship is all this 52-year-young, nice guy is searching for! Is this possible? Take a chance? (2/13) ☎20916

EYES OF FRIENDSHIP SOUGHT. Compassionate, nonaggressive and tolerant. Emphasis on being over having. Intimate communication and friendship a must. The rest will follow. (2/20) ☎20950

SUPER-SIZE, FULL-FIGURED, tall, mature lady between the ages of 35-50 for casual dates. Must be open minded and fun. Let's have fun. (2/20) ☎20944

MEDICAL DOCTOR, 39, FIT, affectionate, humorous, likes ballroom dancing, painting,

playing piano. Looking for petite, cute, sweet woman, 25-35, for long-term relationship. (2/20) ☎20967

GENEROUS WHITE MALE, 41, 5'7", 165lbs., blond/green, confident, athletic and handsome, seeks North County lady for civilized adventure and quite times. (2/20) ☎20938

ASIAN LADY, 20-31, strong minded, love sports, hold hands and quiet time. Me: 30, love sports, preschool teaching and trying new things. (2/20) ☎20930

FIT, 50 AND FINANCIALLY solvent! Seeking older, larger, voluptuous and bawdy for commitment, caring and relaxed communication. Love nature, music, fine arts and good food! (2/20) ☎20997

A HOT BOWL OF CHILI and a cold glass of milk, long winding mountain roads, the stereo on full blast. That's me. How about you? (2/13) ☎20853

BIG, BOLD-LETTERED, straightforward ad. Are you 25-32, outgoing, happy, healthy, creative and an inquisitive life explorer. I'm 30 with those qualities and more. Hello! (2/20) ☎20945

DEPENDABLE 50s MODEL with low mileage, one previous owner, many good features. Take dancing, beaches, mountains; very reliable. Looking for lifelong owner who cares. (2/13) ☎20897

DOWN-TO-EARTH, easygoing, monogamous, tall professional, 38, great sense of humor, likes movies, sports, workouts, beach; seeks active, attractive, humorous lady, 30-45. (2/20) ☎20965

SPOILED AND PAMPERED by fit, successful, fun-loving older man. Looking for a young, fun, sexy girl desiring the good life/a mutually beneficial relationship. (2/20) ☎20981

BE MY VALENTINE. 40, 6', handsome, successful lawyer/doctor looking for friendship that grows into love. Happy, playful, fit, energetic, romantic, passionate. Sail, ski, travel. (2/13) ☎20875

FIRST CLASS LIFE. Wealthy La Jolla resident seeks fun-loving, attractive, athletic partner who is also intelligent and sensual. Movies, theater, fine dining and travel. (2/20) ☎20970

LOOKING FOR YOU! Me: 35, fit, stable, secure, spontaneous, hardworking, part-time dad. Outdoor activities, cooking, conversations, snuggling, travel. You: Similar interests. Meet for coffee? (2/20) ☎20951

ASIAN LADY SOUGHT BY sincere, secure, attractive, honest, retired Caucasian gentleman, 54, for theater, dining, travel, marriage? (2/20) ☎20960

GENEROUS, FIT GENTLEMAN is seeking a young woman for fun and games. (2/20) ☎20969

HANDSOME SINGLE FATHER ready for fun, 36 years old, 6'2", 225lbs., nonsmoker seeks a fun and forgiving soul to enjoy life with. (2/20) ☎20942

CREATIVE DOCTOR, 38, TALL, Jewish, very attractive, plays guitar, piano; writes books; enjoys music, humor, reading; seeks sensi-

tive, introspective, intelligent, growth-oriented, loyal single female. (2/20) ☎20966

FULL-FIGURED WOMEN are beautiful. I'm a 38-year-old male Caucasian. Interests: Walks, outdoors, camping, beach, Baja. Friendship/more with lady 40s-50s or younger. (2/20) ☎20986

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 57, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for fun, travel, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (2/13) ☎20854

WHITE GUY, BLACK GIRL. I'm 28, 5'9", fit, honest, open mind, model type. You: Healthy, happy. Great legs a plus. Be at least 21. Thanks. (2/13) ☎20856

CUTE GIRL GUIDE NEEDED to show this Chicago boy around town. You: 21-29, fit, outgoing, funny, smart. Me: College graduate, athletic, smart, funny, storyteller, Latino. (2/20) ☎20841

DEAR MRS. GOOD AND PLENTY, I've been walking that wire between pain and desire, and looking for love in between— trying to find a lover who won't blow my cover, she's so hard to find. Signed, Dano... book 'em. (2/13) ☎20921

SEXY, ROMANTIC, single white male, 40s, enjoys dancing, travel. Athletic build, 6', blue eyes. Seeking female, fit, attractive secure, race unimportant, for dating and more. (2/13) ☎20861

BE MY VALENTINE! I'm Latin, 28, 5'7". You: Slim, attractive, sensitive, caring, passionate, romantic, sincere, honest, spontaneous, funny. Ready for love? Call me. Te amo! (2/20) ☎20957

CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL, tall, nonsmoking, North County, seeking tall, 40s, attractive, slim, shapely lady for motor home travel, golf, fishing, dining, hiking, fireside cuddling, conversation. (2/20) ☎20956

Music Of The Heart

Handsome film composer, 5'11", youthful 55, financially secure, excellent dancer, quick wit, easy smile, enjoys music, film, nature, stimulating conversation, seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (2/13) ☎20867

BE MINE! HANDSOME, FIT, fun, blue eyes, 44, seeks a quality, fit lady of natural beauty for lasting relationship. No excess baggage or couch potatoes. (2/13) ☎20852

BIG, TALL, 41-YEAR-OLD white male. Loyal perceptive and quiet. Interested in attractive, fit woman for possible long-term relationship. (2/13) ☎20879

NATIVE-AMERICAN, NORTH COUNTY, hair—long brown, spiritual nature, 52, 5'10", 185lbs., seeking active, fit woman 45 or younger. Race unimportant for healthy relationship. (2/20) ☎20925

CHRISTIAN MALE LOVES outdoors, beach, movies, kids, good food, travel. Can stay at home for family nights or just the two of us. Caucasian, attractive. (2/13) ☎20860

MENSCH PHYSICIAN, fit, down to earth, enjoy nature, travel, cultural events; kind, great communicator. Searching for similar-minded, intelligent lady, 20s-30s, long-term relationship. (2/13) ☎20882

Poems Laughter Walks

5'7", 140lbs., 38, looks much younger, very handsome, honest, silly, passionate, faithful, artistic man. You: Petite, slim, pretty, similar interests/qualities. I'm special. Are you? Kids OK. No drugs/alcohol. (2/13) ☎20898

Jumbo Shrimp

White male, 36, human paradox with huge spirit/heart, and towering 5'8" statue, seeks kind, open-minded, caring, honest, affectionate female who loves to laugh. (2/20) ☎20978

TIGGER(IFIC) WHITE MALE, divorced, adventurous, energetic, intense, offbeat, unorthodox. Prowling singles jungle: Alluring, enchanting, open-minded, uninhibited, exotic feline/fitness/wildcat, 21-35. East County. (2/20) ☎30012

IF OPPOSITES ATTRACT then I am overweight, lazy, a couch potato, high school dropout, who is too serious and never laughs. Sound good? (2/13) ☎20884

TALL, QUIET, SINGLE Christian man, 26, seeks talkative single woman with whom to follow Jesus, laugh, learn, dance and make music. (2/20) ☎20943

49, TALL, SLIM, CAUCASIAN, fun, bright, caring, thoughtful, mannered, part-time father seeks attractive gal for life's second half, North County, affectionate, nonsmoker, bright, available. (2/13) ☎20850

PLAYFUL, SENSUAL, handsome(?), intelligent, open minded, nonsmoker, youthful 52, 5'9", 170lbs., (6'19), appreciate arts, sciences, nature, humor, adventures, desires cute(?), slender, 45ish sweetheart, love forever. (2/20) ☎30004

NEW YEAR, NEW LOVE. Spiritual, open hearted, honest, intelligent, sexy, healthy, witty, adventurous, very happy with my life. Looking for partner to share it with. (2/20) ☎20999

IF YOU RESEMBLE, SOUND like or watch Roseanne, skip to next ad. You're 35-55, bright, fit, attractive; like arts, sports, travel, hugs, humor. North County. (2/20) ☎20935

CRACK FIENDS and Republicans need not apply. Male, 24, digs outdoors, art, coffee, blues. Looking for a chick who loves life to hang out with... (2/20) ☎20946

FUN-LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman looking for; nonsmoking/dark, slim, medium build, passionate, 49-50s, Caucasian for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home, love? (2/20) ☎30002

BLOND, TALL, HANDSOME, fit, athletically/musically inclined, creative, successful 48 seeks attractive, physically fit, late 30s-early 40s woman for good conversations, romance, potential relationship. (2/13) ☎20903

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56. TALL, AVERAGE BUILD, easygoing guy seeking same in woman. Blue collar type. Snuggle. Like companionship, talking. Not athletic. North Park area. No smoking/drugs. (2/20) ☎ 20983

HANDSOME, BLACK CHRISTIAN Scientist wants to date a successful, Christian Science woman. My age: 35. No racism against dating me because of the color race! (2/13) ☎ 20845

BLACK, 38, EXCELLENT shape, 6', 220lbs., cinnamon color skin, very laid-back and gentle personality, seeks sexy, easygoing, affectionate lady. (2/13) ☎ 20844

HANDSOME, SINCERE, distinguished gentleman seeking sociable, intellectual, commitment-minded woman for good times. No games. You're 28-40, appreciate nature, yoga, conversation, nights out. (2/20) ☎ 30007

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MISSION HILLS. Spanish duplex, 1 bedroom, remodeled with hip decor, garage, yard, secluded street, wood floors, new paint, laundry. Pets OK. \$900. 619-778-8888.

MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Laundry and parking. \$1250. 3671 Brant Street. 619-688-9300.

MISSION HILLS. \$750-\$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, spectacular view, pool, upstairs, elevator, breakfast bar, barbecue area, near all. No pets. 2/20. 1767 Torrance. 858-483-3534.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. Unfurnished, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, laundry. Controlled access building. All amenities. Air conditioning. Parking. No pets. 3549 Reynard Way. 619-464-1652.

MISSION HILLS. \$1800. 2 bedroom plus bonus room, 1 bath. Wood floors, fireplace, 1-car garage, laundry hookups. 4145 Falcon Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

MISSION HILLS. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, apartment, behind house, above garage, includes 1 garage space, quiet. 4147 Falcon Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

MISSION HILLS. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath on third floor. Controlled-access complex in great location. Coin laundry. 1 parking. New carpet and accessories. 4066 Albatross. Manager. 619-622-1837.

MISSION HILLS. \$1000. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome available 2/10. Balcony, on-site laundry and parking included. Close to all. 1605 Glenwood Drive (off India). No pets. Orion Property Group 619-749-6545.

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MISSION VALLEY/TIERRASANTA. Call for move-in specials! 1 bedrooms from \$940, 2 bedrooms from \$1115. Conveniently located to all major freeways, Mission/Fashion Valley shopping, downtown, trolley. Washer/dryer hookups, pools, spas, tennis, racquetball. Fitness, business center. Professional management. El Dorado Hills, 3828 Pendiente Court. 858-279-7368. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2008.

MISSION VALLEY. Move-in specials! From \$1145. 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments. On-site trolley connection. Computer niche. Spectacular kitchen. Dishwasher. Microwave. Patio/balcony. Washer/dryer. 2 pools, spas. Garages available. Fitness, business centers. Sports room. Pets OK. Archstone Mission Valley. 2288 Fenton Parkway. 100% satisfaction guarantee. mgr-mnv@archstonemail.com, 888-603-5107. www.sdreader.com/rent/1074.

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos. Brand-new 1, 2 bedroom gated community. Move-in specials! From \$1095. Spectacular views! Lush landscaping. Sparkling pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. Toll free: 1-877-317-6347. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2011.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Secure. Pool. Tennis. Jacuzzi. Great location! Huge balcony, 2 parking spaces. No pets. Available 3/1. 858-571-6111; 619-913-3223.

MISSION VALLEY. \$885, \$800 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Enclosed patio. Microwave, ceiling fan, vertical blinds. Off-street parking, laundry, small complex. 2669 Mission Village Dr. 619-725-3648

MISSION VALLEY. \$895. Hotel Circle. 1 bedroom condo. Cable, gas, water, pool, sauna, 2 spaces, security guard. Available now. No pets. 619-667-3996 or 619-708-5460.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1950. Stonecrest. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath, newer home, 2-car garage. Tile. Patio. Refrigerator, washer/dryer. Community pool, spa, tennis, gym, clubhouse. 858-467-9157.

MISSION VALLEY. Luxury apartment community. 1 bedrooms, \$875/up. 2 bedrooms \$1200/up. Move-in special: 1 bedroom, \$300 off first month. 2 bedroom, \$400 off first month. 13 laundry facilities, 2 pools, spas, tennis, racquetball, sauna, fitness center, clubhouse. Padre Gardens, 619-563-1856.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1100. Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpeting, 2-car garage, fireplace, parking. Open house Saturday/Sunday, 1pm-2pm. 4625 Texas Street. 619-595-0060.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1645. Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, garage, deck. Credit check. Ask for Selina. 858-571-8650.

MISSION VALLEY. \$780. 1 bedroom condo for rent. Large balcony, newly remodeled, new carpet, close to stadium, good location. No pets. 619-698-1132.

MISSION VALLEY. Awesome value! All the goodies! 1 and 2 bedrooms, \$1035/up. Free real estate agent. Spectrum Properties, 619-688-2101.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, totally remodeled, large enclosed patio, pool, tennis, weight room and more. Walk to trolley. Great location and price. 619-296-2787.

MISSION VALLEY. Stonecrest. \$2050. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house, 2-car garage. Washer/dryer, community, security system, pool/gym/fitness classes included. No pets/smoking. 858-336-3618.

MISSION VALLEY. Recently upgraded! 1 bedrooms, starting \$800; 2 bedrooms, starting \$1000; 3 bedrooms, starting \$1300. Close to everything! Intercom system, pool, spa, sauna, fitness center, air conditioning, private balcony/patio, controlled access garage, assigned parking, laundry. Mission Pacific Apartments. 4424 44th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com, Visit website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location. Amenities. Ceiling fans. Pool. 619-265-1645.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car attached garage. Clean, quiet. Washer/dryer. Fireplace, pool, jacuzzi. No smoking/pets. Furniture optional. 619-813-5210.

MORLEY FIELD/NORTH PARK. \$1195-\$1295. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath luxury condo. Completely remodeled with all new tile and carpet flooring, custom paint,

counters, appliances, lighting... simply awesome in a wonderful location. Washer/dryer in unit. Underground parking. Robert. 619-531-0826. www.flo.it.com.

MORLEY FIELD. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. fireplace, dining area, air conditioning, vaulted ceilings, view. Laundry on site. Assigned parking. Available immediately. Pedro. 619-295-7559.

MORLEY FIELD. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage-style homes available 3/1. Hardwood floors, fireplace. Pets OK. Washer, dryer. Nice yard. Cute. Will show Saturday, 2/9. 619-299-8604.

NATIONAL CITY. \$700. Gated, cottage community, newly remodeled 1 bedroom with beautiful patios, gated parking, manager on site. Close to shopping mall and freeways. \$200 off first month's rent. Call now for more information. 619-696-7941. www.rentinsandiego.com.

NATIONAL CITY. \$895-\$925. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, townhomes. Very spacious. Amenities. 2 balconies. Gated. No pets. Lease. Admiralty Apartments. 940 Palm View Drive. 619-336-0436.

NATIONAL CITY. \$650/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SDG&E deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Large, deluxe, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Attached garage plus space, patio, fireplace, laundry, security/intercom. North of Adams. Available 3/1. 858-547-4245.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking, Laundry. All new carpet/paint/etc. 4561 Hawley. Agent. 619-260-1368.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow-style house. Everything new. Carpet, tile, kitchen, more. Fireplace, yard, parking. Nice, safe street. View at www.pride-properties.com. 619-255-6444.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$640. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, security gated. Like new carpet. Kitchen/bath ceramic tile floors. Small private patio. Lovely landscape. Excellent credit required. 858-481-1138.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, small house. New: Carpet, tile, kitchen, more. Fireplace, yard, parking. Nice, safe street. View at www.pride-properties.com. *82. 619-804-1008.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. Triplex. 2 bedroom, new interior/appliances. Washer/dryer, gardener. Very quiet. 1 block from Adams Ave. 4579 34th St. No dogs. 619-444-2645.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950. Move-in special! 4556 36th Street. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Tile, hardwood floors. Moldings. Porch. Fenced yard. Parking. Cats on approval. 619-607-0810.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$745. Extremely clean. New paint. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Refrigerator. Stove. Fenced patio. Wood paneling and built-in bookshelves. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Easy access to I-805. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$860. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$695. 1 bedroom. Clean, well maintained. Washer, dryer, microwave, air. Parking. No pets. 4774 33rd Street. Cassidy, broker. 619-275-LIST.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$545. 1 bedroom apartment with parking space and laundry facilities. Very clean, with large closet. 4334 35th Street. Call manager for appointment, 619-563-8744.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with garage, hardwood floors, fireplace, dining room, porch and patio. 4780 Oregon Street. Agent. 619-296-3189.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large upper unit, bright, large closets, small deck, on-site laundry, parking. No pets. 3773 Ward Rd. Call 619-281-4698.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900+. Spacious, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2, 2 garage. Washer/dryer hookups. Secluded in greenery. Available March 1st. Fee. 858-581-1290.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. 1 bedrooms. Gated complex with laundry. No pets allowed. \$500 deposit. Available now. 4342 Idaho. 619-243-4000.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Large apartment, clean, quiet building. 4700 block of 32nd Street. 619-584-5904. Pager. 619-290-3860.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$975. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lovely gated building with underground parking. Microwave, air conditioning, balcony, dishwasher, laundry. No pets. Available 3/4. 4526 Illinois Street. 619-280-3867.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$650 and up. 1 and 2 bedroom garden apartments. Laundry. Off-street parking. Near freeway and bus. Agent. 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. 2 bedroom apartment. Completely remodeled, new carpet/tile. Small pet OK. Coin laundry. 3708 Monroe. XLLA. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Gated, laundry. 4652 33rd Street. www.cethron.com 619-295-1100.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment upstairs or downstairs. Clean. 4575 Idaho #4, #9. www.cethron.com 619-295-1100.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with picture window. Small fenced yard, orange tree. New paint, new carpeting. Available now. Quiet neighborhood. 619-282-3244.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Lots of closets, new paint/carpet. New appliances. Laundry on site, off-street parking, yard. Available immediately. \$725. 619-284-2700.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$675. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Very nice. Quiet gated community. 4530 40th Street. 619-284-8575.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$600. Near Kensington. Large 1 bedroom with balcony in quiet apartment complex. Beautiful courtyard with lots of trees, flowers and grass. Gates with intercom and off-street parking. All maintenance needs addressed within 24 hours. Available 2/15/02. Call Linda for appointment to view the unit. 619-548-4599.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Deposit \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Large unit in duplex. Laundry on site. 2 parking spaces. No pets. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-273-2835.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 units ranging from \$820-\$900. Large 1 bedroom loft-type units. Beautiful historic brick building. All new hardwood floors. Washer/dryer hookups as well as on-site washer/dryer. Controlled access. Large windows with natural light coming in. On-site parking. Outside common area patio for barbecuing. Summer's coming! A must see! 619-235-5601.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1100. 3326 Arthur, 1/2 block off Mountain View, 2 bedroom, fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups. Pets? Definitely must be spayed/neutered. 619-231-9369.

NORTH PARK. Beautiful high-rise. 1 bedrooms from \$775. Heat and hot water paid. Balconies with view of Coronado Bay and Downtown. Security complex with underground secure parking. Palisades Pointe, 619-297-3600.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1195-\$1295. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath luxury condo. Completely remodeled with all new tile and carpet flooring, custom paint, counters, appliances, lighting... simply awesome in a wonderful location. Washer/dryer in unit. Underground parking. Robert. 619-531-0826. www.flo.it.com.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1000 square feet, fireplace, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, 2-car garage. 4516 32nd Street. Call 619-850-8136 or 619-528-4200.

NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom. Great location. 3911 Oregon. Agent. 619-260-1368.

NORTH PARK/CITY HEIGHTS. \$635. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Deposit \$575. Fresh carpet/paint. Quiet. Laundry, parking. No pets, no smoking. 800-608-8269 x9.

NORTH PARK. \$960. 2 bedroom cozy rear house, newly decorated, fenced yard, off-street parking, shed. Near freeways, bus. No Section 8. 4261 34th. 619-583-4049.

NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. Large, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse-style apartment with new refrigerator, dishwasher, large closets, private patio and 2 reserved parking spaces. Recently renovated, very clean. Please call 619-501-5109.

NORTH PARK. \$875. 2 bedroom, upper apartment in triplex. Hardwood floors. Parking. Courtyard. Free laundry. Bright. 4045 Alabama Street. Available immediately. 619-222-9308.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$720. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated access, pool, assigned parking. Laundry facilities. Recently remodeled. No pets. Available 3/1. 3956 Texas. Call 619-298-3920.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$650. 1 bedroom in small courtyard setting. Large walk-in closets, great kitchen, laundry. Call 619-542-0977.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, upper unit, lots of windows. Assigned parking, on-site laundry. Newly remodeled. \$500 deposit. No dogs. 619-280-5461. www.flo.it.com.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom with laundry facilities. \$200 off first month's rent. Call now for more information. 619-696-7941. www.rentinsandiego.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upper unit condo. 2 balconies, 2-car garage. Laundry in unit, fireplace. Pet OK. 4025 Louisiana Street #2. 619-253-3920.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. Small 1 bedroom, \$650. Gated garden complex, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking. No pets. Close to all. 3722 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment very, very large with 2 assigned parking places. Stove, refrigerator and coin laundry. Will consider cat. Agent, no fee. 619-223-2524.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No pets. Call for more information. 619-460-5656.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1100. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Garage, fireplace, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry. No pets. Newly refurbished. Available 2/16. 4475 Arizona. Connie. 858-292-9131.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Large 2 bedroom condo. New paint, carpet, appliances. Available now. Drive by 4262 Wilson, then call agent. 619-246-8456.

NORTH PARK. \$625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4541 Texas #4. Call agent. 619-286-1503 x121.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Quiet 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry, secured, close to all. 3766 Swift Avenue. www.mckeecompany.com, McKee Asset Management. 619-435-2700.

NORTH PARK. \$950. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper corner unit. Microwave. Refrigerator. Completely renovated building. Laundry facilities. Off-street parking. No pets. No section 8. 4035 Utah. 619-683-5422.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious upper end. New carpet. 2 walk-ins. Laundry. Parking. Gated, small complex. 4275 35th Street #7. 619-295-3700.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom, air conditioning, laundry room, fireplace, off-street parking. \$400 deposit. Call 619-282-7850; 619-579-8637.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Move-in special! 1 bedroom apartments. Ceiling fan. Large closets. Laundry. Parking. Gated. Small complex. 4185 Texas Street. 619-725-3648.

NORTH PARK. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious upper apartment. Balcony. Gated. Parking. Laundry. 4036 Oregon Street #18. 619-295-3700.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1050. 1 bedroom house. New bathroom, carpet, paint, washer. Secluded private

tub, toilet, hardwood floors. Large yard. Pet OK. 619-297-2879.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Cat OK. High in the sky Hillcrest view. Keyed entry. Monitored security. Off-street parking. Laundry. Quiet small complex. Air conditioning. Newly renovated. Walk-in closet. 4218 Mississippi. For appointment, 619-546-0456.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New appliances, on site laundry. Parking. Available immediately. Call for move-in special. 619-280-2658.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit, hardwood floors and carpet. Parking. No pets. Please call 619-281-4698.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Nice 2 bedroom apartment. Upstairs. New carpet and vinyl, blinds. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. No pets. 4136 Iowa Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK/SOUTH PARK. \$975. Upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath, balcony, skylights, fireplace, dishwasher, carpet, walk-in closet, laundry, parking. No pets. 3055 Ivy Street. 619-297-1492.

NORTH PARK. \$1200+. Nice 3 bedroom, custom kitchen, hardwood floors. Secluded in greenery. Low deposit. Available March 1st. Fee. 858-581-1290.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious, immaculate, renovated apartment with character. Large rooms. New carpet/vinyl. Off-street parking, Coin laundry. Excellent location. No pets. 4109-1/2 Arizona. 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$650. Very nice, newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit with yard. New appliances, new carpet, very quiet. No pets. 619-282-8917.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$725. Two 2 bedrooms, \$850. Multiple locations. All completely redone. Some with pool. Laundry. Parking. Cats OK. 4120 Kansas. 619-269-9083.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedrooms. Senior/disabled complex (55+). 4443 Idaho. 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. \$1500, includes electric, cable, gardner and garage. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with hardwood floors, new flooring in kitchen, large backyard with patio. Small pet OK. 3364 Upas Street. 619-584-2297.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Large 1 bedroom completely remodeled! In the heart of North Park. Laundry, gated, no dogs. 4052 Oregon. 619-255-0426.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath in gated community. Assigned parking, courtyard, patio. No dogs. 4611 Ohio Street. 619-624-0308.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with washer/dryer, refrigerator, microwave. Pets negotiable. Available March 1. 4094 Alabama Street. Do not disturb tenants. Call 619-572-5355.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit with garage, wood floors, lots of light, parking. Small pet OK. 4121 Kansas. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom apartment. Walk-in closet, parking, coin laundry. Small pet welcome. 3927 Mississippi #6. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$775. 1 bedroom upper apartment with storage unit. Completely remodeled. Lots of light. Coin laundry. 4046 Ohio Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$1300. 3 bedroom house. Wood floors. Laundry hookups. Vaulted ceilings. Pets welcome. 2611 Montclair Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. Heartwarming deals! 1 and 2 bedrooms with lots to offer, \$749/ up. Hurry! No pets. 858-536-1900. www.weststarproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, large lower. Gated building, new paint, updated carpets and refrigerator. No pets. 4245 34th Street. John A. Reis and Company. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 2 bedroom, upper, gated building. New paint, carpet, stove, refrigerator. Nice complex close to all. 4245 34th Street. John A. Reis and Company. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, completely remodeled. Modern kitchen, hardwood floors, large enclosed patio, detached garage. 4321 Arizona Street. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. \$1900/with year lease on approved credit. 3 bedroom 2 bath penthouse-style condo, stainless steel appliances. 2 secured parking. 3759 Florida Street. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage available. 3131 Hawthorne #3, behind house. Hawthorne Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$695-\$865. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Nice area. Convenient to public transit, gated entry, laundry, parking. Charge. 858-571-1078.

NORTH PARK. \$595. Small handcrafted studio set in serene courtyard with trees, vines and flowers. Refinished hardwood floors! Kitty is welcome. 3949 Kansas Street #4. 619-223-5278.

NORTH PARK. \$825. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath in beautiful North Park. Gated community, laundry, off-street parking, yard. No dogs. 4117 Meade. 858-270-5500.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath, apartment upstairs. Carpet, parking, laundry on-site. Available 3/1. 4165 Mississippi Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath near North Park business district. Beautiful hardwood floors. New appliances, blinds. Ceramic tile kitchen. Laundry room on site. 10-unit building with upgraded modern features but old North Park charm. 3163 Lincoln Avenue. 760-942-1187 x33.

NORTH PARK. \$1700. 2 bedroom house. 1200 square feet. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. Hardwood floors. Breakfast nook. Large private patio. Shared driveway. Small pet considered. 619-744-4008.

NORTH PARK. \$700. Clean 1 bedroom duplex unit. 1 car garage, hardwood

floors, no pets. 4365 Ohio Street. 619-281-9595.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. Deposit \$900. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, new paint. Balcony. Dishwasher. Skylights. 1 garage plus parking. No pets or smoking. 619-282-4054.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Deposit \$700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Air conditioning. Gated. Laundry. Parking. No smoking. No pets. 4459 Arizona. 619-282-4054.

NORTH PARK. \$675-\$875. 1 and 2 bedroom. Upstairs. Nice and quiet. Kansas Street. Agent, 619-260-1368.

NORTH PARK. \$700 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 1 off-street parking spot. 4178 Kansas Street #7. Open house Thursday and Friday, 12-4pm. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$850 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No pets. 4222 Alabama Street #18. 619-299-0951.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cute cottage. Nice area. Clean. Back door parking. Small private deck. Washer/dryer. Shared yard. Available 2/10. 619-251-2275.

NORTH PARK. \$575. Studios. Full kitchen/bath. Patio. Murphy bed. New paint and carpet. 2926-52 Capps Street. Available now. Steve, 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$1400. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Available now. All appliances included, washer/dryer and microwave. Attached garage, central air, gated. Well-kept home in quiet complex with many amenities. 3946 Utah Street. Orion Property Group 619-749-6545.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom. Small quiet complex. Laundry. Parking. New paint. Eat-in kitchen. Available now. Drive by 4426 Oregon Street. Steve, 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$925-\$1050. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer in unit. Secure building. Close to shopping and freeway. 3939 Illinois Street. Call Red. 619-624-0775.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Available now. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available now. Pool. Parking. Controlled-access building. Clean and quiet. Dishwasher. Ceiling fan. Laundry rooms. Centrally located. Small pets OK. 4133 Kansas Street. Viewing by appointment only. Call between 8am-6pm. 619-640-0112.

NORTH PARK. \$650-\$895. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available. Please call, 619-843-8168.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, well-trained pet ok. Parking, on-site laundry. Please call 619-843-8168.

NORTH PARK. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walk to Hillcrest. Laundry facility. Walk-in closet in master bedroom. 3928 Alabama #A. Call 858-598-1111, x111.

NORTH PARK. \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet, established apartment community. Ceiling fan. Second floor with elevator. Low \$300 deposit. 4180 Louisiana Street. 619-688-3978.

NORTH PARK. \$675. Deposit \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice large unit in small complex. Laundry on site. Centrally located. 1 parking space. No pets. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-273-2835.

NORTH PARK. \$975. Deposit \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large unit in small complex. New carpet and paint. Washer/dryer in unit. Fireplace. 1 parking space. No pets. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-273-2835.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom. Gated. Laundry. Small pet OK. 4146 Swift Avenue. Call for appointment, 619-563-0189.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1195. \$500 deposit on approved credit. 2 bedrooms available now. 2401 Seaside Street. Pets OK with deposit. Move in today! Nimitz Pointe Apartments. Call now! 619-223-0254.

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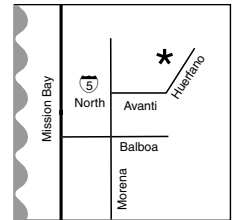
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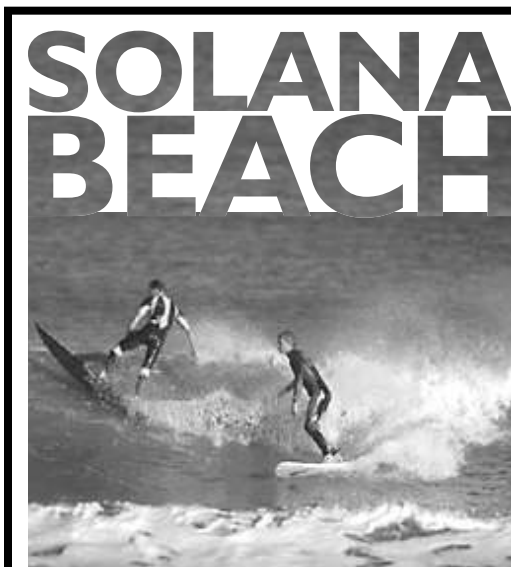
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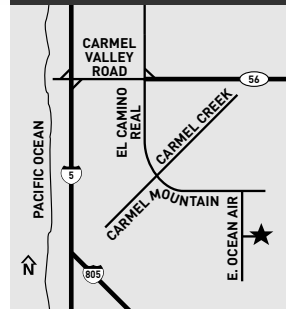
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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1150. 1 bedroom house with yard. Pets OK. Washer/dryer. Available now. 858-270-4080, 858-483-0567.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, new carpet, laundry hookups, garage with bonus room, parking space, private balcony, private fenced yard area. No pets. 4228 Fanuel. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, excellent condition, in small quiet complex. Tandem parking, laundry. No pets/smoking. 1739 Thomas Avenue. 619-275-2681.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 3 blocks to ocean and 2 blocks to bay. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, central alarm system, 2-car garage with opener, laundry, fenced backyard with huge Avocado tree, paid gardener, will consider small pet. 1035 Reed. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

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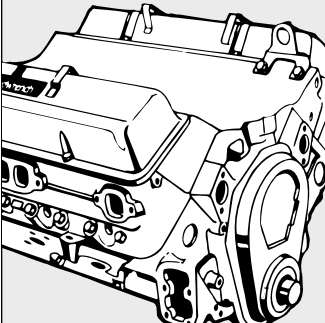
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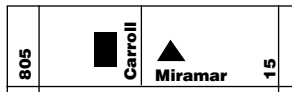
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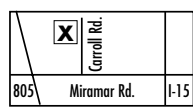
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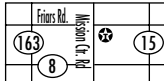
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"Hi, I'm Bob, I'm the dummy from the next table."

By John Brizzolara

"It is one of the most popular card games played today, yet for the uninitiated it can be both frustrating and confusing." This is the blurb on the paperback *Begin Bridge with Terence Reese*. Then, in smaller letters, "World's Foremost Bridge Player." I would have guessed Omar Sharif, but that only serves to demonstrate that my ignorance on the subject is complete.

Since June of 2001, Elliot Kenny has been the facilitator/director/poohbah of the Friday Night Singles Bridge Club, hosted every other Friday at the Villa Dorado Apartments Club House in Mission Valley. The Villa Dorado Apartments has the earmarks of a singles condominium commune for Republicans, and Kenny has free access to the clubhouse. One Friday night a month, he invites a couple dozen or so of his unmarried friends over to do their bidding, tricks, and trumping. He says he has only been playing for a couple of years, though he was finessing bridge hands in his college days in Chicago.

Kenny retired from his job as a regional manager of an electrical company three years ago, moved to San Diego, and recalled the pleasures of "ruffing diamonds in dummy" (to employ some bridge lingo). Then he found "Adventures in Bridge" on Mission Gorge Road.

Players start to arrive around 7 p.m., most of them bearing treats of one kind or another, and before long it is clear that it is going to be a five-table night. While a few are first-timers, most of the group seems to know each other. The atmosphere is friendly, far more social than cutthroat. My only brush with the bridge world was my ex-wife's ex-mother-in-law in New York City. The wife of a famous columnist, she would sit at a

table with a famous, but aging, dancer/movie star from the 1950s, another columnist (of the gossip variety), and the wife of a then-famous restaurateur. The ladies would start early in the afternoon with Bloody Marys, play through the dinner hour fortified only with martinis or scotch, and peer at their hands with one eye to correct for double vision. By the time the sun went down over New Jersey, the ladies would be weaving in their chairs, wigs askew, mascara and lipstick smeary as they fumbled for cash and checkbooks, all the while swearing at each other like ironworkers. It seemed like a damned serious kind of fun.

Tonight in Mission Valley, by the fireside in the clubhouse, surrounded by extremely pleasant cardsharps (or is it cardsharks?), all well over 40 years of age, I'm thinking: *I am roughly, within a few years here and there, about the same age as everybody else in the room; why, then, do I feel I'm at a party with my parent's friends?* I can't put my finger on it, but eventually settle on the probability of the Republican factor.

Bob Rydberg has been playing bridge for only "two or three years," but came up via poker at the card rooms and casinos of San Diego. His card-playing career was launched in the Wisconsin of his childhood, among the German-American community, with a game called *Schafs kopf*, which means "sheep's head." "It's a game that requires more skill and finesse than any other card game," he says. He can't, he shrugs, "even begin to tell you how to play it." He now enjoys the "social aspects of bridge," but seems eager to play as he fondles two decks of cards, one with blue backing, the other red.

It is moments before the first bid, and I am meeting people one after the other — Jan, Dawn, Irene, and Donna, to name a few. I begin to reevaluate my political pigeonholing of the group; as a whole they are far too outgoing, friendly, and human — they can't all be republicans.

Dawn Rogers is the former director of "Friday Night Single's" and warms herself by the fireplace as she talks. "The club has been in existence for over six years," she says. "People come and go. They get married. Since I've been here, we've had three different directors who have pulled the group together. Elliot's our new director, and he's doing a wonderful job.

"I'm basically a party bridge player," Rogers says, "but we have all levels here. We have beginners and intermediates, and we have a few who have master points. If you enjoy the group, find the people compatible — friends bring friends, people come and go — it's a very good group if you're single and every other Friday night you can work it into your schedule. It's a good game for meeting people because the way the game is played, most everyone has a chance to move from table to table."

From what I can gather, and I suspect I have a less than perfect grasp of it, when you leave a table to join another you are a "dummy." "Hi, I'm Bob, I'm the dummy from the next table." Though it also seems, if I'm not misunderstanding Elliot, the dummy can be either the worst player or the best at a given table. But don't take my word for it, read *Begin Bridge with Terence Reese*, and if you can make any more sense of that than I can, *mazeltov*.



But Rogers is still speaking: "If you take your bridge real serious, I don't think you'd want to be here. We all like to raise our standards of bridge, of course, but it's not cutthroat."

As for the stakes, S.D.P.D. Vice has little to worry about. "Everyone kicks in a dollar." Lightning calculations give me the sum of \$22. Elliot later tells me that the player with the worst night gets his dollar back.

The game has begun, without, it seems, any kind of signal. One moment everyone's chatting and the next they're accepting cards, studying them without much expression.

I watch a few hands being played, cards revealed face up in no pattern or scoring system that is remotely familiar to me. I hear bids and players pass and I am driven, confounded, to the snacks area. The kitchen table is replete with myriad reasons to learn bridge — even just enough to bluff your way through the grapes, bread, and brie to the brownies, finger pastries, and candies (including a ton of real Turtles, you know, the good kind). As I stack a small napoleon on top of a brownie, crown it with a Turtle, and grab a handful of grapes as a tooth-cleaning measure (a dentally suspect move, no doubt), I move back to the sofa, my mouth full, cheeks stretching painfully, and smear chocolate on the pages of the paperback book I brought.

Beneath a diagram of four hands, all is explained: "South wins the spade lead, ruffs a spade, and can afford to test the trump situation by leading the ace of hearts and a heart to the 9. If it turned out that the trumps were 4-1, he would have to abandon the dummy reversal and rely on the club finesse."

I'm nowhere near cracking the code, but I have three weeks and, I decide, as I head back to the snack table, sufficient motivation.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

Eve, I can't get rid of these damn wrinkles," complained my 79-year-old grandmother as she "put on her face" in front of the bathroom mirror. Her determination amused me. "I have been trying to preserve myself for years now, especially with my diet." Grandma Pat has been a diabetic for the past 19 years. Every February, my kids send Valentines to their beloved Great Grandma. This year, we want to send sugar-free chocolates with the cards.

Being a sugar addict myself, I had no idea where to look for sugar-free pleasure and was quite suspicious of the very idea. But I hit the jackpot at the Sweet 'N Sugar Free store on Genesee in Clairemont, which carried salad dressings, chips, cakes, ice cream, candies, all sans sugar. The store was buzzing with shoppers during my visit. Manager Dante Fishell showed me around her family's store. "We started the store because there are nine diabetics in our family. Besides diabetics, a lot of our clientele are Atkins Diet people because we also carry a lot of low carbohydrate products."

What do these products contain for sweeteners?

"The products contain Splenda, Maltitol, or Sorbitol," explained Fishell. "Maltitol is better than Sorbitol because some people get gas from Sorbitol."

A quick check online defined these ingredients. From Splenda.com, I learned that "Splenda is the only no calorie sweetener that is made from sugar... Sucralose (the sweetening ingredient in Splenda) is not recognized by the body as sugar or a carbohydrate and has no calories."

"Sorbitol, a polyol (sugar alcohol)," said Caloriecontrol.com, "is about 60 percent as sweet as sucrose [sugar] with one-third fewer calories... It occurs naturally in a wide variety of fruits and berries."

A sign at Henry's Marketplace above the

The tar on the streets of Yonkers tasted better than this.

sugar-free table explained the sweetener Maltitol. "Maltitol is one of several sugar alcohols that offers a sweet taste... There are no artificial components to Maltitol, its sweet taste is provided naturally."

Sweet 'N Sugar Free carried a variety of Valentine goodies. A red heart Valentine half-pound box of chocolates costs **\$10.50**. A chocolate heart with I Love You imprinted on it costs **\$3.25**. Sugar-free, low-carbohydrate European Chocolates cost **\$18.50** a pound. Sugarless Jelly Belly jelly beans run **\$8.00** a pound. "Customers can pick out the chocolates and we will box them up for them," said Fishell. Sweet 'N Sugar Free carries an assortment of sugar-free hard candies for **\$6.50** a pound. "I like the Carbolite Pecan Caramel Clusters [**\$3.75** for 2.5 ounces] and the Carbolite Jelly Beans [**\$3.75** for 3 ounces]. As you can see, the

jelly beans are so popular, we are all sold out of them," she

laughed. The Sinfully Lo Carb bar (**\$2.75** for 1.75 ounces) caught my eye, so I snatched it up, and also a variety box of sugar-free chocolates for **\$12.75** a pound and the Carbolite Pecan Caramel Clusters. I headed next door to Henry's. They offered a heaping table full of sugar-free delights. I grabbed most of their selection and popped into Trader Joe's, buying their modest selection of chocolates. Next stop: Candy Depot on Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest. They carried an assortment of sugar-free hard candies for **\$1.89** a quarter pound. They also offered a few sugarless chocolate morsels: Almond Caramel Cluster for **\$1.25** each, Milk Chocolate Squares for **\$1.25** each, Chocolate Covered Cherries for **\$.50** each. The last stop of my jaunt was in Grossmont Mall at Candy Island. An array of Sugar-free chocolates were on display for **\$3.32** a quar-

ter pound. An eight-ounce box of Sugar-free Assorted Chocolates costs **\$9.95**. Sugar-free People Pops in hot 'n spicy cinnamon or double chocolate fudge cost **\$.45** each. The sales associate pointed me to his favorites and I headed home, loaded down with delectables.

My parents, visiting from the East Coast, were eager to try a few. My husband Patrick and I spent the evening indulging with them. "This really is hard work, but somebody has to do it," smiled my mother. We started with the offerings from the Sweet 'N Sugar Free sampling box of chocolates. With a scrunched up nose, Patrick took the first bite of Chocolate Caramel. "Surprisingly good, I was expecting an artificial taste like what you get with diet foods, but this does not have it,"

he smiled. "This Dark Chocolate Almond Bark has a pervasive almond flavor to it," added mom. The Sinfully Lo Carb bar — its package billed it, "The only 100 percent Natural Chocolate in the USA!" — was my favorite buy from Sweet 'N Sugar Free. With zero carbs and zero sugar, a rich chocolate aroma, and smooth, creamy chocolate, it was a crowd favorite.

We moved on to the morsels from Candy Depot. The milk chocolate candy (**\$1.25** each) didn't taste like chocolate and the Almond Caramel Cluster (**\$1.25** each) was loaded with nuts but low on chocolate. "What are we looking for, chocolate or nuts?" asked Dad. "I'd be a sad diabetic with these, it's too low on chocolate for my liking."

On we plunged into the Candy Island chocolates. The Almond Clusters and Almond Bark hit a pleasant note on the tongue. Patrick loved the Pecan Caramel Clusters Milk Chocolate because they were heavily laden with nuts. Dad disagreed. "Too much caramel and nuts for me."

The Fudge Meltaways and English Toffee were universally disliked. "This is a sad excuse for fudge," complained Patrick.

The Espresso Truffles were loved all around, with a strong coffee flavor and a deeper chocolate taste than most of the night's offerings.

Jelly Belly's are my husband Patrick's secret love, so he anxiously dove into the sugar-

free variety. "The cinnamon and lemon ones are pretty good. Black is usually my favorite but these have a nondescript taste"

By this point in the evening, our stomachs were aching for relief, so I called up my friend Bernice to see if she could help with the remaining chocolates. I left her the Trader Joe's chocolates and headed to bed.

The following day, we plowed into the Henry's sugar-free offerings. "It has more of a butter taste rather than peanut butter," Mom remarked on the Peanut Butter Cups (**\$8.99** a pound). The **\$9.99**-a-pound Milk Chocolate Almond bark was a hit. "These Peppermint Patties [**\$8.99** a pound] do not have enough peppermint zing and the chocolate is rather dead," moaned Patrick. The Milk Chocolate Coating (**\$8.99** per pound) had an artificial aftertaste to it. "Yuck, this Tiger Butter Fudge [**\$10.39** a pound] tastes like candle wax," grimaced Patrick. "The tar on the streets of Yonkers [his hometown] tasted better than this," laughed my Dad.

The phone rang. It was Bernice. "Eating this chocolate is like eating fat-free cheese. It is never good.

Either eat real cheese or don't eat it at all. I hated all of these Trader Joe's varieties except the Guylian Milk Chocolate [**\$1.49** for 3 ounces]. It actually tasted like chocolate. My four-year-old told me never to buy the Sorbee Fine

Belgian Chocolate again [**\$1.49** for 2.8 ounces] — it turned goeey on the teeth. The Asher's Peanut Butter Truffle Bar [**\$.99** for 1.65 ounces] had a light, waxy, chocolate flavor, but the peanut flavor was tolerable. They all had a watered-down chocolate taste to them," she added.

"On the whole, I was shocked by how many of these sugar-free candies I actually enjoyed," said Patrick who normally bristles at the words sugar-free, low-fat, lite, and, especially, non-fat. "A nice Valentine's Day gift for Grandma," added Mom. Warning: Many of the packages of sugar-free chocolate warned: "Excess consumption may have a laxative effect."

Correction: Last week's column included the wrong phone number for Lehmann Bindery. The correct number is 760-758-4142.



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The next time I opened my eyes, the digital clock on my dresser read 7:29. I blinked my eyes and looked at the clock again. "Oh, shoot," I muttered as I threw the quilt back and jumped out of bed. Fifteen-month-old Ben rolled over where he'd been lying next to me. Ben opened his eyes and said, "Wat's dat?"

"That's Mommy getting up too late," I told him.

Angela dozed on Jack's side of the bed. She'd crawled into our bed after Jack left. "Wake up, Angie sweetie," I told her. "We're late."

I rubbed three-year-old Johnny's back where he lay on an air mattress next to Jack's and my bed. "Johnny," I said. "Time to wake up and get dressed."

"Noooooo," Johnny moaned.

"Yessssssss," I answered.

Angela followed me down the hall. "It's a PE day," I told her. "Wear your PE clothes."

As I walked into the room Angela shares with Rebecca and Lucy (aged nine and five, respectively), I said, "Time to get up, guys. I need everyone's cooperation. I slept too late. We need to get dressed and downstairs if we're going to make it to school on time."

While the girls put on their clothes, I plucked Ben out of bed, changed his diaper, and wrestled him into a pair of jeans and a long-sleeved T-shirt. Johnny walked down the hall wearing shorts and a short-sleeved T-shirt. "Good job getting yourself dressed," I told him. "You're going to be cold."

"No, I won't," he disagreed.

"I'm going to hop into the shower," I called to the girls. "Please keep an eye on Ben."

"Okay," they called back.

While I showered, I wondered how I would get everyone fed and ready for school in the 15 or 20 minutes that remained before we had to walk out the door. When I'd dressed and put on just enough makeup to make me look not sick,

I opened the bathroom door. The house seemed too quiet. "What's wrong?" I thought.

I raced down the stairs, ran through the living room, and rounded the corner into the kitchen. For a moment, I couldn't speak. Benjamin sat in his high chair. Rebecca had just cut some buttered wheat toast into squares and set the squares on Ben's tray. He smiled and stuffed some toast into his mouth. Angela, Lucy, and Johnny sat at the breakfast table eating sourdough toast. "Does anybody want some juice?" Rebecca asked.

"Thank you, sweetie," I said to Rebecca.

Rebecca turned around. "Sure," she answered, as though she prepared breakfast for the family every morning. "I just thought I could help."

We made it to school on time.

Rebecca started helping more and more during the holidays. New Year's Eve, we had guests over for dinner. Usually when we have company, I spend the day trying to clean the house while I bark at the kids to stay out of the way. New Year's Eve morning, Rebecca came to me after breakfast. "Mom, can I help clean house?" she asked.

"Sure," I answered. "How about cleaning the downstairs bathroom?"

"Okay."

She did. I showed her how to scrub the toilet and wipe down the sink and counter and wash the mirror. Angela and Lucy helped by cleaning the floor. When they had finished, Rebecca folded the hand towels. She arranged the flowers and scented hand lotion on the counter just so.

"You guys did a beautiful job," I gushed. "Thank you so much."

"You're welcome," they blushed. "What else can we do?"

In the weeks since, Rebecca has acted more and more like a little grownup. She makes her bed every morning. She folds her clothes and keeps her dresser drawer arranged like something out of *Martha Stewart Living*. At bath time, Rebecca used to run around with the other kids in various states of undress. One night, she decided she needed some privacy. Now while Jack and I bathe Johnny and Ben and hound Angela and Lucy to put on their pajamas, Rebecca disappears into the bathroom. She closes the door. She takes her pajamas folded neatly and the Laura Ashley slippers I got her for Christmas. She takes a shower, then spends 10-15 minutes getting ready for bed. When she emerges, she throws her dirty clothes into the hamper and hangs up her towel.

Jack and I thank her for being such a big girl and taking care of herself.

"Sure," she answers.

Even as Rebecca needs me to do less for her, we draw closer in other ways. Yesterday afternoon, Jack and I took the kids to the Oceanside Pier. Gray clouds, heavy with rain, filled the sky. The wind blew hard from the south. Jack pushed Ben in the stroller. Angela, Lucy, and John ran ahead chasing seagulls and twirling in the wind. Rebecca walked beside me, her arm linked through mine. Every now and then, she leaned her head against my shoulder. I pressed her close and leaned against her, too.

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