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Hardcore Combat

7 January has come and gone and with it the 12th anniversary of the brutish, nasty, and short Gulf War. With Gulf War II looming, the media has sought out veterans of Gulf War I to tap their nostalgia. Channel 10, for example, interviewed an F-14 pilot and a nurse. As I watched the interviews I thought of a Navy SEAL I'd talked to about his experiences in our first encounter with Saddam.

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We Like Ginny

I would like to congratulate you for the "Tijuana Songbird" article (January 30). We like Ginny, and we've known her for many, many years, since we were in high school.

Berta Sanchez
Tijuana

Unbridled Carnality

I would like to refute the assertion of Naomi Wise that Saint Valentine is a historical nonentity (Restaurant Review, January 30). While it is true that the details of his acts are shrouded in some obscurity, the fact remains that he is mentioned in the *Deposito martyrum* of the middle Fourth Century, one of the oldest of the Church's martyrologies. According to an ancient pious tradition, Valentine (Valentinus) was a Roman priest who died as a martyr during the Decian persecution (250-251 A.D.). Catholics still celebrate his feast day on February 14, commemorating his tireless service as a priest who died for the faith while tending to victims of the plague. It is unfortunate that February 14 has been hijacked by a secular-humanist mentality which has now turned it into a fiesta of self-serving hedonism. Therefore, it is not surprising that some would dismiss Saint Valentine as a person who "never was." Those of a worldly disposition would naturally treat with scorn the veneration of such a truly admirable figure as Saint Valentine. They would much rather embrace the celebration of a day which honors unbridled carnality and promiscuity, as opposed to self-sacrificing love and devotion.

Robert Pickard
Escondido

Touched By Larkin

Thank you for publishing

the poem "Aubade" ("Poetry," January 16). Just as the morning light enters Mr. Larkin's room, so does his poem enter my consciousness. Better to have lived and die than never to be touched by words like these.

Thank you, Mr. Larkin.
Lilli Greenberg
Del Cerro

Appreciates De Wyze

I thought Jeannette De Wyze's story "Still Crazy After All These Years" (January 9) one of the best reporting pieces I have read in a long time. It was most informative and enlightening. Please convey my appreciation to her.

Mike

Courage To Cut Out Himself

Your article "Still Crazy After All These Years" (January 9) is revolutionary. My half-sister was diagnosed with schizophrenia. I know she grew up in a very disturbed environment, including sexual abuse. After witnessing her reaction, I'm convinced schizophrenia is indeed a means of coping with an unbearable situation, as Dr. Mosher said. Books such as *Sybil* further confirmed this.

Having a master's in human nutrition, I also know that drugs aren't designed to cure anything, only to alter symptoms. This doctor has managed to come up with a treatment that's brilliant, even if it does cut out his entire profession's previous solutions. Good for him, and the world! Funny his colleagues don't see he had the courage to cut out even *himself* to find the best answer.

This should be on *60 Minutes!* You are to be applauded for bringing this to light.

Terri Nunn
Agoura Hills

Lie Perpetrators

Congratulations to the *Reader* and to writer Jeannette De Wyze ("Still Crazy After All These Years," January 9).

Psychiatrist Loren Mosher, M.D., is persona non grata in the house of psychiatry because he is not owned and operated by Big Pharma. Mosher is free to be a scientific physician and to see psychiatric patients as troubled, sometimes troublesome, physically/medically normal

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School daze School-board member **Katherine Nakamura** has announced to her colleagues she will quit her job as an attorney to the board of directors of the University of San Diego. During Nakamura's often acrimonious campaign against ex-Navy officer **Jeff Lee**, allegations of conflicts of interest between the school district and USD, which operates the district's principal training academy, loomed large. Last week Nakamura traveled to Sacramento to attend a training seminar for new board members ... The growing field for that 76th District Democratic assembly nomination may become even more crowded. In addition to



Katherine Nakamura



Vince Hall

Vince Hall, who moved just six blocks into the district after being defeated by Republican **Shirley Horton** in the 78th District race last year, environmentalist **Lori Saldana** is also announcing. Even the name of controversial school-board president **Ron Ottinger**, a member of the board's pro-Bersin majority, is being floated as a potential candidate. The seat is currently held by **Christine Kehoe**, expected to seek the state senate seat of **Dede Alpert**, who is termed out next year ... Democratic state assemblyman **Juan Vargas** has been appointed chairman of the assembly's insurance committee, a position that is expected to give him extra leverage in raising money for his widely anticipated primary bid against Democratic congressman **Bob Filner**. Insurers see Vargas as friendlier than his predecessor, liberal **Tom Calderon** ... War is impending, so what better way to vacation than on the "SpyCruise," a weeklong voyage aboard Royal Caribbean's *Legend of the Sea*, sailing March 27 from Ensenada to Hawaii. "Each day while at sea SpyCruise professors from the Centre for Counterintelligence and Security Studies of Alexandria, Virginia, will talk about espionage related to our cruise theme, 'Denial, Deception and Illusion,'" says the website of tour sponsor the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Speakers are set to include KGB general **Oleg Kalugin**, former chief of KGB foreign counterintelligence ... Don't fret about that venerable historical marker missing from the sidewalk in front of a new downtown condo project. So says the city following inquiries on the whereabouts of the bronze plaque at the site of the old San Diego Barracks near Market Street and Pacific Highway. A state historical preservation officer says he knows nothing about the sign's sudden disappearance. The gran-

ite base holding the plaque for about 50 years was quietly destroyed by condo developer Bosa sometime during the past month. The city claims the plaque is okay and will be put up at a yet-to-be-designated nearby location.

Expendable What's a lame-duck assemblywoman to do? Republican **Charlene Zettel** gave up her reelection effort only to lose a bitter March senate primary race to fellow assemblyman **Dennis Hollingsworth**. After the election she continued to collect money in her assembly campaign account from donors such as Philip Morris and the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). She spent it on things like staff dinners (Carver's Steaks and Chops, San Diego, \$592; Passaretti's Restaurant, South Lake Tahoe, \$189.54); a staff retreat (Forest Inn, South Lake Tahoe, \$1198); and a Hispanic Heritage Month meeting in Washington, D.C. (Renaissance Hotel Mayflower, \$808.13).



Charlene Zettel

The big nap The fishing buddy of a dead Florida man brought his friend's "cremains" to Qualcomm Stadium and scattered them around his seat during the Super Bowl, reports the *St. Petersburg Times*. Bucs fan **David "Knappy" Knapp**, 47, died of a heart attack last March. His friend **Tim Roper** carried the ashes to California in a plastic sandwich bag tucked inside a Tupperware bowl. "I'm going to the Super Bowl, and I'm taking the Knapper with me," Roper told Knapp's widow **Tina**. "I know my husband is in heaven and this was just a symbolization, but it was great for the family," Tina told the paper ... The *Chicago Tribune* reports that NFL players visiting town for the Super Bowl were quietly given a list of do's and don'ts by the Miami-based law firm of Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fettel, specialists in handling high-profile celebs: "carry no weapons, avoid public intoxication, don't be alone with a member of the opposite sex, and have local legal counsel, preferably criminal counsel, on alert with plenty of information on your whereabouts." ... Onetime acting San Diego city manager **Penelope Culbreth-Graft**, who left to become tribal development manager for the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians after failing to get the permanent job, has been named assistant city manager of Riverside.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Did Jenny Craig Score Big?

By Robert Kumpel

The county Civil Service Commission is seeking to investigate former district attorney Paul Pfungst for the last-minute

promotion of prosecutors who supported him instead of Bonnie Dumanis. How many prosecutors were promoted?

- A. 15
- B. 17
- C. 28
- D. 22

2. Oakland Raiders managing partner Al Davis was



Bonnie Dumanis



Al Davis



Martin Luther King, Jr.



Tim Russert



Paul Pfungst

once an assistant coach for which football team?

- A. The Chargers
- B. The Chiefs
- C. The Packers
- D. The Rams

3. Although the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have never appeared in the Super Bowl before this year, they did make it to the NFC Championship Game in 1979 and

used by Imperial Valley farmers. The last-minute deal was stopped by which three groups?

- A. The Metropolitan, Coachella, and Fresno water districts
- B. The Metropolitan and Coachella water districts and the Department of the Interior
- C. The Department of the Interior and the Coachella

and Imperial water districts
D. The Imperial, Coachella, and Metropolitan water districts

5. Which popular African-American told black people on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday that they should not seek a charismatic leader to follow but work together to solve their problems?

- A. Louis Farrakhan
- B. Al Sharpton
- C. Jesse Jackson
- D. Coretta Scott King

6. Before this year, San Diego last hosted a Super Bowl in what year?

- A. 1999
- B. 1998
- C. 1992
- D. 1989

4. The San Diego County Water Authority had a tentative deal to purchase Colorado River water not being



Paul Pfungst

7. In 2002 Tim Russert reported that approximately how many Catholic priests in the U.S. were accused of sexual abuse?

- A. 3000
- B. 250
- C. 1200
- D. 934

8. The CEO of a local company was awarded a 35 per-

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Neal Obermeyer



La Jolla Houses Terror Bait

By Matt Potter

With war brewing in the Middle East and new domestic terror strikes threatened, America is battenning down the hatches.

Targets are being hardened, nuclear power plants are under close watch, and all manner of precautions are being taken to safeguard dangerous nuclear materials from foreign attack. A key concern is in La Jolla, where one of the nation's most prominent defense contractors is harboring a tidy cache of plutonium and uranium, enough to cause thousands of cancer cases if terrorists ever managed to make off with the material or to blow up the containment building. Once alone on a finger canyon, the site, though surrounded by a security fence, is crowded by biotechnology research buildings and busy parking lots.

Two months before the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, security at the site was beefed up under a plan approved by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which today maintains that those and other top-secret precautions are adequate to protect the nuclear waste, left over from almost 40 years of reactor research.

But others familiar with the situation are not so sanguine about the pre-9/11 security plan and believe that National Guard troops may be

necessary to ring the site in case of war and its aftermath. The location, they maintain, may be vulnerable from the air. In the end, these sources say, safety will only be guaranteed when the nuclear material is removed.

The location is on the outer perimeter of the industrial campus of General Atomics, maker of the Predator, the unmanned aerial vehicle that has played a conspicuous role in Bosnia, Afghanistan, and now, with the approach of full-scale war against Saddam Hussein, in Iraq. The Predator has been used as an airborne intelligence-gathering platform, equipped with television cameras to monitor military maneuvers and troop buildups. But it has a more lethal role.

Armed with Hellfire missiles by the CIA, the Predator has been responsible for killing at least a dozen alleged al-Qaeda operatives, including a top leader, Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, and five others in a strike last November that vaporized their car as it drove down a remote road in Yemen. Also reported killed in that attack was Kamal Dirwish, an American citizen identified by the Bush admin-



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

istration as the head of an alleged al-Qaeda sleeper cell in Buffalo, New York. Six alleged members of that cell were subsequently arrested by the FBI, which said it couldn't rule out that others might still be on the loose.

Besides Predator, General Atomics contracts with the Department of Defense to provide the government with Navy power systems, guidance devices, and computer integration. It owns uranium mines in Australia, does research for the U.S. government's nuclear fusion project, and is involved in top-secret "black budget" projects for the Pentagon. The company is owned by two wealthy broth-



Neal Blue



Linden Blue



Niels Bohr

ers, Air Force veterans with close ties to the CIA, Linden and Neal Blue, who acquired it from Chevron Oil in 1986, when it was called GA Technologies. But 40 years before that, the firm, which started life in the mid-1950s as General Atomics, was one of America's nuclear pioneers.

GA and its portfolio of nuclear power ventures was the brainchild of physicist Frederick de Hoffman, a Harvard graduate from Vienna, who during World War II played a pivotal role in the development of the first atomic bomb at Los Alamos. After the war he went to work for the new Atomic Energy Commission, set up by the U.S. government to oversee nuclear development. In 1955, he was recruited by John Jay Hopkins, chairman of General Dynamics, the largest defense contractor in America, which was seeking to branch into atomic

energy.

After its founding in July of that year, GA went looking for a headquarters and found it in San Diego after Mayor Charles C. Dail, always eager for new industry, offered the company 320 acres of city-owned land on Torrey Pines Mesa, just west of the Torrey Pines state park. In the fall of 1956, city voters approved Proposition H, which formalized the transfer, by a 6-1 margin.

In June 1959, the new General Atomics complex, named the John Jay Hopkins Laboratory for Pure and Applied Science, was officially dedicated. Newspaper publisher Jim Copley lauded the event with a special section in the Sunday edition of his *San Diego Union*. "Atoms for Peace," said one headline. "The Atom at Work for Better Living," said another. "Progress is Goal of the GA Team and its Lab Re-

flects this Purpose," said yet another. Seventy-five-year-old Danish quantum physicist Niels Bohr, Nobel laureate and a father of the Manhattan Project who keynoted the ceremony, was said to "bestride the world of atomic physics like a shy colossus."

In an article under his byline, de Hoffman extolled the benefits of atomic energy and described for readers the laboratory's first invention; the TRIGA nuclear reactor, "named for training, research and isotopes — the GA is for General Atomics."

Most of the hoped-for breakthroughs touted by de Hoffman — including Project Orion, a spaceship to Mars to be powered by detonating a series of atomic bombs behind the craft — fell by the wayside, derailed by cost overruns, failures of technology, and, in the case of the nuclear



Predator unmanned aerial vehicle

Current events

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cent pay raise and almost a doubling of stock options for that company's 2002 fiscal year, for an annual com-

- pensation of \$1.2 million. The local company was:
- A. Qualcomm
 - B. Jack In The Box
 - C. Peregrine Systems
 - D. Jenny Craig
9. January 22 marked the

- 30th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's controversial *Roe vs. Wade* decision. Which Supreme Court justice authored the majority opinion in the case?
- A. Potter Stewart
 - B. Harry Blackmun

- C. Byron White
 - D. William O. Douglas
10. Since the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision, approximately how many legal abortions have been performed in the United States?

- A. 1 million
 - B. 10 million
 - C. 25 million
 - D. 40 million
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12. A recent study in Sweden found that which popular vitamin supplement is directly linked to weakened bones and a heightened risk

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13. The Padres announced that their new stadium will

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A. \$22 million
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14. On January 24, Democrats in the U.S. Senate offered an alternative to President Bush's economic stimulus package. Part of their plan includes a rebate check for each taxpayer. How much is the Democrats' proposed

rebate?
A. \$200
B. \$300
C. \$500
D. \$800

15. According to the National Highway Safety Administration, the number of motorcycle fatalities rose nationwide by how much since 1997?

A. There has actually been a reduction of motorcycle fatalities because of helmet laws
B. 10 percent
C. 50 percent
D. 100 percent

16. Which airline recently announced the elimination of another 704 jobs effective February 22?

A. United
B. American
C. Alaska
D. Northwest

17. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the San Diego Police Department cannot agree about the local serious-crime rate for 2002. One group claims that the percentage of serious crimes per thousand dropped, while another claims that it increased. Specifically:

A. SANDAG claims that the population decreased and the crime rate increased
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C. The police department claims that the population decreased and the crime rate increased
D. The police department claims that the population increased and the crime rate increased

18. Which Iraqi official said that he feared war was inevitable?

A. Saddam Hussein
B. Tariq Azziz
C. Mohammed El Baradai
D. Amir al-Saadi

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Terror bait

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rocket ship, fear of atmospheric fallout. Many of General Atomics' brave schemes to commercialize the atom also turned out to be embarrassing duds.

But the firm lived on as a center for federally funded nuclear and defense research and development. The company was unloaded by General Dynamics, which sold it to Gulf Oil. It was inherited by Chevron Oil in a merger with Gulf before winding up in the hands of the Blue brothers, who diversified from the company's traditional nuclear businesses by buying the rights to the Predator from the bankrupt Israeli national who invented the craft. The company's board of directors was populated with retired CIA operatives and old Department of Defense hands such as ex-defense secretary Harold Brown.

Meanwhile, the reactor had taken on a life of its own. Developed by Los Alamos veterans Edward Teller and Freeman Dyson beginning in 1956, when GA was still headquartered in an old schoolhouse near Lindbergh Field, the reactor relied on uranium fuel alloys to control its nuclear reaction. Not designed to produce electricity, it turned out specialty products, such as medical isotopes, and was also employed by academics in physics research. By 1958, the first of more than 65 reactors to be eventually built by GA was sold.

In June 1959, the first of

three reactors to be operated on GA's Torrey Pines campus was demonstrated for Bryant Evans, a reporter with the *San Diego Union*. "One of the interesting things about the [reactor] flash is that it is safe enough for people to watch

from the rim of the reactor," he wrote. "At Thursday's test, there was a brilliant flash of blue light. Then things were as they were before. The heat slowly passed to the water that surrounded the fuel elements. It was slow enough to prevent

the water's boiling."

The *Union* reported in February 1960 that a second reactor had begun operating at GA. "Start of the device's chain reaction was announced by Frederick de Hoffmann, General Dynamics senior vice

president and president of General Atomics. He said the new device would be used in new fields of nuclear research and testing. De Hoffmann did not specify any particular experiments."

In May 1965, the *Union* re-

ported that the Atomic Energy Commission had approved yet another reactor on Torrey Pines Mesa. "The AEC said the company plans to use the reactor for research on high-energy neutron and gamma radiation. The third reactor

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would be located in a new extension planned for the General Atomics plant. The AEC said it has determined that operation of the new reactor would not endanger public health and safety." La Jolla William Whittemore, who

says he managed the TRIGA facility for decades, notes that the third reactor, designated the Mark 3, was used to research the feasibility of employing nuclear energy to produce electrical power for space probes. The Mark 3, he says,

was fueled with highly enriched, bomb-grade uranium. The special fuel, 70 percent enriched with Uranium 235, was made in the days before there was a concern for terrorists. "The reactor has to have very much increased security.

When the project went dead, the reactor was decommissioned about 20 years ago." The fuel was then moved to the Mark F, he says.

But setting up the reactors has proved far easier than dismantling them and getting rid

of the accompanying radioactive waste. Even though the reactors have been off-line for more than six years, their legacy of nuclear fuel, including at least a gram of deadly plutonium (euphemistically referred to by the government

as "special nuclear material"), remains stored on GA's La Jolla site. The reason, say regulators, is that GA is still negotiating with the government over the terms of disposal at a federal nuclear waste site.

The reactors were shut down and decommissioned by the federal government's Nuclear Regulatory Commission beginning in the mid-1990s. "All special nuclear material in the TRIGA Mark I reactor was transferred to the TRIGA Mark F reactor and is possessed under that license."

The reactors themselves were dismantled and their parts were disposed of offsite. But because GA was still haggling with the government over what to do with the radioactive waste, one of the reactor's water-filled pools was left behind to hold the spent fuel, ostensibly protected from intruders by top-secret measures spelled out in a "physical security plan" the company filed with the NRC.

In July 2001, two months before the September 11 terrorist attacks, the agency says, GA amended the security procedures to make them tougher. "On June 29, 2000, GA submitted the 'Safeguards Contingency Response Plan for the General Atomics TRIGA Reactors Facility' for NRC review and approval, and proposed changes to the 'Fixed Site and Transportation Plan for the Protection of Special Nuclear Material at the General Atomics TRIGA Reactors Facility,'" according to a July 11, 2001, NRC document.

"GA submitted the proposed amendment in response to specific changes in the long-term storage and physical protection of spent TRIGA fuel at the site. The amendments apply primarily to physical barriers, security practices, and administrative procedures..."

"Access controls, physical barriers, communications, and alarm monitoring capabilities have been enhanced to provide greater assurance that unauthorized access into the material access area can be detected, assessed, and delayed until a proper and timely response can be accomplished."

The GA plan is intended to thwart anyone who tried to bring a bomb into the facility or spirit away nuclear fuel, according to the document.

"The administrative access

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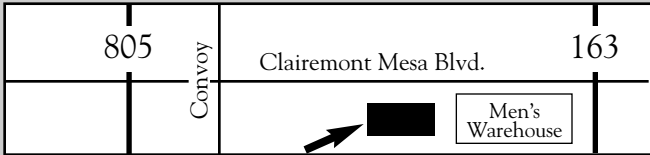
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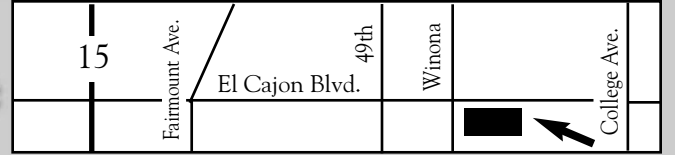
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commitments provide an adequate level of assurance that the intrusion detection system will be capable of performing its intended function when called upon.

"As stated in a letter dated May 22, 2001, GA will ensure

that suitable alternate communication capabilities are maintained if primary communications with outside support and response agencies are lost."

According to an NRC official in Washington, GA is cur-

rently licensed to have "up to" 30 kilograms of uranium and one gram of plutonium, a reaction by-product, at the site of La Jolla reactors. He says that the company and the federal Department of Energy, which oversees disposal of nu-

clear waste, "is trying to come up with some kind of agreement" to transport the material off the premises and to an atomic waste dump.

He says the agency is satisfied with current security arrangements at GA. Because the plan is classified, adoption of further protective measures in a time of war, such as troop deployments or additional guards, weaponry, or monitoring systems, would not be made public.

"I would say that the NRC takes its responsibility regarding security very seriously," said the NRC official. "There has not been a credible threat against a specific licensee. Even before 9/11, nuclear facilities were required to have very strict security plans for protecting facilities. They are among the most carefully and closely guarded facilities in the country. And since 9/11 we have required upgrades of that."

Whittemore, the former TRIGA manager, says that the risk to the public is virtually nonexistent. He says that even in the unlikely event that terrorists got their hands on the material, they could not build a true atomic bomb but could merely assemble a so-called "dirty bomb" to scatter radiation haphazardly. A direct hit on the fuel-storage facility from the air would be unlikely to successfully disperse any radioactivity, he insists.

"Everybody has been ratcheted up whether security is needed or not because of 9/11," he says. "The fuel was safe before [additional security precautions were implemented] and is safe now. The fuel is not a security issue as far as the company is concerned. It's simply a white elephant. You don't want too many white elephants around." Shipment of the fuel to a final resting place at a nuclear dump in Idaho has been delayed for almost ten years, he contends, because of interference from anti-nuclear activists and overzealous federal regulators. "It's a deplorable situation. The fuel is incapable of causing nuclear damage, and yet it has to be shipped like it was the most dangerous commodity. That runs the cost up. When we went into this business 50 years ago, the government agreed to be a repository for the fuel. Now they won't take it." ■

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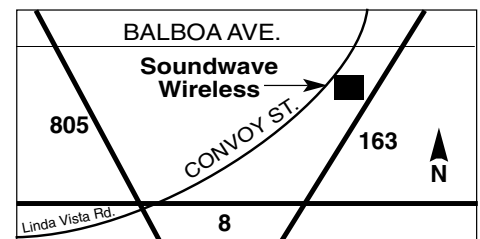


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The pitcher is the whole deal. That means you have to be able to see and recognize rising fastballs, sinking fastballs, cut (slanting) fastballs, curves, sliders, splitters, screwballs, change-ups, and knuckle balls.

Spring training is a good place to watch (pitchers) and bone up. Or, minor league/college games where you can walk down and stand in back of the screen. Once you really see the pitches, you're in a new world...a great world...then you know what the true battle is all about.

For example, in 1986, Astros pitcher Mike Scott had one of the most overpowering seasons any pitcher ever had in history. He began to throw a splitter, which was taught to him by Roger Craig. Scott could throw it at fairly high speed. Even on TV you could see the damn thing rush to the plate and suddenly drop down and to the side like a missile that had just had its electronics turned off. Sometimes, it seemed like the ball was curving and THEN dropping. Really seeing pitches and what they do is seeing magic.

Steve Sax (pitched for L.A. Dodgers, NY Yankees, Chicago White Sox, and Oakland Athletics) once told me that major-league hitters know when a slider is coming because they can see — no shit — a blue dot on the ball as it comes to the plate. The very tight rotation of the ball apparently gives the impression that the printing on the ball is reduced down to a dot.

Another thing you learn to see is the way different pitchers obtain their torque and, hence, their velocity. Each pitcher does it a different way. Nolan Ryan is a study all by himself. There is something about the way he cocks his arm that, on the release, imparts several extra miles per hour. Pedro Martinez is another one. It's all in the snaky curve of his body.

I could go on, and have, but the gist is, most fans have NO reason to watch the game because they don't know what the pitcher is doing. When Kevin Costner said, in *Bull Durham*, that in the major leagues pitchers throw exploding shit, he wasn't kidding. The ball often JAMS to the plate and then, at the last second, explodes in one direction or another. The hitter has roughly 2/5ths of a second to swing or lay off.

From Phil in Carlsbad

Dear Patrick Daugherty,

When I was a kid, my father took me to San Francisco Seals games. My Dad taught me how to score a baseball game. I would never dream of watching a baseball game without scoring it. While nothing is happening in the game, you can work on your score pad.

An important part of enjoying baseball is the statistics. Baseball statistics are important because the game does not change. At least, it

isn't supposed to change. Like any good fan, I hate the designated-hitter rule, and I hate Bud Selig.

I moved to San Diego in 1969. I became a Padres fan. The Padres were always in last place, but I still loved to go watch them. I liked to hear them on the radio, too, with lovable Jerry Coleman and expert Dave Campbell. Now I go to fewer games. When I watch them on channel 4, I turn off the sound so I can listen to Jerry Coleman and Ted Leitner on the radio.

I take my Padres hat, my yellow lined score pad, and a big bag of peanuts when I go to the game. I don't watch the third baseman, unless I am sitting behind third base. I watch the pitcher and the batter. I also watch the guy on first base to see if he might try to steal.

My favorite Padre was Tony Gwynn, a great hitter and a real nice guy. You couldn't strike him out unless you had an outstanding forkball. Watching him against a good pitcher

The Vegas Line

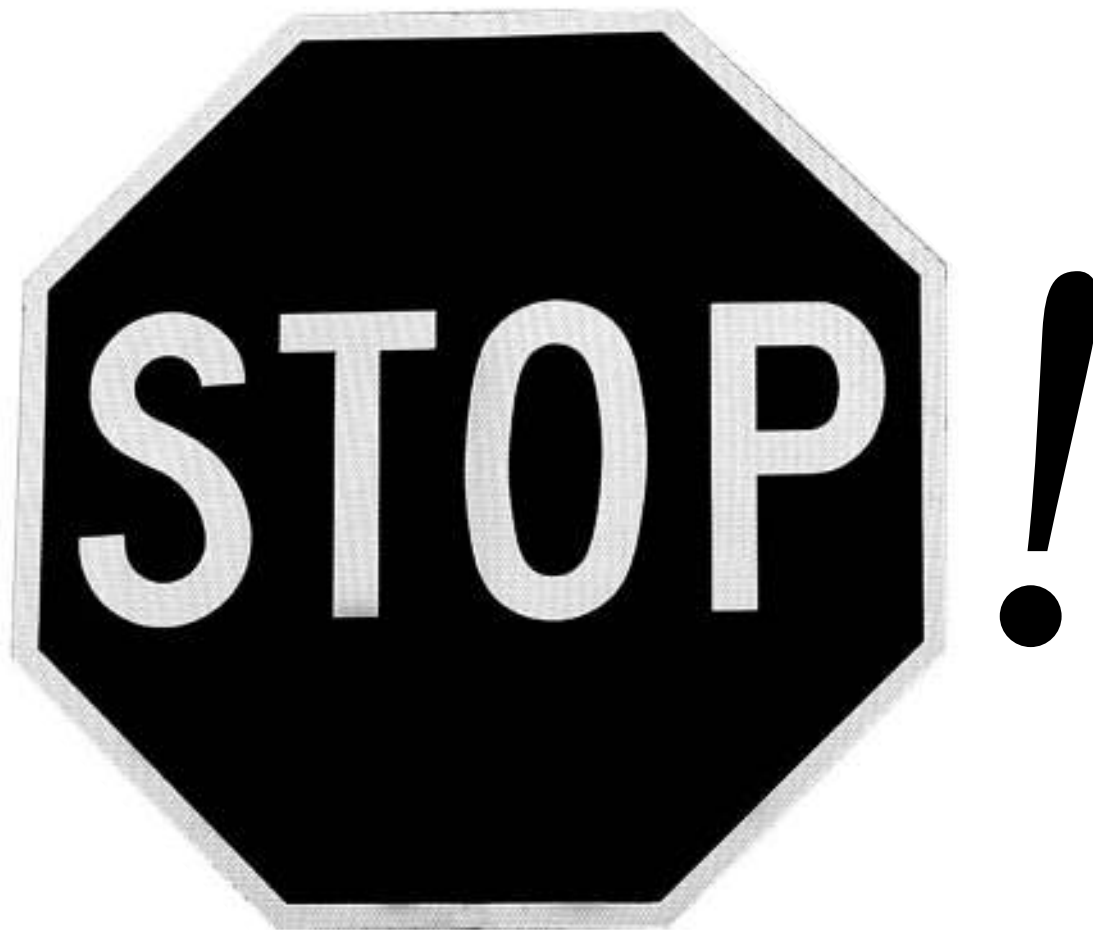
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was delightful. He actually got better later in his career, when he started turning on inside pitches instead of always trying to slap them to left field.

I also liked Randy Jones, a junkball pitcher, and Gaylord Perry, who threw a spitball. He used Vaseline instead of spit. My latest favorite is Trevor Hoffman (Padres pitcher). I like the bells they play when he comes in, and I like his fierce demeanor and the way he spots fastballs on the edges of the plate and then gets the batter out with a wicked changeup.

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Year founded: 1925
Senior pastor: Pastor Dwayne Shepherd
Congregation: 350 members
Staff: 3 full-time, 1 part-time
Sunday school enrollment: 180
Annual budget: \$204,000
Weekly giving: \$4000
Singles program: yes
Diversity: African-American, Hispanic, white
Dress: dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Most black churches are friendlier than white ones. Most African-Americans dress better than whites for church. When I walked into Greater Apostolic Faith Temple last week, I saw men in crisp shirts, suits, and ties. I saw women in long skirts, dresses, and high heels. I saw very little boys in dress shirts, slacks, and ties. Everyone looked sharp for a worship service scheduled to begin on a Sunday at 6:00 p.m., a time when most Americans are lounging in front of the TVs.

When I arrived at Greater Apostolic, many of these well-dressed people were kneeling at their pews, praying either silently or aloud. They'd been praying, I was told, since 5:00 p.m. When they rose from their pews, they smiled at me, marched up, and shook my hand. They introduced themselves. They put their arms around my shoulders. A gentleman, seeing I had no Bible, rushed off to find one for me. Sister Delaney, in a black dress and long scarlet scarf, said she was certain I was going to love her church. She's been a member for almost 30 years. She was certain that I'd love the church's mass choir concert on February 15, and ran off to find me a flyer giving its details.

I thought of "seeker-centered" white evangelical churches I've visited where people come to worship in shorts and sandals. They sit and sip lattes during the service. The pastor at some point says, "Now, turn and greet the people sitting on your right and left."

At Greater Apostolic last Sunday evening, Pastor Dwayne Shepherd started the service by leading everyone in an a cappella rendition of an old gospel standard, "I'm So Glad," which people pepped-up with two- and three-part harmony and syncopated hand-clapping. Pastor Shepherd asked for prayer requests, and an elder in a front pew requested that we keep in mind the "families of those who died in the space shuttle disaster. Right after the tragedy, the media were right there in their faces, asking questions. Those poor people have hardly had time to begin to grieve."

Founded in 1925, Greater Apostolic was the first Apostolic church in San Diego. The denomination is non-Trinitarian and holds speaking in tongues, being baptized in the Holy Spirit, as necessary for salvation. Although I didn't agree

or disagree with Pastor Shepherd's doctrine, I admired him for speaking on doctrine. Only in small orthodox Reform churches, or in the rare Roman Catholic Parish, do clergy ever speak on doctrine at all nowadays. Most pastors say up-front that they don't like teaching doctrine because it's "divisive." They say their congregations want practical sermons about "real life."

Last Sunday evening Pastor Shepherd spoke for 90 minutes on his denomination's doctrine regarding the Holy Spirit. Seventy or so adults listened, as far as I could tell, to every word. Many took notes. While he concentrated on the Book of Acts, he roamed through the Gospels, and cited two dozen Bible verses during the course of his sermon.

"I know people will tell you, 'I believe,' and that their belief is in and of itself enough for salvation. But I'm here to tell you that those people are wrong," he said.

"I'm sure many of you remember being in school and having a fantastic teacher who could make even the most difficult subject understandable to your mind. When you were in that

teacher's presence, you understood what was being taught. But as soon as you went home and were on your own, it all sort of disappeared.

"The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, is like that fantastic teacher. The Holy Spirit instructs us in the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. Belief is not enough. Belief is not *understanding*.

"Everyone sitting in this room will someday die. Every one of us. Our bodies will perish. Everything will pass away. Husbands and wives can give up on each other. Parents can desert you. But the Holy Spirit is God's most precious gift. The Holy Spirit will never leave you. People sometimes think that Christians like us are crazy. They wonder how we, at funerals, can sing and rejoice and worship God. But it's because of God's Holy Spirit within us that we *understand* what death truly means."

After the service, 43-year-old Pastor Shepherd told me that he was a San Diego native, that he had in fact been saved at Greater Apostolic when he was 18 years old.

"I used to run these same streets."

He told me that his church had had only two other pastors before him, and that four years ago, when he took the pulpit, he instituted the church's outreach to the Hispanic community.

I asked him what role the Sunday-evening service played in the spiritual life of his church.

"People who come to the Sunday-evening service are the church's core. My job is to keep that core strong. In the mornings I do more preaching than teaching. Frankly, I prefer preaching because it's more spontaneous, go-with-the-flow. But on Sunday evenings it's more personal. The people can stop me and ask questions. Every other Sunday evening I like to teach on doctrine because, I know, it's doctrine that keeps people strong in their faith."

— Abe Opincar



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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I volunteer at my son's nursery school two days a week, and there is a little girl in his class who I shamefacedly confess bugs the hell out of me. She is the most assertive and aggressive child in the class and always seems to be trying to control

my son's behavior in a negative way. If she is playing with toys and my son wants to join in, she picks on him or excludes him. Rashid, my son, seems completely oblivious to her antics. Whenever I come into the room, this little girl rushes up to me and complains to me about Rashid, even though he isn't bothering her and never does. I want to write the teacher a note and complain about this kid. Is that the best way to handle the situation?

PROTECTIVE O.B. MOM

Dear O.B. Mom,

In this column I frequently find myself repeating my belief that parenting is the world's hardest job. One of the many difficult aspects of being a good parent is trying to figure out when to intervene in interactions your kid is having with another youngster, and when to stand back for a bit and see if the kids can work it out themselves. If Rashid is oblivious to this little girl's behavior, then perhaps you can try to gently redirect her rather than running to the teacher right away. When she complains to you about Rashid, she may be simply trying to get some adult attention. Let her know you aren't interested in hearing these repeated tattlings and suggest positive alternative behavior you'd like to see. For example, you could respond by saying, "I don't want to hear these complaints about Rashid every day when he hasn't done anything wrong. I'd much rather play with this puzzle with you," and then walk her over to the puzzle (or book or blocks) and try to engage her in constructive, fun activity. If the problem really escalates, of course you can go to the teacher. At the beginning of your child's school career, though, it may be useful to keep in mind that you can't and wouldn't want to make a federal case out of every little kid-on-kid tiff.

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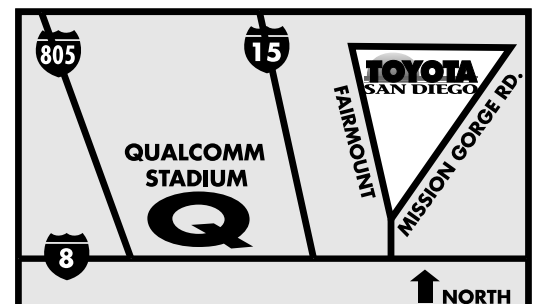
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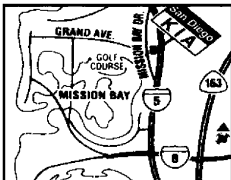
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The first time I saw Muhammed Ali's daughter Leilah boxing, I thought it was a joke — maybe a skit from *Saturday Night Live*? I blinked at the television — Patrick and I were in a bar — and looked closer. The fight was as real as my Guinness. I knew that women's lib had opened the way for women to get into medicine, science, and law, but pugilism? That was real girl power.

I recalled Leilah as I plotted a way to shed my holiday pounds and get into shape. The old routine of aerobics sounded too boring to contemplate, but boxing seemed to promise something more exciting. Apparently, I wasn't alone. Anthony at The Boxing Club in La Jolla (858-456-2269; locations all over San Diego County) told me that the club's classes include about 65 percent women. "Women come here for something different. They're tired of jumping on the treadmill or the Stairmaster every day. We're a club that specializes in personalized training. When you first sign up, you spend an hour with a trainer to get a basic understanding of boxing. Classes are five to ten people, so you get lots of one-on-one attention.

"There's no punching the air; we're hitting bags, shields — we have some dummies. It's not a fight club, where we throw you in a ring and somebody uses you as a meat pad. About 95 percent of our people only want to use it for cardio and to learn fight techniques. They come in, hit something, and enjoy the best workout of their lives. However, we do have sparring every Thursday night, so we take it as far as you want." Cost is \$250 to sign up and \$75 a month thereafter. The price includes unlimited classes (at certain locations), which run from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday (at most locations).

Patrick joked about seeing me in some downtown gym in amongst the would-be contenders, so I headed downtown to City Boxing (619-233-5444) and spoke with manager/instructor Dave Ventura. He told me that, while private instruction was available, most people took the group classes. Classes consisted of about 40 percent women, he said, most of whom learned boxing for "self-defense, not for sport. A guy might be able to muscle himself out of a tough situation," but "for a woman who knows proper technique, strength isn't [as much of] a factor." Men may be naturally stronger, "but I've seen women pound on guys that were the same weight, because the woman was a better boxer."

For Ventura, boxing is the "stand-up" (and more defensive) aspect of self-defense. Boxing teaches you how to throw precision punches, but also, "how to move out of the way. Defense is 75 percent. It helps your footwork, and you're always dodging and deflecting punches. It is complemented by the "ground-game" of jiu-jitsu — "a more hands-on, wrestling type of thing" — and the more attack-oriented art of muay-tai, a sort of full-contact kickboxing, involving elbows, knees, and just about everything else.

"We do have sparring every Thursday night, so we take it as far as you want."

As far as the boxing goes, "this is the real deal. You're going to train exactly like a boxer will train. You're going to do a lot of different drills. Boxing is repetitive, but there are a hundred different drills you can do to learn one thing," such as bobbing and weaving to avoid punches.

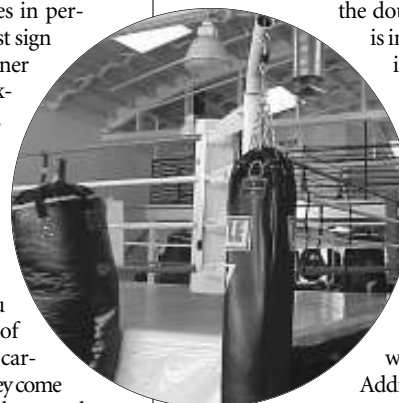
"When you watch a boxing match, it's three-minute rounds and one minute of rest." Classes are structured in much the same way. "The first two rounds, you grab a jump rope and get warmed up. The next two rounds would be shadowboxing in front of a mirror so an instructor can see you. Your first day, he's going to tell you how to hold your hands, how far apart your feet should be, how to step in certain directions, and how to use your hands and feet at the same time. Also, how to put your hips into punches, how to maximize the weight of your body in your punches. Your next four rounds, you go to the heavy bag so you can develop power. The heavy bag is where you hit as hard as you can; that's how you get in shape and have an awesome physique, because it's resistance training.

"Next you have two rounds on the double-end bag. The bag is in the middle, and there is a bungee cord on the bottom and a rope on the top. When you hit it, it moves all over the place, just like someone's head. This helps give you precision hands; you've got to be able to see your target and touch it with your hands within a split-second."

Additional rounds might be spent on the speed bag, which is small and hangs from a wooden platform. "It comes right back to you after you hit it. You hit the bag and get a rhythm, and you don't break the rhythm. It's nonstop, so it's working lots of things, like shoulder resistance and reaction time.

"Classes are very flexible," he continued. "We offer them every day except Sunday, and we're open seven days a week. I have classes as early as 6:30 a.m., and in the evening at 5, 6, 6:30, and 7:30. If you come to class today and miss tomorrow, you're not going to get left behind; each class is structured to work on what you need to work on." The cost, \$99 a month plus a \$199 enrollment fee, entitles you to unlimited classes. That includes yoga, boxing, and muay-tai, as well as access to a full-scale weight room. Jiu-jitsu is an additional \$30 per month. The equipment required for boxing is minimal, and can be purchased at City Boxing. "To box, you need hand wraps [\$6-\$10] and a pair of gloves [\$44.90-\$120]. But if a woman wants to spar, she'll also need headgear [provided], a mouthpiece [\$3-\$25], and a chest protector [\$20-\$40]."

I came to get fit, but I couldn't help but be curious about actually getting into the ring and throwing a punch. Ventura said that when I get in depends on "how fast you learn and how eager you are to get in there. Sometimes, the women are intimidated at the thought of getting in the ring with any of the guys, so I'll go in with them, because I know how to hold back punches. I tell them we're just going to get in there and move around a little bit."



1. Dave Ventura
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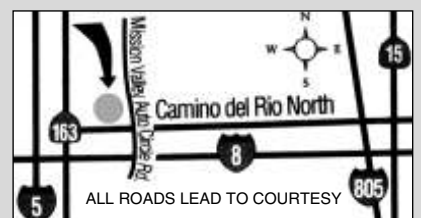
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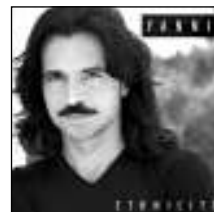
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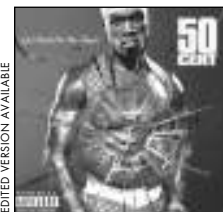


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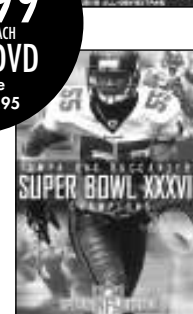
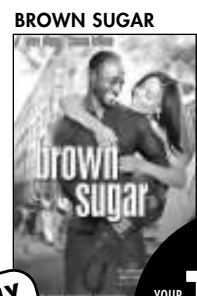


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Hardcore Combat

Retired Lieutenant Commander Bill Davis and I had served together in the Navy. Davis now lives in Oceanside and recalled he had retirement orders when the balloon went up in the gulf. "I was due out on 1 January '91 but had deployed to the Middle East with Naval Special Warfare Group One, the head shed for West Coast SEAL Teams. I couldn't bear the thought of getting out on the eve of fucking battle."

Davis had been a Marine Corps platoon



Rigid inflatable boat (RIB)

leader in Vietnam before he became a SEAL and was a plank owner, or original member, of SEAL

Team Six under the command of Dick Marcinko. In his best-selling autobiography, *Rogue War-*

rior, Marcinko identified Davis as "Cheeks," because Davis looked somewhat like a chipmunk. Davis retains his distinctive cheeks and the sturdy build of the college tight end he once was. SEALs considered Davis a "shooter," a hardcore combat guy. I asked how he'd

managed to stay onboard for the war.

"The commodore, Ray Smith, and his chief

staff officer, Tim Holden, went to bat for me, and after phone calls to Washington I got extended through September '91."

So you were in the gulf for Desert Shield and Desert Storm?

"Yeah, Desert Shield was when we were gearing up, between September and December. Not much going on. I was in charge of a SEAL compound on this little island off Saudi Arabia. When I got there, the place was a mess. This lazy fucking chief was in charge, and about all he did was chow down and sleep. He'd taken virtually no defensive measures, and all I could think of when I looked around was those dead Marines in Beirut. I put everybody to work digging trenches, filling sandbags, getting concertina out, and building cement barriers. Wanted to plant mines and set claymores, but higher authority nixed that."

Sounds like you thought you were back in Nam.

"Better safe than fucking sorry. Anyway, we hardened the site pretty good and just waited. Played a lot of basketball on an outdoor court we built. Jungle rules. When Desert Storm began, I was put in charge of a task element and ordered to serve as liaison with the Kuwaiti navy. The navy consisted mainly of two frigates and a converted U.S. Coast Guard repair ship the Kuwaitis had named the *Sawahil*. We called her the *Happy Duck*. She could make seven knots max.

"I was disappointed with the assignment at first. Wanted to be liaison with the Marines because I was an ex-Marine and figured they would be in the thick of things. Thought I'd just tag along, you know, and watch the Mother of All Battles."

You were a platoon leader in Nam?

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"Yeah. Worked up north in I Corps, Quang Tri Province. Charlie and Clyde all over the place. As a platoon leader, you didn't want to get in a long conversation because you probably wouldn't be around to finish it. Scariest thing I ever did was crawl into these narrow little tunnels to flush out whoever might be in there. All I took with me was a .45, flashlight, and tight asshole. Lead by example. As bad as Desert Storm might be, nothing could be worse than Nam.

"But my time with the Kuwaitis worked out great. I took a squad of SEALs on board the *Happy Duck*, which was the flagship for the Kuwaiti navy. Also had two RIBs — 24-foot rigid inflatable boats powered by a Volvo inboard/outboard that

could make 28 knots.

"My Kuwaiti counterpart and squadron commander was Colonel Nasser. Terrific guy. All he wanted to do was kill Iraqis. He'd scare me shitless taking the *Duck* and the frigates within three miles of the coast looking for targets. His ships had Exocet surface-to-surface missiles, and he was just dying to fire them, but every time he got a radar signature from a target, the U.S. wouldn't let him pull the trigger. Broke his heart. But what concerned me was the Iraqis had their own surface-to-surface missiles — Chinese Silkworms — with a range of about 40 miles and warheads that could hold chemical and biological agents. I did not like to close that coast, which was just wall-to-wall with



Bill Davis

booger-eaters.

"My boss and task unit commander was Eric Olson. He was on a U.S. destroyer and had several

SEALs riding various ships. He was top shelf. Deserved to make admiral, especially after what he did during the battle of

Mogadishu, when he led a rescue force to help extract those Rangers. Got the Silver Star for that op. Do you know Eric?"

I know Eric. First met him when he was a jaygee at Team 12. Little guy. We called him "Sweet Pea." He's one of the few SEAL admirals ever who've had significant combat experience.

"Uh-huh. Ain't that something. Anyway, Eric ordered us forward as lead element in case pilots got shot down over the gulf. He assigned a fast frigate to cover us. The ship, USS *Nicholas*, was to stay within 13 miles and close if we got in trouble. Message traffic said we could expect hundreds of pilots to be shot down during the air war. Main mission for SEALs was search and rescue. We thought we'd have a lot of work. Only had to

pull one pilot out of the water.

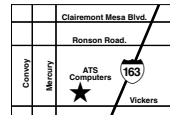
"We had a ringside seat for the air war. Started on 17 January and lasted 39 days. Hundreds of planes flew over us day and night. I'd seen Arc Light strikes in Nam, and they were nothing compared to what I saw in the gulf, especially at night. We'd be 15 miles out, and the ship would shake and shake and shake as the bombs detonated. The sky would light up like the aurora borealis. The noise was like Surround Sound pumped up to max volume plus. Only problem was, we got strafed by some British Lynx helos, and fast movers were doing figure eights over us. To identify us as friendly, we'd painted this stupid symbol on top of our ships, which of course

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did absolutely no good at night. I also got hold of a transmitter that planes use to squawk a friendly signal, but it never worked. Supposed to keep the thing in an air-conditioned space that we did not have. So whenever I saw friendlies overhead who looked like they were about to blow us out of the water, I'd get Olson on the horn and scream, 'Get these motherfuckers off my ass, man!'

"Olson tasked us with our first assault mission on 15 January. Ours was the first surface battle — such as it was — of Desert Storm. Eric ordered us to steam to the Dorra oil field, 30 miles off the Kuwaiti coast. The *Nicholas*, who had SEALs and Little Birds, maintained station 13 miles out to sea."

What are Little Birds?



Swimmer delivery vehicle (SDV)

"Small helos kinda like the Loaches in Nam, except the Little Birds are more heavily armed and mainly used for fire support instead of observation. Frigates and destroyers have them so you don't

need carriers to provide air support for SEALs."

What was the Dorra oil field like?

"Lots of second-stage oil platforms about 60 feet high. I felt right at home around those rigs,

because when I was at Six with Marcinko, he'd have us work against the rigs in the oil fields off Louisiana. We'd insert on top of the rig by helo and also climb up from the water. And I mean those

were some big 'n' tall mothers. The rigs in Dorra were puny by comparison.

"Eric put us on point, and I was worried because we'd be within Silkworm range, and our Navy was 50 miles away except for the *Nicholas*. We steamed into the oil field with one of the Kuwaiti frigates at night on the 18th. We immediately drew fire. Iraqis had heavy weapons on all the rigs. We returned fire and withdrew to link up with the *Nicholas* and develop a better plan.

"CO of the *Nicholas* was a real go-getter, especially for a black shoe. He had Little Birds and said they would hose down the platforms with rockets and automatic weapons. After the birds made their runs, the *Nicholas* and the Kuwaiti ships would bombard the

platforms with three- and five-inch gunfire. SEALs in RIBs would go in to clean up the mess. Four of my guys ended up going in with the SEALs on the *Nicholas*. I stayed aboard the *Happy Duck* with Colonel Nasser.

"Plan worked like a charm, even though the platforms were bunkered and mounted 37 millimeter AA and .51 cal. It was essentially all over after the helos made their strafing and rocket runs. SEALs went in and cleared the bunkers. Took 25 prisoners without any friendly casualties."

I recall reading allegations the SEALs shot prisoners.

"That's bullshit. The ragheads surrendered without a fight; our guys hooked them up and took them back to the *Nicholas*.

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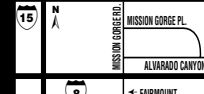
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There was an investigation later because someone — probably a flower child in the *Nicholas* crew — claimed that the helos ignored a white flag the rags were waving. But you gotta remember, nothing had happened yet in this war, and all we'd been hearing is that we are all gonna die because of the gas and shit, and here we are drawing fire. Nobody is thinking nothing except wipe these fuckers slick.

“Dorra turned out to be the most action we’d see for the rest of the war, but we had plenty of hairy moments, like the time we tried to disarm a huge floating mine, lost it, and thought we might steam into it at night.

“The incident began on our way out to sea after a provisioning run into a Saudi port. We were



Fast attack vehicle in gulf

accompanied by two U.S. frigates when we spotted a floater.”

A dead body?

“No, another kind of floater — a horned mine about the size of a Volk-

swagen, like they used in World War II. It was dusk at the time, and not much daylight remained to neutralize the beast. The ships came to ‘all stop,’ and I got my three-man explo-

sive ordnance disposal [EOD] detachment topside. I also had a SEAL SDV platoon onboard and called them up with the EOD.”

What’s an SDV, and

why was the platoon with you?

“Swimmer delivery vehicle — it’s a mini-submarine that’s open to the sea. You take her down by flooding the compartment where three or four SEALs sit breathing compressed air from their own rigs or from the boat’s system. SEALs breathe mixed gas for long missions and at depth. We had the platoon to search for bottom mines in shallow water in case we had an amphibious landing to put the grunts ashore.”

How does an SDV find a sunken mine?

“The boat has an OAS — obstacle avoidance sonar — that’s supposed to detect the mine. The mission is difficult and dangerous. See, sonar signals detonate lots of these mines, and if that

happens, the SDV guys are goners. Something that pissed me off is that three guys always went out on missions — the platoon commander and two enlisted — even though the platoon had eight operators. I asked the chief about this once, and he told me the other guys got claustrophobic — claustrophobic — and, anyway, the three who went were volunteers. I thought that was bullshit but didn’t want to micromanage the platoon so let it go.

“One thing I didn’t let go, though, was the incompetence of the SDV guys when it came to basic skills you need to shoot, move, and especially communicate. Even your average plain-vanilla SEAL had these skills, but not SDV SEALs. All those guys knew was how to main-

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tain and operate their boats. They couldn't even fire our .50 cal or use a Stinger to launch a rocket."

What's a plain-vanilla SEAL?

"Someone assigned to a regular SEAL Team as opposed to the Jedi Knights of SEAL Team Six, which is now Naval Special Warfare Development Group, or just DEVGRU. DEVGRU is the Navy's answer to Army's Delta Force.

"Anyway, I got my EOD guys ready to get underway and blow that floater in place. And I got a couple SDV guys to take them in a RIB to the mine that was out about 500 meters. Before the RIB got underway, of course, I wanted a radio check to ensure I got coms with them.

"I'm on the bridge and shout at the coxswain in the RIB to turn his radio on for a check. He fools around with the radio for a while and then yells, 'I don't know how to work

this radio!' See, it was a UHF radio, and SDVs have VHF or something. This kid doesn't even know how to turn on the radio, and it's getting dark fast, and pretty soon we ain't going to be able to find the floater.

"I'm getting hot enough to fuck about that time, and the other SDV guy grabs the radio and tries to figure out how to turn it on. Now here I am with a complete radio suite with everything from covered SATCOM to single sideband. I can talk to anyone anywhere in the world, but I can't fucking talk to that RIB 20 meters away.

"When the second guy says he don't know how to turn the thing on either, I send down a Motorola walkie-talkie—the kind you can buy at Radio Shack. Guess what? They can't even get up on the walkie-talkie. Now it's just about dark, and I'm going to have to scrub the mission, so I launch 'em



SEALs in gulf

without coms.

"I'm not one to hide my feelings, so when they take off without a working radio—or a radio they know how to work—I just go ballistic. I take the Motorola I got and smash it against the bulkhead, saying stuff to the SDV platoon commander like, 'You mother-fucking incompetent

fucks! You can't turn the radio on, the fucking Motorola! What the fuck can you do above water?' I apologized to him later—he really was a good officer, but, man! Stuff like that just didn't happen at Six.

"And that wasn't the end of the pigfuck. EOD gets the mine loaded with C4, but when they crank

it off, it's a hang-fire—it doesn't detonate. I can't see the mine and ask EOD if he'd marked it with a chemlight. He goes, 'Gee, I guess not, sir.' By this time, I don't have the energy to do anything but shake my head.

"We wait 30 minutes, and when the mine still doesn't blow, we all settle down and post mine watches—us and the two frigates, whose COs must be thinking, 'These are the world's most elite fighters?'"

Hey! The fog of war! War is the province of chance!

"Yeah, right. Morning dawns with no mine in sight, so we get underway. Learn later the mine drifted several miles and ended up in Bahrain with the EOD demo still rigged and ready to go."

You mentioned how well you got along with Colonel Nasser. That didn't happen very often with U.S. officers and their counterparts in Nam.

"Nasser wasn't like most slopes I'd known. He was the consummate professional and absolutely fearless. He also listened to me, and we never, but never, had a disagreement we couldn't work out."

That's impressive, given your notorious temper.

"Well, I sure as shit don't suffer fools, a trait I probably picked up from Marcinko. But Nasser and I got along great, and we enjoyed a mutual trust. I remember one time I got a message from our Navy that the Iraqis were massacring old men, women, and children in Kuwait City. The message said I was not to tell the Kuwaitis.

"I knew Nasser's family had escaped to Bahrain but that his grandfather, who was a tough old guy and devout Muslim, refused to leave. I figured Nasser had a right to know what was going on in his own country, so I took him the message and said, 'I want you to read this,

because I'm not supposed to tell you, but you need to know this.'

"He read it and tears came to his eyes and he said, 'I'll handle this. Thanks a lot.'

"Another time we were putting Kuwaiti marines on these islands because of a dispute with Saudi Arabia. The Saudis claimed the islands were theirs, and the Kuwaitis wanted to occupy them first. We were transporting the marines ashore with our RIBs and covering them with Little Birds when I get this call from Schwarzkopf's staff saying we were to cease and desist. The State Department said under no circumstances were we to help the Kuwaitis.

"So here I am in the midst of getting the marines ashore, and I am not about to stop. I say, 'Okay, no problem,' and just keep on doing what I'm doing. I even had SEALs go ashore and help the Kuwaitis prepare

defensive positions and set up generators. Fuck a bunch of REMFs [rear-echelon motherfuckers].

"Nasser really appreciated what we did for him. Like I said, he and I enjoyed a mutual trust. After the four-day war ended, of course he wanted to take the *Duck* into Kuwait City, and he didn't want to tell the U.S. Navy because he was afraid they'd deny permission.

"I told him, what the hell, go for it. The place was mined, but we figured damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead! Which was not very fast with the *Duck*. We made it fine, anchored out, and I sent SEALs ashore in a launch to patrol and make sure we wouldn't draw fire. No U.S. forces were to be seen. Just Saudis, Iraqis, and Palestinians. Reminded me of Beirut. When the SEALs gave the 'all clear,' we started making liberty runs.

"After about three days, I noticed Nasser



AH-6J light attack helo (Little Bird)

hadn't left the ship. I asked him what was up, and he said he didn't want to go in because he was afraid he'd find out his grandfather was dead. I said, 'Fuck that, let's go in. You told me your grandfather was a tough old guy. He's

okay.'

"Nasser agreed, and in we went. We commandeered an old Chevy Impala near the pier and took off. After a few blocks, we run into a Saudi roadblock. Now we're wearing our robes and are not

in uniform. A Saudi sticks his rifle into the car and starts jabbering to Nasser, who starts jabbering back. Suddenly the Saudi brings the rifle up to his shoulder, and Nasser floors the Impala. We're zigzagging down the street with rounds popping all around us and a few hitting the car. I'm thinking, 'Oh, Christ! We're all gonna die! What a way to go.' Then Nasser yanks the Impala around a corner and we're clear.

"I asked Nasser what the Saudi was saying, and he tells me he doesn't know. Couldn't understand the Saudi but knew he was pissed so took off.

"We reached the old man's house okay, and there he was all decked out in his robes. Nasser hugged him, and they kissed twice on both cheeks the way Kuwaitis do, and of course Nasser is crying. He's just overwhelmed with joy.

"We go inside and get treated to tea and sweets.

The grandmother is in the kitchen, and we never see her. The old man has Nasser waiting on us, offering us tea and stuff. I told Nasser, 'Hey, man, you don't have to wait on me,' but he says no, his grandfather had ordered him to take care of his American guest.

"I ask the grandfather through Nasser how he'd managed to survive, and he said he'd gone to the rooftop every day and prayed to Allah. He was one tough old bird, and, boy, did he hate the Iraqis.

"After we left the grandfather, we drove downtown, and it was a madhouse. Millions of Kuwaitis yelling and screaming and happy and dancing. We got out and danced with them. People would come up and kiss me and bring their babies for me to kiss. It was just great. World War II must have been like that after the GIs liberated the French."

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I SPEAK with my dead parents regularly. Because I lost them both at once, so absolutely, so suddenly, and in such a shocking manner, I believe that, of necessity, I just continued to talk to them but with my senses tuned toward a different kind of response. It's whimsical, of course, to think the dead can hear me, having left their ears and their earthly concerns so far behind. At first I addressed my parents in an immediate and intimate manner, as a person is wont to do when he or she imagines a highly personalized God, a Creator, an Infinity, who nevertheless can attend to a person's pimple. I told my father how the Chargers were doing, the team he remained faithful to in spite of their losses. Ironically, the year after his death they almost made it to the Super Bowl. I reported to my mother about the development of her newest grandson, Jonathan, who was born to my brother and sister-in-law after my mother was killed. More importantly, however, I pressed my parents for a sign, a clue as to who murdered them. In the 14 years that have passed since they were murdered, no definitive clues have come to light. Gradually, the tenor of my talks with them has changed, becoming less and less secular.

Since I haven't yet found a specific God to whom I can pray, perhaps talking to the dead serves a quasi-religious purpose for me; my words are more akin to prayer than conversation. I am skeptical about religion in general — and, of late, hostile toward angels in particular — I am reluctant to embrace the beautiful, ephemeral idea of a soul. But it's hard to think of your loved ones as disparate particles scattered throughout the universe.

I prefer to think of my mother and father as a gathering of energy, their particular protons, electrons,



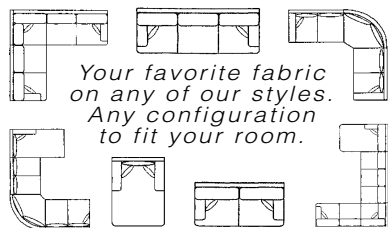
Mel and Katherine Heine, the author's parents

and neurons having managed somehow to reunite after cremation. In *The Demon-Haunted World*, Carl Sagan relates that an 18th-century chemist named Joseph Priestley tried to find the "vital force" of mice by

weighing them before and after death. Obviously, the mice weighed the same. Sagan observed about this experiment, "All such attempts have failed. If there is soul-stuff, evidently it weighs nothing — that is,

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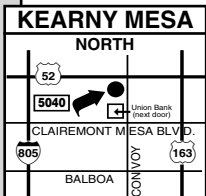
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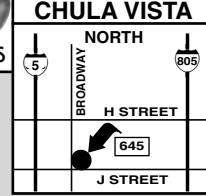
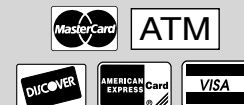
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it is not made of matter." It's not clear to me whether energy weighs anything, whether my ideas would hold up under the rigors of even 18th-century science, but by now the reader intuitively that I easily allow myself to put aside troubling details.

A dear friend of mine has counseled me more than once not to make a personal flaw into a virtue. I know if she were looking over my shoulder right now, she would argue against my attempt to validate my own solipsistic practices. In the book *Rocks of Ages*, Stephen Jay Gould tries to sort out the separate claims of science and religion. Gould quotes from a letter that Thomas Henry Huxley wrote to a priest after the sudden death of his beloved three-year-old child. Huxley doesn't take refuge in the idea that his own "poor personality shall remain distinct forever from the All from whence it came and whither it goes." Huxley's thoughts are much more consistent with his

beliefs than my own, much purer and less self-indulgent. "My business is to teach my aspirations to conform themselves to fact, not to try and make facts harmonize with my aspirations." Huxley takes solace in "a deep sense of religion...with the entire absence of theology." I take solace in improvisation and ritual, which sprang up overnight like a convenience store.

I often suggest to people that if a book does not engage them by page 50, not to feel bad about putting the book down. But what about an essay? How many paragraphs can a person read of unsubstantiated soul stuff? Yet, talking to the dead is a fairly common practice. Within the confines of Christianity, people are always talking to Jesus, or Mary, or a host of saints. In the secular world, books are dedicated to the dead, and poems and songs are routinely addressed specifically to them. The poet Paul Celan, who lost family and loved ones to



The author's parents

concentration camps, writes:

Your
Being Beyond in the night.
With words I fetched you
back, there you are,
all is true and a waiting
for truth.

In front of our window
the bean-plant climbs:
think

who is growing beside us
and
watches it.

God, so we read, is
a part, and a second, a
scattered one:
in the death
of all those mown down
he grows himself whole.

There

Our looking leads us,
with this
half
we keep up relations.

Not to mention the fact that in our lifetimes, we have more conversations in our heads than with actual people. Perhaps all the incorporeal communication we engage in — letters, phone calls, faxes, e-mails — keep us in training for lopsided conversations. But beyond that, I've bullied many people recently into confessing that they regularly speak to a dead loved one or listen as if to hear them. One colleague I cornered in the hallway told me she starts her day with coffee and a chat with her deceased mother. In a culture that is given to sweeping death under the carpet, a culture that moves 100 miles per hour faster every year, that exorcises grief through various 12-step programs, it might even be healthy to talk to the dead, allow them to linger among us a little longer.

When a person dies, their voice often acquires a new authority. It's like getting an honorary degree. People are inclined to quote the dead because their words suddenly have more resonance. We, the temporarily alive, speculate that if consciousness survives death, it must undergo an elevation, be less stained by terrestrial failings. A writer works to distill all of life's experience into voice, yet in death, a person's voice immediately transforms into essence. The poem "The Wild Iris" by Louise Glück portrays the risen voice this way:

It is terrible to survive
as consciousness
buried in the dark
earth...You who do
not remember
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world
I tell you I could speak
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returns from oblivion
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to find a voice:
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life came
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The danger, of course, would be literally hearing these voices or seeking the advice of the dead through the services of a medium. Once, I have to admit, I consulted a woman with Tarot cards about my parents. I went to a “magic” store with my friend who wanted a new pack of Tarot cards. In the back room, on a rickety card table, a woman was reading futures. She used a particular kind of Tarot cards; they were designed with various kinds of bears, if I remember correctly. It was a hot day; my friend was waiting outside, and I was worried she was getting impatient. The Tarot-card reader looked tremendously ordinary. Brown hair. A little overweight. World-weary hands. I expect the supernatural swathed in velvet, attended by shiny baubles and fractured light. I expect the room to be electric, charged with the energy of the beyond. The room and the card reading were sadly soporific, dusty. Perhaps that’s why I never credited her vision — which so far has proved true. She told me she saw a closed file; that my parents’ case would never be solved. She was a kind woman, and one thing I was sure of, her vision came out of the spirit of kindness.

Still, I’m anxious to offer the reader, however briefly, something more substantive. Something, at least, with a hint of science about it.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross altered the way the dying are treated and perceived. At the age of 15, during the devastation brought on by World War II, she began attending to the sick and the dying. She graduated from the University of Zurich medical school and moved to the United States in 1958. Her groundbreaking book, *On Death and Dying*, is used in colleges and universities throughout the world. Kubler-Ross is credited with starting Hospice. Her perceptions are exper-

iential as well as academic. She has achieved veracity, respectability, authority. So how are we to interpret her ideas about communicating with the dead?

Just a few years ago, John Harricharan, in an interview with Kubler-Ross,

asked, “Can we communicate with loved ones who have gone on?” Her response: “If you are ready and if you are at a high enough spiritual level. It can be done through dreams and also through other methods. I always tell bereaved par-

ents, after they have given up their heaviness and resentment, to say, ‘I really need to see you in my dreams. I need to know that you’re okay.’ If there is a lot of sadness and anger, the one who has gone on cannot come through. But if

the conditions are right and there is enough faith, the contact will occur in dreams.” Is the place where Kubler-Ross has arrived an aberration or an extension of her life work? Can we attribute it to her age? To her recent strokes? To chemical

alterations in the brain that produce the light that the near-dead report seeing? Can we attribute it to the spirit of kindness?

There are police departments that use the services of psychics. The author Lois Duncan resorted to psy-

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chics when her 18-year-old daughter was shot and killed and the Albuquerque Police Department was conducting what she felt was a "tepid" investigation. In *Who Killed My Daughter?* Duncan discusses the background of Noreen Renier, one of the psychics she worked with. "Noreen said she went through five years of laboratory testing at Duke University and at the Psychological Research Foundation before going into police work." Each of the psychics that Duncan consulted was able to contribute something toward Duncan's understanding of why her daughter was killed; however, at the time of the book's

publication, her daughter's murder remained unsolved.

I wrote to Lois Duncan shortly after her book came out in 1992, and she was kind enough to write back to me with more information about the psychics. When I dug her book out to look for the quote about Renier's background, I was surprised to find I had written the addresses of all three psychics in green felt pen in the back of the book. I never contacted them. Perhaps I was afraid to, afraid to enter the fear and grief of my parents' murders again and afraid of more disillusionment than the police investigation had already caused me. Or perhaps I didn't

believe in psychics or channeling enough to spend a portion of our family's hard-earned income on it; to put out the money only to acquire information that might be helpful but wouldn't lead to a conviction. Still, I must admit, when I saw the addresses, I was again tempted to try them.

I persist in my conversations with my parents. I say conversation because there is actually a dynamic not unlike conversation. My relationship with my parents has evolved, even though my parents are nonexistent. I pass milestones in life that my mother passed, and I say to her,

Aha! So that's what you were trying to say. So often when we have conversations with people, we formulate our replies before the other person has even finished speaking. Now I remember conversations that I had with my father, and I respond to his actual words. I have learned, too, to forgive my parents for grievances I couldn't let go of while they were alive. Large grievances and petty grievances.

My parents were killed in January 1988. We had just passed through a holiday season that had offered highs and lows. Every other year my mother had hosted Thanksgiving dinner for however many of her chil-

dren and their families were in town. That year she declined, saying, "There are just too many people, Sue; it's just too much for me to handle." So I hosted Thanksgiving in my house and let my mother know how irritated I was with her. It wasn't long before I heard myself saying those same words.

In death, as it was in life, I speak more often with my mother. I wear a coral cameo ring that belonged to her, and I fancy that the ring is some sort of cosmic walkie-talkie; it facilitates our talks. One of the psychics in *Who Killed My Daughter?* asked Duncan for something of her daughter's that was made of metal

(plastic apparently doesn't have the power to retain impressions). My mother's ring is quite beautiful, with a slender face etched into the pale orange of the coral; it was a gift from my father. I know my mother loved it. Maybe it's the reverberations from the gold setting that enhance my communication with my mother. Nevertheless, I feel guilty that I call upon my mother more often than my father.

But I think I don't speak with my father as much as with my mother because, in some archetypal way, my mother has become "The Mother," and my father's identity has collapsed into

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hers. They are more one than ever. This phenomenon is not a product of feminist thinking; it is just the way my mind has chosen to express their relationship. After a long struggle with cancer, my mother-in-law died in her daughter's house. All of her loved ones were around her. Toward the end she was silent, but through the long night during which she was approaching death, she called out repeatedly, "Mama, Mama..." A woman in her 60s, calling backward to her dead mother. Perhaps those raised with a loving father and no mother, or an abusive mother, will call backward to the father; I can't know. But for me there is something primal about calling down mother-love, something more primal than God.

There are responsibilities you have to consider if you want to communicate with the dead. You must consider the possibility that, should they actually exist in whatever incorporeal form, your calling to them might oblige them to stay in your vicinity and listen to your earthly complaints, rather than being free to travel the universe. About a year after my parents were killed, I had a dream that they stopped by my house in a yellow Volkswagen bus. They were both wearing baseball caps and looked more carefree than they ever had in life. They came to tell me not to worry about them anymore; they were off to travel the cosmos. I felt happy for them and felt relief from some of the pain that I shared with them. In *Fugitive Pieces*, Anne Michaels keeps the main character, Jakob Beers, in constant contact with his dead sister throughout the novel. "Athos didn't understand, as I hesitated in the doorway, that I was letting Bella enter ahead of me.... Awake at night, I hear her breathing or singing next to me in the dark, half comforted, half terrified that my ear was pressed against the thin wall between the living and the dead... though if anything were to happen

to me, she wouldn't be able to prevent it. Watching with curiosity and sympathy from her side of the gossamer wall." Michaels, vis à vis her character, recognizes the problematic nature of the relationship. "When I awoke, my anguish was spe-

cific; the possibility that it was as painful for them to be remembered as it was to remember them; that I was haunting my parents and Bella with my calling, startling them awake in their black beds."

Though once I was

happy for my parents to depart in their Volkswagen bus, I call on them often now, wake them from their black beds, their astral dissolvings, insist that they help me — almost as if I thought they owed me help. It's not a pretty thing, this

aggressiveness toward the dead; it's even worse because of the violent way they died, but sometimes I feel overwhelmed with the responsibilities that I inherited. I suppose it's like that Thanksgiving dinner — I still want my mother to attend to

everyone's needs. I take comfort in the evolving nature of the relationship; surely I can learn to be less demanding.

There are consequences for speaking with my parents on a daily basis. My mother has lost her chest-



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nut-colored hair, her quick and quirky smile. My father has lost his handsome profile, his way of laughing that came from the center of his being. They have become flattened by habit. The essence of their beings is less distinct, woven with the sound of my own voice — and the telling silence that surrounds it.

Even so, when I'm dead I want my loved ones to talk to me. Perhaps it's a selfish wish, to ask people to spend time talking to the dead when there are so many fascinating living people with whom they might converse. But I'm just asking for a little time. They don't even have to travel to the gravesite; they can just speak to the air, of which I hope to be a part of. And I believe, if it's not too immodest to say, that there will be some who will miss me intensely, and already I wish to comfort them.

As for me, even if death is a vast nothingness, my scattered atoms will palpably long for my loved ones. Dying, I will take comfort in the thought that they will go on talking to me. And, of course, there is the wild hope that I will hear them. ■

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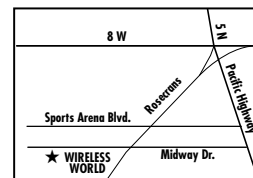
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CHAPTER 15

The fog rolled in, darkening from gray to black as they crossed Point Loma. Hickey pulled in to the lot at the same Sunset Cliffs vista point where last night Cynthia had met Donny Katoulis. The only other car, a Hudson that looked like a submarine surfacing out of the fog, had steamed windows. Its radio crooned a smarmy love song.

Cynthia stared at her persecutor in bewilderment, as though he were a medium who'd just gleaned from God-knows-where the exact number of ounces she'd



Sunset Cliffs, c.1951

gained since Thanksgiving. As she recovered she gave him a sneer and a wink. "You gonna try to kiss me?" She tossed her cigarette at the ashtray. It hit the radio knob and dropped onto the

floorboard. Hickey retrieved it, stubbed it out. The girl rarely smoked, yet she'd sucked two Pall Malls on the drive, rapaciously as though she'd become Romero, the chef. She lit

another while Hickey walked around the car and opened her door.

"Familiar?" he asked.

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behind the century plants. "What'd you think of Donny Katoulis? An old pal of mine." Hickey ushered her ahead of him onto the narrow, slippery trail that led down the cliffside. At his mention of Katoulis, the girl's shoulders locked, and her hair rustled as though from a shudder.

Quickly, she recovered and growled, "I can't walk here. If I take off these stupid shoes, I'll run my hose."

"Want me to carry you?"

"Don't touch me, rat," she commanded, and walked on, teetering. The trail was a switchback, about 200 yards bordered by ice plant and cholla cactus, that brought them to a small sandy beach at the base of

the 50-foot cliff. The waves crashed the rocks to their north and south. Cynthia paced back and forth in the sand, stumbling and snorting until finally she kicked the shoes off. One shot like a missile at the cliff. The other sailed, hovered, and plopped about 30 yards out to sea.

Hickey leaned against a boulder while the girl did a one-legged bounce, hoisting her dress to unhitch her stockings from the garters. "Now's your chance, you old lech. Get yourself an eyeful?"

She bounced and wiggled out of the stockings, rolled them and stuffed them into her handbag, and withdrew her Pall Malls and lighter. She lit up, took a

couple steps toward Hickey to see clearly into where he stood in shadow, out of the moon-brightened fog. The mist had beaded on her makeup, and it hung there like tear-shaped crystals dotting her face.

"You trying to scare me, old man? That why you brought me here?"

"Naw. Scaring won't do any good, if playing ball with the Schwartzes and Donny Katoulis doesn't scare you. And reasoning with you — hell, somebody pays a killer, I don't figure they're reasonable. Naw, those things won't work. Guess I'm gonna have to hurt you."

She scampered backward with tiny steps. "You won't hurt me. It'd cost you

too dear. You wouldn't get another peep out of me, then you and Clyde might as well start peddling encyclopedias."

"Seems I remember Clyde having an orchestra and me owning a restaurant before you flounced in. Who you trying to kill, babe?"

She paced a few steps toward the water, her heels drawing grooves in the damp sand; then she wheeled and flung her cigarette at Hickey. "Let's see you hit me, tough guy. I dare you."

"Maybe it's Laurel, the Bitch? Pravinshandra? Venus? You paying Mister Katoulis to eliminate your mother?"

Cynthia had frozen with hands on her hips, her head

cocked, nose wrinkled, perplexed once again by his mind reading. She strode closer, until the next step would've bumped him, and peered into his eyes. "What'd they tell you up there?"

Work her into a fury, Hickey thought, and she'll drop her guard like an Italian boxer. "Ladies I talked to both said you're nuts."

"Ha!" She spun around, 360 degrees like a ballerina, and slung her handbag down. It hit her in the foot and she kicked it away, into the ebb tide. "And you're stupid enough to believe the sluts. That's what they are, the whole lousy brood. He didn't have to rape them."

Hickey rolled his shoulders, wagged his head slowly, posing his most earnest bed-

side manner. "Meaning he did have to rape somebody, right?"

"Good one, Sherlock." She backed up a couple of steps, slowly as if she were going to run, then lunged forward again. "You saw the picture, moron. If you couldn't see that was a rape, who'd you figure was lying at Mary's feet in the pieta, her milkman?"

"And the one getting raped was?"

"The Bitch. The Bitch," Cynthia growled exasperatedly as a snooty professor lecturing freshmen. Suddenly her eyes flashed like gems in a sunlit whirlpool, and a sly crack of smile appeared before she wiped it away with her arm. "You wanta hear the

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truth, I'll tell you. Where do I start?" she asked, cockily, as though certain that once he'd gotten her story, he'd see that justice deemed the murder her right and duty, so he'd quit nagging her about it.

Hickey reached for his pipe and tobacco. "How about you start with the picture. So it's Laurel getting raped, who's doing it?"

"Him," she snapped. "You read the note."

"Him being the master?"

"Yes."

"So who drew the picture, Emma Vidal?"

"Yes, yes, yes. Give me your coat."

After moving his glasses from the coat to his shirt pocket, he tossed it to her. She laid it on a flat, footstool-high rock a few feet toward the sea from the boulder Hickey leaned against, and sat with her ankles crossed, chin in her hands, elbows on her knees, lip in such a pout that her snapshot might've resembled the negative of a Watusi.

"Why'd Miss V send you the picture?"

The girl sighed as though resigning herself to his stupidity. "She sent it to Daddy, not me. But Laurel had already killed Daddy. Dead people can only do their work through the living, right? He gave the picture to me and begged me to stop the Fiend."

"Your father asked you to kill a guy," Hickey muttered.

"The hell he did. Daddy wouldn't kill anybody. He wanted me to give the picture to Venus. He knew what she'd do."

"What's that?"

"I don't know," the girl snapped. "Lash him to a redwood, squirt cat piss up his nose, slice off his eyelids, and cover his head with a fishbowl full of red ants. Something like that." For a minute she stood still, breathing deliberately. Finally she kicked the sand. "But it wasn't so easy, Tom," she howled. "There are more damned people than one in the world. Why do I have to save everybody, smart guy?"

What about Miss V, when Venus found out she was a traitor, a spy, that she knew everything? What would Venus do then?" She clutched both sides of her hair, yanked them together in front of her face. "What

did she do?" Parting the hair, she glared at Hickey, her bottom lip and cheeks sucked tight against teeth and bones.

"Venus started an avalanche?"

"Avalanche," Cynthia groaned. She stared at the ground for a minute, probably looking for a rock to heave. When she didn't spot one, she yanked off her silver cone earrings and flung them into the sea. She whipped back around. "I was the only one who could save them. I bought the gun and went there to kill Pravinshandra, for Daddy and to save Miss V, and to stop him before he could breed a whole tribe of baby fiends like him."

"Whoa. You're saying all those pregnant women..." Listening to the girl's bizarre tale, Hickey's brain was beginning to feel like soap bubbles. A ruthless, homicidal mother teamed with a preacher who rapes, or otherwise diddles, every cutie who steps through his portals, apparently withholding the fact from said ruthless mother — or getting her permission — while the cuties, big with child, become sheep in his loyal flock.

"Naw," Hickey droned, though he was remembering some improbable loyalties, like his mother's to Mary Baker Eddy. No question, if Ma had been Abraham, Hickey Isaac and Mary Baker Eddy Jehovah, the old woman would've had the boy gutted before the Almighty got a chance to announce the reprieve. He recalled 1923 or so, the ecstatic hordes outside Aimée Semple McPherson's Angelus Temple. Driving by there one Sunday, he saw a multitude, some dancing frantically, arms flailing the air, others crawling toward the doorway on their knees.

Cynthia kept reaching behind herself as if to scratch or unsnap something. It looked as though any second the girl might leap out of her clothes and go bounding, screaming, into the sea.

"Even I don't know which ones he raped," Cynthia wailed. "It was the only letter from Miss V Daddy showed me, and up there she wouldn't say much. She was trying to protect me. With Laurel and Venus already trying to kill me, I

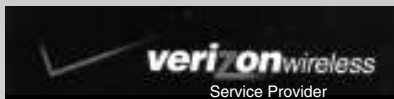
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didn't need *him* after me, too." She caught a deep breath, blew it out, and slumped, as though settling into an easy chair, and her voice began to shift from a lunatic's whine to a storyteller's introspective drawl.

"If she would've trusted me... Oh, Lord — she'd be alive, he'd be dead, and I... I would've proved I must be the world's greatest actress, the way they fell for my pose when anybody ought to know I'd marry Hermann

Göring before I'd join their nitwit gang, embrace their vile religion, but nobody caught on — Venus, Laurel, not even Miss V. Nobody had a clue I was only taking him up that mountain to shoot him in the head. You see, my plan was brilliant. I'd pretend to join their coven —"

"Whoa. Why call it a coven?"

"I'll call it what I want. Let me talk, for Christ's sake." She flashed him a

glare as indignant as though he'd stopped her in the middle of a song and asked her to repeat the previous verse. "To join, you have to first take communion, meaning you sit on their Holy Mountain as long as it takes until their phony masters contact you, with a message."

The girl sighed and let her shoulders sag, as if mentioning the "communion" had cost half her blood. She stared listlessly at Hickey until he asked, "Which

masters?"

"The Aryan masters," she said dreamily. "Venus preaches that the Aryan masters, more ancient than the Tibetan masters, have been holed up around Mount Shasta since the age of the primal revelation, when the Aryans set out from their homeland in the Urals to spread the faith. This band crossed the land bridge from Siberia. They got chased ever south by hostile Indians until they

finally dug into the mountain, where they still live, in a cave the size of Monaco."

"Cave," Hickey mumbled.

"Look, the Aryans won't appear in the flesh, but they give signs and messages, which is what you wait for on the mountain. Get it? The gimmick is, nobody receives any lousy message, but they're so damned tired and cold that finally they lie just to get out of there. They make up a line of nonsense and say they received

it from the masters, something like 'Her heart had not yet opened for the one ray to enter, thence to fall as three into four in the lap of Maya.' Then, you see, they feel so guilty and spiritually bereft — with everybody lying, and wearing her stinking lie like a silver badge, and each of them thinking she's the only liar — they need to follow our good Master P to save their rotten souls.

"It's a perfect setup for me to get Pravinshandra alone. All I have to do is ask to join up, agree to commune with the Aryans of Holy Mountain. It's always three people who go up, always *him*, of course, and a woman when it's a woman communer — or is that communicant? Or communist? Aw, why ask you? You don't know anything." The girl was smiling faintly now, as if she'd extricated herself from the weird story to enjoy the telling of it. "The way they do this ritual, there are three stations, little huts on the north trail, about a mile apart. He goes to the high station, the pilgrim to the middle one, the helper to the lowest. The helper and Pravinshandra are supposed to funnel the spirits toward the middle. This way. That way. Ha! Wait, oh, the helper, the one at the lowest station — really stationed there to chase back the communer if she tries to escape — has to be an apostle. That's anybody who's been around since the beginning, almost five years ago, who stuck by Venus when she stole the money."

"Which money?"

"Don't you read the news?" Cynthia snapped. "Venus embezzled \$70,000 from Otherworld. That's why — well, one reason — she killed Madame Esmé. How do you think she's bought the Black Forest? Where was I — ah, the only women apostles still living at the Black Forest are Venus, the Bitch when she's there, and Miss V. Oh God... Miss V." Cynthia covered her face with both hands; her fingers spread as though she were peeking, then one hand reached up and clutched her hair and raked through it, scattering the orchid and hairpins onto the sand.

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closer, trickling around the rock where she sat, and the waves boomed louder against the cliffs on both sides of them. Cynthia's voice carried over the noise, getting stronger, as though the story shot juice to her batteries.

"Of course, I wasn't going up any mountain with Venus or Laurel, so that left Miss V. Perfect. Pravinshandra up there alone with me, Miss V the only other soul on the damned mountain, except the Aryan spooks. Ha! Miss V's not capable of violence, you see — she's a sensitive. Madame Esmé used to call her a lotus flower. It's why she had stuck beside Venus — a week or so on the outside, away from the

insulation of Otherworld or Black Forest, she panics, runs for cover. So I don't tell her my plan, but after it's done, I know, she'll help me drag him to some crevasse where they won't find him until next summer, long after the wolves have chawed his flesh and spit out the bullets. Or they might never find him. Some ravines up there, you wouldn't hit bottom until you landed in hell. You think the locals are going to search for *him*? Oh, no. They can't abide a man who throws blue fire."

Hickey scribbled a note in his mind, to ask the girl later about the fire-throwing trick, but he wouldn't stop her now, risk diverting her story.

"Naturally, Miss V's horrified that I'm going to communion. She tried to talk me into running, offers to steal me away and drive us back to Daddy, and when I won't listen, at last she tells me what he may do. What he's already done to the sluts. You ready, Tom?" she growled. "First he's going to hypnotize me, the way he learned from Miss V and she learned from Doctor Murten, a student of Mister Freud. He'll knock me out, probably using the excuse that he's guiding me into a receptive state, which will allow the Aryan spooks to visit. He's going to knock me out, he says, with his voice, a touch of blue fire, and our Prana Yama breathing, then he'll give me a

potion. Dope! Something that blots out memories, and finally he'll..." Cynthia raked her hair again. "Miss V knows how desperately he wants me. Like Faust wanted Helen, he'll bet the whole wad on me. Not like the sluts — them, he probably just snaps a finger, one blue spark, and hocus-pocus, they're on their backs, oozing."

Cynthia grasped her temples with both palms and pressed hard. Her eyes bulged. "I'm the grand prize," she wailed. "For me he'll risk the whole Venus deal."


"Oh, Miss V. God, I laughed at her like I think she's crazy, which breaks my heart, Tom — she loves me dearly, but I can't let on or she's liable to botch things.

Miss V's too tender to..." Gripping both cheeks with her fingernails, she screeched, "I killed her. I killed her..." Her voice kept fading. By the fifth repetition, it got so low that Hickey couldn't hear over the waves. Finally she clasped her hands on her belly, pushed as though helping herself breathe, and found her voice again.

"It was still dark when we set out for the mountain in the long black car. We started climbing at sunrise, each of us with a canteen and a bedroll hanging off our backs — in case I didn't receive any message the first day, there's a mountaineer's hut where we could stay the night. I carried the pistol in my bedroll. Pravinshandra had all his stuff in an

army pack. Fruit, matches, a can of Sterno, his potion," she snarled at Hickey as though pinning him, or every man, with the blame. "He led the way. I could've killed him before we got ten feet. You see what a coward I am?" She leaped up and paced in a sharp circle around the rock, peering frantically in all directions as though just discovering that she was lost, then lunged toward Hickey, threw herself at his feet, and gazed up beseechingly. He touched her hair. She spat between his shoes. Finally she turned and crawled back to her rock, straightened Hickey's coat, sat as before, and docilely resumed her story.

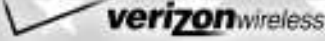

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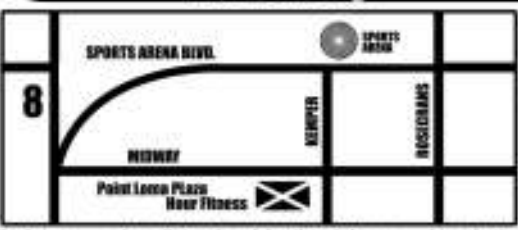
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snow — I had to wear army boots, imagine — to the low station. We left Miss V there. As I tromped off behind Pravinshandra, to march the last mile, Miss V saw me watching her over my shoulder, waiting for her sign. She pointed to herself, then motioned up the trail, meaning she'd follow and protect me. Oh, God save us, she loved me so.

"A hundred yards ahead, we walked into the cloud that always shrouds the damned mountain. It's thick as drool and icy. My brain had started to freeze, and my legs felt like splinters. I kept trying to rest, but *he* wouldn't allow it. At first he tried to beguile me with cow eyes and that gushy

voice, like Martino's. When I snubbed him, he started nagging like Cinderella's stepmother. God, he despised me, the way brutes always do, since I've got them overpowered. By the middle station I was three or four steps from death by exhaustion, but I had worked out my final plan. I'd send him ahead to the high station, then rest until I spotted Miss V, on her way up to watch over me, then I'd take off, motioning her to follow but keeping ahead, a hundred yards at least, so she wouldn't get in my way. At the high station I'd sneak up and blast him. Once it was done, Miss V would thank me and say a prayer for me and help drag the

body a little farther up the mountain. The higher up, the better to stash a corpse, the more crevasses and ghastly cliffs with craggy rocks and snowdrifts."

Cynthia fell silent and stared blankly at Hickey. Her face had turned so pale that even through the fog the scratches she'd made with her fingernails stood out like bloody welts. For a minute or two she sat motionless.

"Then what?" Hickey asked.

She muttered something he couldn't make out over the waves.

"Louder."

"He fucked me!"

Hickey watched the girl walk her index and second

fingers up and down her forehead. "You mean..."

"I mean he fucked me!" she screamed. "He took out his goddamned Sterno. He made me cider. I was freezing to death, wasn't I? I gulped it down. Who wouldn't? Then I got woozy. The next thing I know, I'd gotten fucked and there was a needle welt in my arm."

"Whew," Hickey said, and shook his head to clear it. But Cynthia must've thought he was calling her a liar.

"Don't I know if I got fucked?" she howled. "With blood in my panties and a stench like — he lubed me with some kind of stinking goo. You still don't believe me, look! Get your jollies out of this."

She sprang up, flung the hem of her dress high like a Tijuana hooker showing her wares, and caught it between her teeth. She grappled with her girdle

and panties until she had them on the sand. Then she slapped the side of her butt, yelled, and pointed to the same spot. In the wedge of the dimple was a piece of raw skin the size of a silver dollar, surrounded by stitches. Hickey had to bend close to make it out in the foggy dark.

"You've seen enough," she hissed, and let the dress fall.

"A tattoo?"

"No! Jesus! A brand, like a cow," she wailed. "The *Nezah* Tree of Life." I had the vile thing cut off! A second later she gazed around and finally started gathering her underclothes, the soggy handbag, the orchid that had garnished her hair.

"Let's get you someplace warm," Hickey said.

She allowed him to wrap the coat around her shoulders, and she walked steadily against him when he took her by the arm. To

get out of the inlet and reach the trail, since the tide had risen, they had to wade through icy knee-high surf, which startled her into violent, teeth-clacking shivers, as if the dunking were a baptism that transformed her from a fierce, murderous woman to a deathly sick little girl with her pride smashed. Now she looked admissible to heaven — pallid, her jaw and forehead wrinkled with fear, eyes fluttering.

Hickey wrapped her in his arm, guided her along the trail. In the Chevy she drew her knees up, leaned her cheek on them, and turned her face toward the passenger door. Hickey smoothed his coat over her back and shoulders, switched the heater on, and adjusted the wind-wing to defrost the windshield. The girl made a few little peeps, like a woeful bird; besides those and the chattering of her

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teeth, she offered no sounds, even when Hickey started musing out loud.

"Miss Vidal must've caught him in the act, huh? I guess he whacked her, heaved her into a snowfield. Might've even climbed up above and kicked loose an avalanche."

"Sure," the girl whispered.

Maybe they could get Pravinshandra fried for killing Emma Vidal, Hickey thought. If he convinced Cynthia of that, maybe she'd nix the murder. He tried to imagine a jury believing all this lunacy. The only chance would be if they could get a few of those pregnant women to testify about their own trips to Holy Mountain. Except Hickey didn't

for a second believe that the master had gotten away with raping one of them after another. In an hour, after he'd disposed of the girl and unraveled his mind, he wasn't apt to believe a tenth of her story.

"Talk a little more," he coaxed. "What'd he say when you came to? How'd he try to cover up?"

"Blamed it on the Aryan masters," she muttered. "Look, he knocked me out with the dope. Later he claims everybody gets knocked out by the masters. You have to reach zero consciousness of this plane before you can perceive the next higher one. If you don't get knocked out, he says, he knows the message you

bring is a lie. But whoever gets knocked out, she's got a message to bring him, even if she doesn't remember, and she's become a novice adept. That's why he brands you, to commemorate, to seal your destiny. He does it while you're knocked out so it won't hurt." Her voice reaching high with amazement, she exclaimed, "And the nitwits believe him. At first I half believed him, while he stood over me an hour or more, begging to hear what profound morsel the masters had granted me. Besides, you expect me to think right after I'd got knocked out and fucked and suffered the death of Miss V? It took me three days to figure what

happened, with every chance him grilling me about the message. I damn near made up a story just so he'd leave me alone." She threw herself back against the seat, her face constricted as if there were no windshield and they were speeding into a gale, and shouted, "How do you know what's a dream and what isn't?"

He reached his arm across the backrest, and she fell into it, let him draw her close, laid her cheek on his shoulder. "Evidence, that's how you know," she said softly. "Did I tell you about the blood and goo?"

"Yeah. You told me."

"Evidence," she murmured.

"On the mountain, after

you came to, you try to kill him?"

"He took my gun," she groaned. "It was in my bedroll. He'd already hitched it onto his pack. All the way down he kept me ahead of him, and I was weeping so — it was all I could do to stagger along, worrying where Miss V could've gone. He only said she'd vanished — nothing about an avalanche until we'd got to Black Forest and Venus and the Bitch held me down while he shot me full of poison. A sedative, he called it. They could've killed me. You know why they didn't? The Bitch wouldn't because he had her believing I was going to spill the secrets I'd gotten told on the moun-

tain. And he wouldn't kill me because he hopes to fuck me again." For a moment she quit shivering and cackled, as if realizing that the master wouldn't be fucking anybody. Katoulis would fix that.

"Two days he kept stabbing me with the needle. I couldn't get to my bedroll. They hardly left me alone until the service for Miss V. When I woke up, nobody was guarding me. I got the pistol. My right leg wouldn't move; still I dragged myself across the compound, before Saint Ophelia came to help me. I couldn't see her — I could hardly see the ground — but I felt her hand on my shoulder, like before. Miraculously my



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legs got strong as Tarzan's. I marched into the chapel and ran at the altar, aiming the gun between his eyes. 'Here's your message!' I yelled. I didn't hit anybody," she wailed, and fell to weeping, with spasms crossing her shoulders and deep, eerie moans.

As a cop and musician, Hickey'd known his share of loonies. To make any sense of their tales, he'd finally deduced, you had to remember that part was always true, another part delusion. A tough job, because often the craziest stuff was true and the reasonable things were delusion.

Luckily he didn't have to pass judgment. What he needed to know was if she'd already paid Katoulis. Not a chance she'd confess if he asked her straight out.

Two miles along Rosecrans past the Marine and naval bases, up Barnett Avenue, Hickey used his free hand to rub her back and shoulders. While he waited for an opening to cross the Coast Highway, he bent and pecked a kiss on her shoulder. "It's okay, babe. Pravinshandra's a goner," he promised. "First we go with the law. If they don't fix him, I will."

"Too late," she whispered. "Too late. We're all dead, all dead. Dead."

Meaning Donny was paid and on his mission, Hickey knew, but hoping against the obvious, he asked, "You still need the two grand?"

Though he couldn't see her head wag, he felt it, and it sparked a shudder that began at the base of his cowlick and zinged down to his tailbone. It was one of those moments when the news comes, clear and strong, that the muck you've just stepped into might be quicksand.

The girl was still shivering. He patted her head. "Hey, I'm with you. A guy like that, you do what you've got to."

"Thanks, Tom," she murmured. "You're okay."

He'd count on Cynthia's stupendous pride convincing her she had him collared, that he wouldn't go after Katoulis or snitch to the law, that a man to whom she'd bared her soul would remain her slave eternally.

As they turned onto her street, she braced her-

self up in the seat. "Give me a minute to powder my nose, then we'll go to Rudy's. I want to sing."

"Some trooper," Hickey said, and pulled to the curb in front of the boardinghouse. Cynthia had gotten her strength back. She didn't need help up the steps to the porch where Dolores Ganguish, in a daisy housecoat, met them at the door, her face shining from a dousing of Pond's cream. *Madre de Dios*, the woman gasped. "What this man did to you?" She clutched Cynthia's arm and tugged her out of harm's way, wedging herself between the girl and Hickey.

"It's okay, Mama," Cynthia cooed; she wrenched herself free and headed for the stairs, while Mrs. Ganguish rotated to glower at one of them and then the other. Hickey fished his brain for a story to keep the woman from pestering Cynthia but got no bites. Anyway, the girl was plenty able to tell stories of her own. He flashed Mrs. Ganguish a disarming smile and asked if she had a phone he could use in private. Warily she

led him to the phone in the downstairs hallway, on the way to the kitchen. She turned back toward the parlor, casting a glance over her shoulder every step or two.

From up the stairs came tiptoeing footsteps and girlish whispers. Hickey dialed Leo's number, got an answer on the second ring.

"You rested?"

"Naw. Give me till February," Leo grumbled.

"I need you to meet me at Rudy's, quick as you can get there."

"For a nightcap only, I trust."

"Need you to watch the girl for a day or two," Hickey said quietly.

"Speak up, will you?"

"Nope." ■

— Ken Kuhlken

Next week: *Making up with Madeline*

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"For its day, it was grand," he says of the house, and looking at the place now, it's easy to believe him. But in 1976, when Murphy's wife bought the place (and just around the time she met Murphy), "It was a flop-house — 14 rooms, \$4 a night. There was one bathroom on each floor. We had rented a little room and stayed in it and found out the house was for sale.

As people moved out, we kind of moved in." As they took over each new section, they worked at restoring it. "It's been a long-term project. It's got all these levels of how well it's done, because I was learning how to do it as I went. My father's hobby was carpentry, and I'm the eldest son. He would buy a house and fix it up —

always restoring — and he would augment his professor's salary by selling



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Garth Murphy

it. But I learned a lot on this one, especially about older houses."

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this beautiful redwood paneling." He pulled up layers of carpet and linoleum to reveal vertical-grain Douglas-fir flooring in near-pristine condition. "I sanded them, except in the kitchen. I liked the way it was worn around the sink from people standing there."

Before the floors, he had to tend to the walls, the

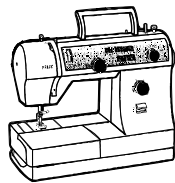
"I wanted a square eat-in kitchen that looked out on the back yard, like the kitchens where I grew up."

turns a knob on a round box screwed into the wall of the front porch, and the lights snap off. When he turns the knob again, I can see the wires running along the ceiling — one leading to the lights, one leading back to the box. "I stripped all the doors and found

ones that had been inserted wherever possible to create 14 rooms within a 9-room hotel. Some were plywood, some more permanent. "I just started doing detective work, slowly removing walls and looking at the floor to figure out what the original

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floor plan was." Like his father, Murphy aimed at restoration over renovation. He did make a few changes, eliminating a closet that jutted out between living and dining rooms and installing three bathrooms in the front- and back-enclosed porches upstairs. "There's a guy up in Carpinteria who takes bathroom fixtures out of old houses, and I went up there in my old El Camino pickup

truck and bought fixtures. They're not quite 1887, but they're back there." The existing upstairs bath received nothing more than new tile.

Some changes were irreversible, forced upon the old hotel from without. The path that once led from the beach to the front porch is no more. The street in front was widened until it pressed up against the house, a high bluff and a wall of

vegetation the only buffers. Now, a body enters through a door in the dining room; the front porch is Murphy's study. White-painted wood and windows surround the modest desk that tucks against one side wall. The long, pale, rough-edged space (a porch, after all) is a picturesque writer's haven, the sort of camera-ready spot you might expect to see photographed in a glossy magazine profile:

"The California Writer at Home." Stacks of such magazines — *Architectural Digest*, *Vanity Fair*, *Surfer's Journal* — cover a low bench in the room's center; more stacks line the front wall. There are also books, of course, including a row comprising most of the research material Murphy used for his historical novel *The Indian Lover*.

One of those research books, the first one, arrived

because of the house. "When my wife bought it, the place was super cheap, because it was condemned. Now that Encinitas is a city, it's an historic building, but then, the old-timers were all afraid we were going to tear it down. When they found out we were restoring it instead and were going to live in it, they first couldn't believe it, and then they started bringing me books and articles. My first discov-

ery of William Marshall and his little story came from a book one of them brought me," sometime in the mid-'80s. That "little story," the story of a man who journeyed to San Diego just ahead of the American tide, who witnessed the clash of Mexican, Indian, and American cultures from a uniquely involved perspective (he falls in love with a Mexican, lives with the Indians, and serves as

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a liaison with the Americans), formed the skeleton for Murphy's novel: the bones upon which he hung his fictional flesh.

Murphy had long been a voracious reader — he often managed a book a day in the years before his discovery of surfing and girls — and he had always wanted to write. In Bill Marshall, he found his literary counterpart, a fitting vehicle for many of his own experiences — starting with the peculiarity of white skin. "I grew up in Honolulu. My father was a professor and pretty much a left-winger. No private schools were even considered. It was public school, and if you lived in the rough part of town, you went to school in the rough part of town. I was the only white guy in my school. I kept my bike in the principal's office, because otherwise, every day it would have the spokes cut or some other tricky thing. And I pedaled home quickly, though I eventually made a group of friends. As far as my dad was concerned, you just had to put up with it." Further immersion in foreign culture was provided by Japanese school, which Murphy attended after regular school for three years. "In those days, a third of the people in Hawaii were Japanese." Then in 1959, ten years after their arrival in Hawaii, the Murphys moved to San Diego to stay — transplants, just like Bill Marshall.

The story didn't start out as a novel; Murphy wandered into book-length territory from the cozier landscape of the screenplay. "I was always saying, 'This is a film script, 120 pages.' Here's kind of a true story about California that nobody knows — Americans are ashamed about what happened to the California Indians, so nobody talks about it. It's always Sioux and Apaches and Comanches. Nobody pays any attention to the California Indians because they were wiped out in the gold rush — though it wasn't only Americans. It was Australians and Chinese, too — everybody was here all at once. I wanted to make Bill's life an action-adventure/love



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story, but when I put his life together, I realized that he had spent a big chunk of it living with the Indians at Cupa," near present-day Warner Springs. "As the pieces fell into place, I ended up with gaps." Those gaps seemed

to center mostly around women and Indians, and Murphy started trying to fill them in through research and imagination. By the time he was done, he had a coherent story about Marshall's life, but "I also wanted it to be an

easy entry for people into what was valuable and admirable about the Indian way of life."

That Indian way of life was what seduced him into the kind of detailed description and slower pacing appropriate to a

novel. "As I slowed myself down to foot- and horse-speed and really started examining everything, that's when I started to appreciate what the Indians had done. I started thinking, 'These guys are admirable.' When you

think of what we've done in 150 years, and they actually lived here 10,000 years and didn't turn it into a desert like in the Tigris-Euphrates. They actually sustained this culture — some people might call it primitive, but it wasn't

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As impressively mod-

ern as something called permaculture may sound, Murphy says the Indians were even more modern in their treatment of women. "The missionary priests always used to say that the women were 'brazen.' I'd see this word all the time, and I'd try to figure out what it meant. I realized that the priest didn't mean the women were going off and having sex with people; he meant that they were not asking their husbands for permission to convert to Catholicism or to do whatever they wanted. They were just walking up and talking to the priests. They could be chiefs and medicine men and shamans."

By contrast, a woman who happened to be a Spanish-colonial citizen of Mexico — as the Californios were — "was completely subject, first to her father and then to her husband and then her brothers. Not only couldn't she vote, she couldn't own property, couldn't be a witness in court, couldn't have a job — not even as a schoolteacher." Small wonder that when Cortés came to La Paz, "They thought the women were ruling. The women were out there talking to them; they weren't somewhere in the background. Cortés called California California because there was a novel circulating among

his men about a guy who goes to an island that's ruled by Amazons, and the island was called California."

These nonhierarchical notions permeated the whole of California Indian culture, says Murphy, a culture that functioned and endured without armies, without slavery, without even a word for work. "They weren't organized like the Iroquois; they never even grouped into big tribes. They all lived in these individual towns. Father Duran, the head of the missions, asked each priest to write down an account of the customs of the natives and how and where they lived."

Father Peyri, who presided over the Mission San Luis Rey, "made a list of 111 towns. That was in North County; San Diego had its own 120 or so. They

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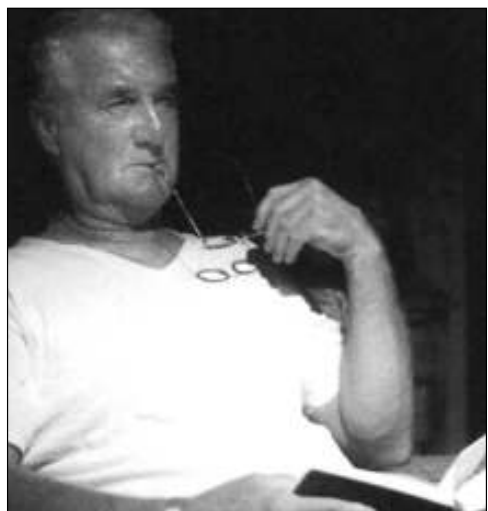
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remarkable, in Murphy's view, and more historically significant.

"My final conclusion, which was strange — and I don't know if it's true — is that the difference between Americans and Europeans has to do with the Indians. We've absorbed their culture in different ways — especially the treatment of women and the semi-democratic form of government — so that we have them as what I call our 'landscasters.' Their greatest gift is that they made California into this unbelievably productive place for humans. Then the Spanish arrived and saw all this grass and all this oak and thought, 'Cattle, and oaks to make furniture and burn.' The Americans came and thought, 'All this oak; we can bring locomotives in here.' Every oak in Encinitas went onto the trains as firewood. We owe them a sort of debt for improving California as far as its ability to sustain people."

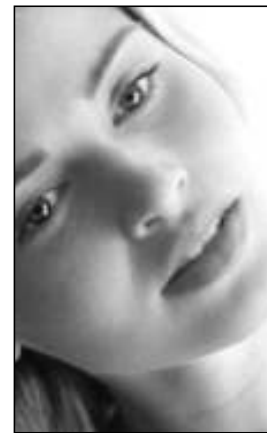
But beyond their influence on the land, Murphy believes they infused Americans with "this Indian ideal — I even think 'The land of the free and the home of the brave' might refer to Indians. I'm not a scholar on it, but I know the Constitution was influenced by Iroquois meeting houses — how they organized on a small level. Democracy wasn't a thing they brought from Europe and just planted here because it could grow. Democracy was a thing they learned about here."

Armed with the fruits of his digging and the Hermann Hesse quote, "The third element of history is fiction," Murphy began providing the story with "connective tissue" from his own imagination. He wrote the novel in the first person, riding Marshall's psyche into the world of the Indians and looking out with Marshall from that vantage point at the world of the oncoming Americans, the Mexican citizens, and the Indians who had come under the influence and training of the Mission.

He found a tough critic in his wife, herself a the daughter of a Zapoteca Indian from southern Mex-

ico. "She'd throw the manuscript in the corner." But just as a house had gotten the story started, a house brought it to fruition. Murphy has made and edited surfing movies, tried his hand at a recording career, and run a successful surf and beach goods business, but he never gave up restoring houses. "My last project before I sort of semi-retired and moved to Mexico was this huge old house in the Hollywood Hills. It had 165 broken windows; it was just

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trashed. But I went there and realized that it was pretty together; the damage was just cosmetic. It was huge, something like 11,000 square feet, and we couldn't possibly have bought it. But the woman who owned it turned out to be somebody that my wife knew, and her boyfriend worked for Cal Fed. She had a huge loan, and somehow, he just took her name off and put my wife's name on, and we just took over the payment.

"We moved in and I started work on it, and that turned into an eight-year project. We were in the middle of a recession and couldn't sell it, and we ended up having to rent rooms to all these English and Australian people. I met lots of interesting people in the film world. One guy, Earl, who used to be a writer for one of the studios, is the one who made me soap up the novel. He would read it and tell me, 'You've got to have some incest.' " Earl was friends with the literary agent Lynn Nesbit and Knopf editor in chief Sonny Mehta, "and he really knew how far to take it." Earl read draft after draft; after each, Murphy would ask him to take it to Nesbit, and Earl would reply that it was not yet good enough. But the 11th draft passed muster. Earl took it to Nesbit; Nesbit loved it. She took it to another of her clients, Simon and Schuster editor Michael Korda, and Korda bought it.

"From the beginning he said, 'It's a really great story,' and then he asked me to change it from first to third person." Murphy obliged; Korda went over the new version and sent back notes for a revision. Korda wanted multiple characters collapsed into composites. Also, "He kept wanting less history. He kept saying, 'What's Pablo doing? Where's Falling Star? Where's Lugarda? They've dropped out. Don't go on these historical sidetracks.' "

Murphy complied and cut where he could, but sometimes, his fascination with the region and the time won out, as in his lush description of life at Mission San Luis Rey. The

subject still amazes him. "One priest — Antonio Peyri — went there, built a shack, and started preaching. He was charismatic, and they liked him, and he built the richest mission in the state. Peyri had

seven rooms that he kept for his seven Indian chiefs, who ruled the seven different parts of the region. They were supposedly elected, but really, he appointed them. Every Saturday they'd come in

and spend the night, then go to the service on Sunday. He would give them their instructions, and back out they'd go. He had a medieval feudal system."

As awesome as Peyri's accomplishment was, Mur-

phy does not gloss over the complications — and in some cases, the serious ills — it facilitated. "The priests actually got rid of all the Indians' animals. They refused to eat deer and antelope and elk. They

arrived with a plan, like the ark: two cows and two horses and two sheep and two pigs and some ducks and some chickens. They replaced the acorns — 'We're all eating wheat.' They made corn and wheat

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mixed together in a mush. They grew it all in one place. They tried to centralize it — the mission would make all the food and then feed everybody. They attacked their whole culture. The Indians had rules — you had to marry somebody outside your clan, and the whole area was divided into halves, and you had to marry outside your half.” Peyri did away with these codes and allowed anybody to marry

anybody, except close relatives. And, of course, he sought to convert the natives to his religion.

Murphy grants that the priests “always intended to give them back their land when they became Spanish citizens” and that they became the defenders of the Indians when the Mexican government took over the missions. But whatever their intentions, the priests’ experiment was compromised —

by the Mexicans and by disease. “The one Indian at the mission who could write wrote a record of his time there, and he reported that in one month, 40 percent of the Indians died of some influenza epidemic. It was demoralizing; it just sort of ruined their whole social structure. Chiefs would die; whole villages would die. The priests would gather Indians from all over and send them home to their vil-

lages for feast days and so forth, so they spread diseases really quickly. It was simple flu, it was measles, it was chicken pox, scarlet fever, and then worse things: cholera, smallpox, syphilis.”

Under Korda’s watchful eye, Murphy kept these digressions brief and stuck close to what he knew was a good story. “It’s nice to write about something; you’ve got to find a story, and that makes it easier

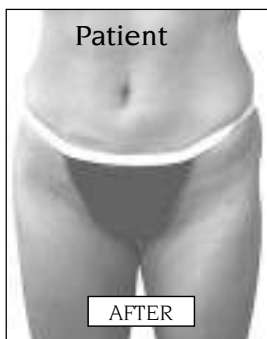
for them to sell it. I can talk for an hour about the Indians and the missions without even talking about the book, and I know that’s what sold it. They thought, ‘Well, here’s something that can grab people on different levels.’ I like a sugar-coated pill. I don’t want to write pure history. I want to make a story that you can read and get involved with emotionally — you don’t want people to die. It’s entertain-

ment; a novel has to be. You’ll never sell a novel unless it’s entertaining or at least pulls you along. But I think a good novel — the ones I admire — whether they attain the status of literature or not, they’re better if you actually learn something if you didn’t know it, or you relearn it, or they somehow strike a chord in you. There are serious intentions always, but my intention also was just to add to the

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Korda also went after Murphy’s use of Indian and Spanish words and the “horrible kind of Zsa Zsa Gabor Hungarian accent” that Murphy gave to Sheriff Agoston Haraszthy. Korda is Hungarian, and Murphy recalls that he would “get these notes, and they would read in big letters, ‘NO BAD HUNGARIAN ACCENTS, PLEASE!’ I’d take most of it out, and he’d do it again. Finally, he gave me a note that said, ‘Just let him speak his bad talk once, and from then on, just say he spoke thickly or with an accent.’” Finally, the 14th draft proved acceptable. Only then did Korda ask Murphy to cut 120 pages.

Murphy says that he is not a natural writer, and the prospect of hacking away so much text proved daunting. He sought out a collection of lectures from a Santa Barbara Writers Conference. “I got all these other authors saying how they cut. The last

one was an attack on adverbs from Hemingway and somebody else. They were saying, ‘Get rid of the adverbs; find the right verb.’ That was kind of fun.”

Otherwise, the work, and all that had gone before it, was simply work. “I don’t think I’m a great writer,” admits Murphy. “I really have to work at it. I do read a lot, and I think I know what good writing is, and I think I was at least going in the right direction. But I’m definitely not a natural. I tend to use the same word in bunches — you write something, and then the word is in your mind. The one book I read before I started writing was *Madame Bovary*, by Gustave Flaubert, because everybody says it’s one of the great novels. In the introduction, they said that his rule was that you never use the same word twice on one page.” As the drafts piled up, “I really tried to find another word. I knew I had a good story,

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but I didn't want to pay dues with a bad version of a good story and then be searching for a good story, which I then knew better how to write. I figured I had to learn it all with the first book. It's such a tough climate for

writers now. You really don't think of publishers sticking with you for five novels, and finally your fifth one hits and the other ones start to sell. Now you've got to kind of hit with a bang or they're going to drop you."

Fourteen drafts after he started, he was ready to go through the fresh hell of copyediting. "The galley proof was so bad. I found 3000 mistakes in it. Here's this multinational corporation making a botch of things. The type-

setting is done in India by people that don't speak English. There were so many mistakes, it drove me crazy." Murphy went through and made corrections, as did a professional copyeditor and proofreader. Finally, a pro-

duction head took the three corrected versions, combined them, and shipped it back to the typesetter. The published edition contains several disagreements in person — "myself" where it should read "himself," that sort of thing. "I

definitely don't have any of those on my electronic file," says Murphy. He has never read the published edition, but his wife has. "My wife said she found about 50 typos. She said it's embarrassing and that I should tell people before

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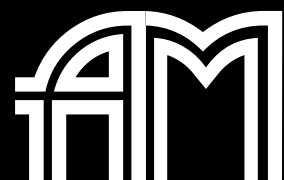
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they read it.”

Murphy’s wife is not here tonight; she is down in Todos Santos, near Cabo San Lucas. “Just about when she turned 50, she decided she wanted to ride horses, and so she got a couple. Now she’s got a few.” The horses are in Baja, and “It’s really hard to leave them, so one of us is there almost all the time. We’re apart more often than we’re together, and that’s good after 25 years. I like to get really close, but at about 20 years, you get to a point where you really don’t have to be together all the time. We talked last night after I did a radio interview and pretty much caught up in half an hour. We’d had enough; we said, ‘Okay, see you later.’ She would have liked to be here though. She would have made a much more attractive dinner.”

Or perhaps merely less streamlined. Following an acute case of hepatitis in 1980, one that dropped Murphy to a mere 132 pounds, he began researching his diet. “I found out that black pepper and salt are really bad for the liver. I got to eating all these liver-healthy things. The first thing I could eat was a potato, and I got so that even a boiled potato all by itself had so much flavor to me. I continued cooking like that. I use zero salt, pepper, and spices. My theory is that if you get good ingredients, it tastes good.”

We start with olive bread and a good salty cheese, then move on to the soup. “It’s just a vegetable soup. It’s got beets and beet greens and kale. The broth is from a cookbook called *How to Get Well*; it’s called Potassium Broth. The basis is a cup of onions, a cup of carrots, a cup of potatoes, and a cup of celery. I did put one small chile in it, but it’s hard to taste it, and I did add some tofu while it was cooking. My wife likes spicy things — she always alters my soups — but I like the flavor of the vegetables.”

Murphy serves the soup in the kitchen, so that he can stay near the stove, a gorgeous pale green ’20s piece that might be a couple for all its volup-

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tuous, powder-coated curves. The only mar is a dent on the upper-left edge; explains Murphy, "One of my friends literally threw it out, not realizing it was this priceless collector's item. My wife is a fanatic collector."

This last is easily believed. The house itself is remarkably unfussy for a Victorian, a far cry from a filigreed painted lady. But within its straightforward confines, a kalei-

doscope of stuff. The kitchen is stuffed with baskets, breadboxes, serving ware, jars, paintings, curios, and cookware. The living and dining rooms possess the modern calm of white and wood, but it takes a while to register under the masses of color and furniture and books and bric-a-brac. Some of the decorating is whimsical — colored tissue-paper tubes descending from the bulbs on an old chandelier, a

dressmaker's form sporting a shawl. Some is luxurious — gilt-framed mirrors, a swooping, domineering deep red *recamier*. Some is giddily primitive — leopard- and cattle-print chairs, what seem to be genuine animal skins slung over a retro daybed. And some — like that daybed and the tubular steel-and-Formica kitchen set — are Murphy's quiet contributions to the menagerie.

The bits and pieces are not the usual run of collectibles; the brown skull on top of a cabinet in the dining room is not real, but the one under glass in the study is — a pre-Columbian specimen. It's like visiting the house of a colorful aunt, one who adheres to the family tradition of amassing mementos but who has led what the rest of the family calls "an interesting life."

"It's mostly junk, but there are a couple of pieces that are interesting. I actually don't like it; it's the main cause of marital disension. She's been bringing stuff in for years. I beg her to stop. You can't get around, and it's a nightmare to clean. Her theory is that when I'm dead — she's convinced she'll live longer, like a good Indian — she'll be able to support herself by opening the house as an antique store.

The house has commercial zoning, and she says she'll open an antique store and serve tea and sell junk and empty the house as she gets older. That's her excuse for never parting with anything. I say, "What about the clothes you wore when you were 16?" "Well, those will be worth something, too." Her theory is that it's all worth more later."

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below it, is the art. Murphy's wife is a painter — "One of the better Mexican painters," in his opinion — and her work is everywhere apparent. Some is vaguely self-referential: slender, dark-skinned women, often topless, in various styles and settings, but always boldly drawn and colored, including one full-body depiction of "a woman giving birth to a monster." The brown, naked woman is standing, dancing, writhing, her hands covering her face in apparent shame, while the head and shoulders of a robustly pink baby — its skin covered with black marks, like those of a tiger or a cheetah — protrude from between her legs.

That painting dominates the dining room; the adjoining living room boasts an equally striking Portrait of the Artist as a Dead Person. In the manner of the *muertos* popular in Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations, she has painted herself as a skeleton, albeit one with red lips and an elaborate sheer-sleeve floral dress. And as often happens with painters, she has friends who are painters, and their work crowds the walls alongside hers. Other paintings — including some that hold claim to pride of place, the ones hung with a decorator's eye before the flood — exude a whiff of antiquity. Nudes and semi-nudes abound.

Murphy produces a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc. "I don't drink much, but it's my birthday, so I've got to have at least something." He is 58 today; the rest of his birthday dinner will be steelhead salmon cooked in a cast-iron skillet and steamed vegetables: corn, broccoli, cauliflower, beets, and beet greens. "My wife said, 'You've got to make him a meal from the book; you've got so many in there.'" Though steelhead doesn't get a mention, the novel does contain many accounts of eating, often with generous dollops of detail. "I liked writing it. I did it mainly because eating is so basic, and I realized how well they were eating. When you look at the pictures of the Indi-

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ans, they're not these skinny little guys. They've got nice, thick legs and they're strong. The descriptions are always saying how well-proportioned they are."

He shows me a collection of drawings that

he used for inspiration. "I used to stare at them and wonder. They really were one of my better clues as to what life was like. Here's a lancer going after a cow." There, in the background, are "the grassy hills — not one tree."

The vegetables go into the pot all together, then get extracted as they finish steaming. "The amount you cook things, especially vegetables, is critical. Cauliflower needs the least of all; it's good raw."

Dinner is served in

the dining room. Sets of this and that — china, tea sets, silver, glassware, some of them complete, some not — dot the room and fill the built-in hutch. Christmas ornaments hang from the chandelier. The swirling, paisley-ish tablecloth is overlaid with a Southwestern sort of runner. Two candlesticks match, two do not. Murphy has found the serving plates his wife would have wanted him to use, white china with apple-green trim and pink flowers dotting the faces. "I mangled the vegetables,

which I hate doing. It's slightly lacking in grace, but it's all here. My father would say, 'It's all here and we're all here.'"

The broccoli is more done than Murphy prefers — he likes it crunchy — but his claims of mangling are wildly exaggerated. He douses his vegetables with a sauce made from "balsamic vinegar, good olive oil, chopped-up garlic, lemon juice, and Bragg's amino acids," an organic product not unlike soy sauce, then invites me to do the same. The sauce is at once sharp and round

and very rich.

Over dinner, we talk about the characters in his novel. He grants that No'ka, the chief of the village that Marshall joins, comes across as improbably noble. But he notes that stereotypes have their basis in reality and are not without their uses. "I read so many stories about chiefs like him; *Black Elk Speaks* is probably the most famous book. I had a kind of mythologizing intent; I wanted some people to be clearly one thing or another. I thought that I needed someone who was

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a pleasant person; I wanted him to be a counter to Señor Osuna, who is a stereotypically unpleasant Mexican type. Some of my Mexican friends said, 'Oh, my God; I know so many people like this guy.' Other characters are really ambiguous. For instance, Antonio Garra," the mission-trained Indian who left his native life behind, only to take it up again and lead a suicidal revolt against the occupying Americans. Marshall's friend Pablo is similarly torn, taking up now this life, now that, now living here, now there, never settling anywhere.

As for Bill Marshall himself, "He's always been depicted as kind of amoral. In one of the few articles written about him, one guy calls him the Wickedest Man in the West. He's accused of all these things," including aiding the Indians against the Americans and authorizing the murder of his paramour's husband. "I wanted to make him more of a modern person who is not always thinking about what he's doing. He wasn't an outlaw; maybe an opportunist. Basically, he was just a guy who was in the wrong place at the wrong time" — over and over again. Marshall's immense dog Shadow is modeled after Murphy's own dog, Dante. And the women? "Everything to do with the women is based on personal experience. I don't think I could write about it otherwise."

Murphy drew upon much of his own experience for his first novel; for his second, he will be venturing further out and further from the tether of recorded history. "I've come to realize that I have to write another book preceding this one. By following Marshall, I was forced to learn more and more about the Indians, and I now think I know enough to write about San Diego before the Spanish came in 1769."

He plans to set this second novel in the years just before the Spanish arrival and to center the action in Father Peyri's Mission San Luis Rey. "He kept up to 1000 virgins locked in there every night. Every baptized, unmarried girl, from puberty on, had



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to stay in the Mission at night. So did married women whose husbands were away. I'm going to use Ladislava" — a character in *The Indian Lover* — "who is based on a real person. She was the mother of one of the boys who went to Italy with Peyri, after the Mexicans took over the missions. I'm going to use her as a woman raised from

infancy by a priest; growing up in the Mission, calling him 'Father.' She's going to be the foil, the midperson between the cultures. I'm thinking of writing it in the first person — Antonio Peyri and then also this girl. It will be more of a stretch, because I won't have all these hanging points," historical events such as the Battle of San

Pasqual that act as anchors for his current narrative.

The all-important story is taking shape; soon he will enter again into his writing regimen. "It's waking up in the middle of the night with dream ideas — I don't know where they come from — lying awake wondering if I'm going to remember them in the morning, and finally getting up the energy to turn the light on and scribble them on the pad, then going back to sleep. Then up early and straight to writing. When I first get up, I quickly write down all the things I thought of during the night. For some reason, I get ideas immediately when I wake up. I'll lay there, and I'll have things already rolling. They sort of take over. That's the really inspirational, creative part. I write from 5:00 or 6:00 or 7:00 or when-

ever I get up until I get hungry or my back's sore, and I need to stand up. Then I have breakfast and go back to writing and keep going, at the most until noon. As the hours go by, I'm doing less creative work and more rewriting, fixing, patching." Afternoons are slow, sometimes producing little more than a few notes to serve as fodder for the next morning's burst. He wrote his first draft of *The Indian Lover* by hand; since then, he's been working on a secondhand laptop. "I had to use glasses within six months."

"We should have dessert." Murphy disappears into the kitchen with the dinner dishes and returns carrying two plates, each bearing wedges of American and Japanese persimmons, along with some cherry-vanilla ice cream.

"Persimmons are by far my favorite fruit. We don't really need ice cream, but we're indulging because it's my birthday. These are really ripe, which are hard to find. They have amazing differences of taste. There's a little more pucker in the American one. I prefer the American; it's got more cinnamon flavor."

He does not have a contract for his second novel, but he is unworried. "I think if this book does all right, then I won't have any trouble. I've heard — but I don't know — that 10,000 copies make a success, as far as the publisher's concerned. I've heard that 1 in 20 books pays for all the rest of them and that 10 or 15 thousand makes you a writer. In other words, if you get their money back for them, you're not the 1 in 20, but you're not a loser either. You can be one of the 19 for the next one, because you might hit."

So far, his hope is aloft. "The signings have been going well. The first one was on December 6 at D.G. Wills' in La Jolla. He sold all the books he'd ordered, which was about 25, and I gave him another 18. All but 3 went, I think. Then, on December 8, I did a cold signing — no advertising, no nothing — down in Old Town. I just went and sat in a re-creation of Fitch's store" — an occasional setting in the book — "in the middle of a pile of Mexican blankets. We sold close to 20. I got a really great cross-section of people and had a great time. People would walk up and look through my little book of pictures and then get to talking. Their interest would be sparked; it really encouraged me. After that, I went home and thought the book might actually — something might happen." ■

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human beings. The American Psychiatric Association, on the other hand, stands commissioned to invent "diseases" and "chemical imbalances" — each to be "treated" with one or several "chemical balancers" — pills. Its *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* has climbed from 112 psychiatric-type brain "diseases" in 1952, to 374 for its *DSM-IV*, in 1994 — not one an actual disease. Psychiatry leaders Rodrigo Muñoz, Steven Hyman (former director of the NIMH), Frederick Goodwin, Daniel Weinberger (NIMH), and Nancy Andreasen (*American Journal of Psychiatry*) all perpetuate the lie, which is the underpinning of the legal drug epidemic, which today eclipses all illicit drug epidemics.

In 1948, the specialties of neurology (my specialty) and psychiatry were formally separated; neurology to deal with organic/physical diseases of the brain/nervous system, and psychiatry with emotional/behavioral problems/conditions in the physically/medically normal. This was by mutual agreement of both parties. Psychiatry has discovered/validated no brain/neurological diseases whatsoever. Rather, from the mid-'60s on, psychiatry, in collusion with Big Pharma (the worldwide pharmaceutical industry), has called every mental symptom a "disease," "chemical imbalance," each needing, if even by court order, a "chemical balancer" — a pill.

The first duty of every physician is to determine whether their patient has a disease/physical abnormality or is disease-free; physically normal. Almost always, patients assume that their symptoms, their pains/discomforts, are a disease. It is this naïveté that psychiatry exploits, pronouncing each a "disease." A third to a half of all patients consulting their physicians turn out to have no disease/abnormality. All patients with emotional and behavioral problems, i.e., psychiatric patients, come from this group. Psychiatrists tell them their symptoms, which are due to stress, tension, relational, and environmental factors, are, instead, due to a disease; the ubiquitous

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“chemical imbalance,” for purposes of making them “patients” and getting them to accept medication or other medical interventions (ECT, psychosurgery, involuntary hospitalization, is a lie; abrogation of informed consent, medical malpractice, and, fraud).

The antipsychotic drugs, so widely and recklessly prescribed in the U.S., in

time invariably cause real neurological abnormalities/diseases (they are also given to infants, toddlers, and children for mild, non-psychotic symptoms). As a neurologist and often the first one to diagnose such complications of psychiatric treatment, it is easy to understand why the higher rate of use of such drugs in the U.S. and other developed

countries leads to strikingly lower rates of complete remission from schizophrenia than in underdeveloped countries where such drug-use is not the rule.

Nor is there a single psychiatric disease, schizophrenia included, in which there are characteristic abnormalities seen in the brain upon microscopic examination at autopsy. As men-

tioned above, there are brain abnormalities found in psychiatric patients, both in life and in death, at autopsy, but all of them are the result of the brain-damaging drugs themselves. There being no bona fide diseases in the first place, this should come as no surprise.

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Shrink's Fine Line

I remember the first day of my abnormal psychology lecture class over 30 years ago. The professor asked for a show of hands of all the students that believed that a person could become psychotic due to horrible stress, child abuse, torture, or other abominations. All the hands went up. She said nothing; but the rest of the semester was an unfolding of the vast body of scientific evidence that refuted that commonly held belief. I did not want to accept her argument. It seemed so cold, so unfeeling; a return to the ignorant belief in a “bad seed.” I scoured all the research that I could find to refute her. In spite of all of my effort, the studies that I searched out showed the lack of efficacy of psychotherapy for schizophrenics. Even though our tools are not refined enough to discern the mechanism of pathology,

the pattern of organic disease seemed irrefutable.

As I started to read Jeanette De Wyze's article (“Still Crazy After All These Years,” January 9), I shuddered to think that this battle was about to be fought again. Do we need a reprise of the 1960s mantra of “insanity being just another form of reality”; of poets against scientists? As I got into the article, I was relieved to see a coherent presentation of a complex issue that rightly provided more questions than answers. Dr. Loren Mosher's thesis that the currently accepted cause of psychosis — much nature, little nurture — should be reversed is derived from his experience as a clinician and researcher. It cannot simply be dismissed as that of a disgruntled populist.

Unlike my first exposure to this issue long ago, now I bring a new perspective, that of an older person who is surrounded by the scourge of another organic disease, Alzheimer's. How are those

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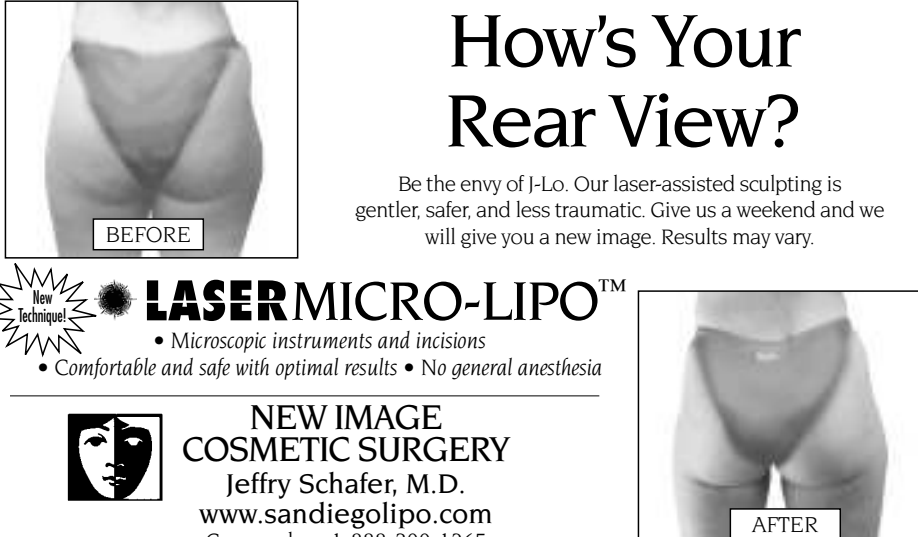
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of my generation to be viewed by researchers and medical providers? Will it be like psychotics, to be categorized, medicated, and given a code in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*? Will that be considered adequate care? While spared the bullet of psychosis, dementia can strike anyone. So, it's good to hear from Dr. Mosher, who refuses to have his compassion smothered by viewing people as biological subjects. But it is a fine line that he is treading on.

It is all too easy to conflate the raw injustice of mental affliction with the institutions charged with ministering to the disease. It is good that this type of article explores the effects of economic forces such as the drug industry and medical insurance in influencing definitions of disease. But this can be taken too far. There is a vast enterprise of enlightened, dedicated people using every technique of science to attempt to understand and treat mental illness. If the profit motive is intertwined into this endeavor, well, that is the way our system operates.

Yes, it is the responsibility of citizens to monitor all of our professions to insure that they remain true to their goals; and that they provide a societal good that is commensurate with their exclusive franchises. There are decisions that we need to make both individually and collectively. To whom do we give the right to prescribe psychotropic medication? What treatments are to be paid for by insurance? On an individual level, we need to balance the trust of taking a pill that could alleviate delusions with the suspicion that the decision was unduly influenced by economic forces.

It takes a lot of work to be an informed citizen. This important article contributed to this effort by providing insight into our increasingly complex mental health establishment.

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When the history of the inexact "science" of psychiatry is written 300 years from now, Dr. Loren Mosher will rank with true pioneers of the art, like C.G. Jung, long after "running-dog lackeys" of the pharmaceutical industry and their skewed ex-

periments are forgotten. Humane doctors who choose to treat their patients as human beings rather than objectify them as research cases will be lauded and remembered.

M.Deities do not have all the answers for mental ill-

ness. I would urge those whose symptoms are not manageable by Western medications to look to Eastern medicine for solutions.

One morning five years ago, I woke extremely depressed. That morning at 9:00 a.m. I saw my then-

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different medications until a solution for my bipolar condition was found. (At that point I had already tried three types of lithium — all gave me nausea or diarrhea — and was on Depakote, a second mood stabilizer, and an antidepressant to no

effect. Bad moods kept rolling in like the tides, eroding the stability of my personality.)

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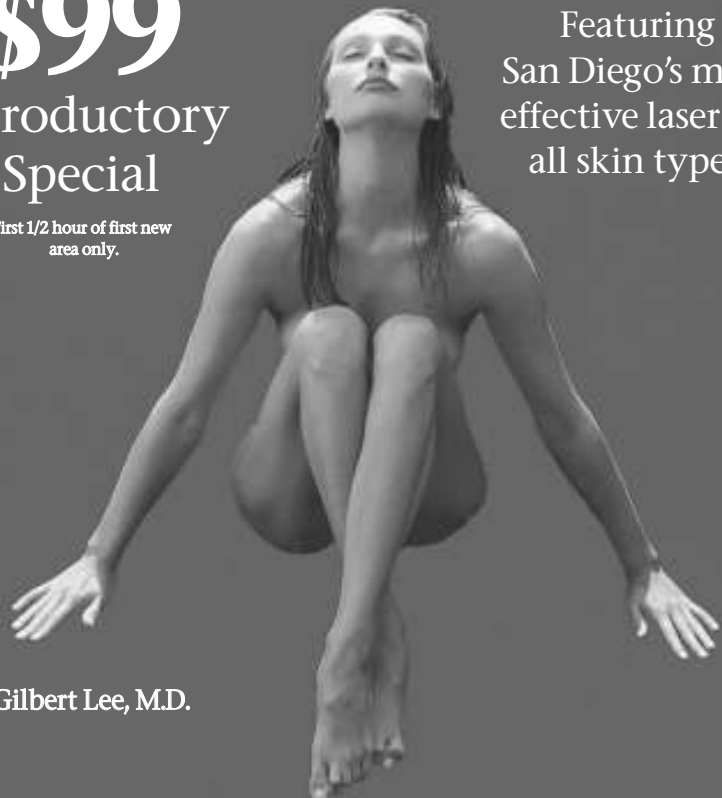
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My acupuncturist and I were discussing how it has happened that I feel "cured" of bipolar disorder whereas the most a psychiatrist could ever promise me was "management" of what is presumed to be a chronic and incurable condition.

Chinese medicine does not single out the brain as separate from the rest of the body. Hence one could never discuss such an illness as a "brain disorder" but rather as an imbalance of energy in all the major life-flow meridians — liver, heart, lungs, kidneys, etc. When my doctor of Oriental medicine inserts the tiny needles in carefully selected acupuncture points, I can feel the energy (*qi*) running like electricity along the meridian, on occasion for several days afterwards.

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I salute the *Reader* for profiling an M.D. who dared to show that the emperor is wearing a green gown of dollar bills and a Hoffman-LaRoche designer purse to stuff all those free airline tickets, paid-for vacations, and complimentary front-row seats at Elton John concerts that drug-company

representatives dole out routinely to doctors.

However, I noted that there were seven ads soliciting subjects for clinical drug trials bordering the text of your article. Dr. Mosher will be vindicated, but not, I fear, soon.

I must add that I do not urge anyone to go off their medications. I myself weaned off it slowly. My message is

simply that there are alternatives.

Name Withheld

Are You Sure?

My questions are concerning the December 19 article by Robert Kumpel titled "High Noon in Dulzura" ("City Lights").

First, we must ask ourselves "Why?" Not of what we read, but of what isn't written. What the camera does not see.

Under what circumstances were the photos taken? Was it with consent or knowledge

of the subjects? What about their rights?

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the community working on their cars? Are they also subject to photo ambush and character assassination by the *Reader* hidden under the First Amendment?

Is this a real news story, or is this a story created?

Was law enforcement and the *Reader* (Robert Kumpel) following up on well-researched facts with real evidence, or were they following up on gossip, axes to grind, and fabrications? Both of these two professions need to know how to sift through information or wear hip boots.

Was this a quick and easy way to fill space on a page for the columnist, or

did he get caught up in the moment — High Noon in Dulzura?

After this article, will the local residents still trust our law enforcement?

Robert Kumpel, are you sure you got it right? You've already had one response to this article. Are you sure you got it right? Are you sure? Are you prepared to tell lawyers you are sure? Are you sure? Are you?

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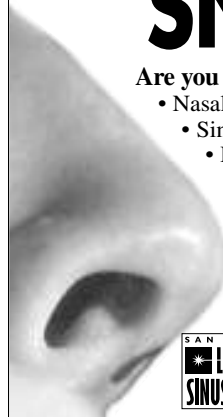
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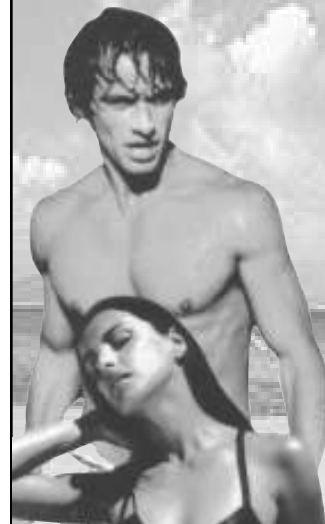
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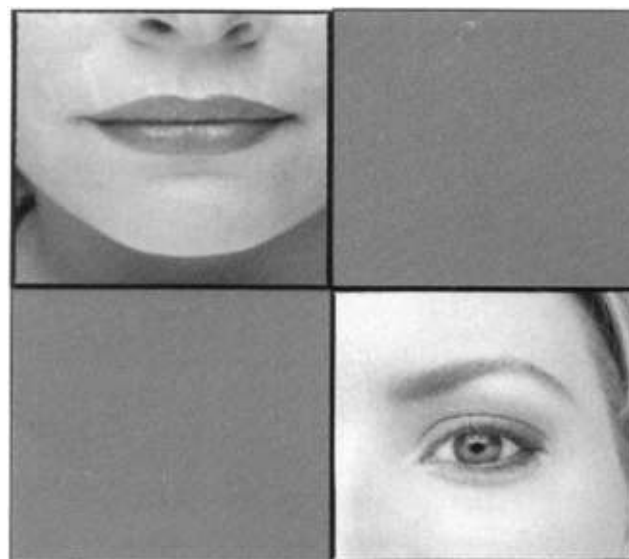
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Unhappy Feeders

Bromeliads for San Diego

The quintessential plant for neglectful people — that's bromeliads, recognizable even to nongardeners who can't pronounce their name (bro-MEH-lee-ads). Omnipresent in shopping malls, hotels, and airports, these ornamentals with their colorful flowers, showy bracts, and rosettes of long, stiff leaves are cousins to the only bromeliads that are grown commercially for food: pineapples.

Jeffrey Kent is president of Kent's Bromeliad Nursery in Vista, founded in 1973. Arguably the largest bromeliad

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grower in the country and one of the largest in the world, Kent's grows more

than 100 varieties and holds patents to more than 25 hybrids that are shipped to customers all over the country as well as Europe and Asia.

"Bromeliads actually thrive on neglect," said the 53-year-old Kent one morning last week at the nursery. "Even outdoors, they don't require much water. They're great drought-tolerant plants. And if you water them too much, they will rot and die on you."

You shouldn't feed them full-strength, either. "They are not very happy feeders. Fertilizer will burn the lower leaves. In fact, that's quite common. When we feed them here, we water them directly afterwards, so the fertilizer is diluted."

Earlier that same morning, Kent was pollinating plants — cross-breeding them, hoping for more viable hybrids. He breeds them seasonally, in spring and winter, by hand. The act itself is quick and easy, birds-and-bees fashion. First, there's the taking of pollen from the stamen of the chosen plant; then, the gentle tapping of that pollen onto the pistil of another plant. The rest, however, is a lengthy, complicated process. It will be ten years or more before Kent will know if any of today's crosses will become a plant capable of sustaining the demands of mass production.

A biochemist with a degree from UCSD, Kent breeds for durability. "We'll evaluate their initial flowerings, see how they grow under indoor conditions, determine if they can be put into a box then shipped for several days."

He also breeds for color — "claret," "candy-cane," "firecracker," and "fireball" are descriptive names of some red ones.



Leonard Kent Bromeliad Garden at the San Diego Zoo

And he breeds for size. "Size matters, but we're tending now to breed smaller plants, under 20 inches in height and maybe 12 inches in diameter."

There are size constraints indoors — and in landscapes. "I was walking yesterday in Encinitas, where I live, and I happened to see in an outdoor garden four or five flowering bromeliads in the shade. There are little niches where that size plant works well."

Size is, finally, a shipping consideration. "The more plants you can get into a semi, the cheaper they are when they arrive at their destination."

Many are called; few are chosen. From the successes in the final group, Kent will choose one to send to a special laboratory in Belgium to be cloned. "That's one plant, but all those others could potentially have been a hybrid. It's possible to make millions of hybrids in your lifetime, very few of which will be outstanding. I made a hundred crosses this morning. The numbers don't mean a whole lot. The question is, 'What is good?' That's the

most difficult thing: to choose. And you have to go beyond your own knowledge. You need to travel to other nurseries and other places in the world. It's an international kind of thing, the breeding game."

Kent has taken his own advice to heart. He is not only a bromeliad grower; he is a bromeliad hunter, who has discovered more than 20 new species in the wild. He has made these discoveries on more than two dozen trips to South American rainforests, where bromeliads are natives. He has brought back seeds as well as stories, some of which he'll share at the San Diego Horticulture Society's meeting on Monday.

In a preview, he said, it's neither poisonous snakes nor gun-toting guerrillas that present the greatest risks. "I've seen a few snakes, but never a guerrilla. Driving is the biggest danger in South America. You can't drive at night — it's too dangerous. There are huge potholes everywhere, and you can't see them. People drive with burned-out headlights." Car inspection? "No such critter."

How does Kent know when he has

made a new discovery? He has his years of study as a guide, but beyond that, there is an official arbiter. If you think you have found something new, you send it to a bromeliad identification center. Kent sends his to a center in Sarasota, Florida; there are others in Brazil and the Netherlands.

Considering that these plants come from the rainforest but may end up in an fluorescent-lighted, air-conditioned office building, would it be unfair to call them the equivalents of exotic birds, caged?

"That's an interesting idea. I hadn't thought of that before. They are easier to take care of than birds. You don't have to pick up after them."

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

Mexican Country Music is on tap when Carlos and Jose perform on Thursday, February 6, at 9 p.m., at Rodeo Santa Fe in the Zona Río. For tickets and further information, call 011-52-664-682-4967. (TIJUANA)

An Early Valentine's Day Show is planned by romantic singer Nicho Hinojosa on Friday, February 7, beginning at 9 p.m. at the Camino Real Hotel, in the Zona Río. Tickets are \$35 and \$40 U.S. Call 011-52-664-633-4045 for reservations and information. (TIJUANA)

"Joseph Conrad and Mexico" is the subject when Mexican writer Sergio Pitol speaks on Friday, February 7, at 7 p.m., in the Sala de Lectura at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Admission is free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Rumarosa's Round Rocks and Rock Art, visit Baja California's La Rumarosa to learn about the area's geology and rock art during an adventure hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants will encounter the geology of the lava-capped mountains and visit the local lime kiln in this area found in northern Sierra Juárez on Saturday, February 8, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The \$79 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. To reserve a spot, call 619-255-0203. (SIERRA JUAREZ)

Matadors Eulalio "El Zotoloco" López and Julián "El Juli" López meet up with bulls from José Chafik and Marcelino Miaja on Saturday, February 8, at 5 p.m., at the Plaza de

Toros Calafia. For tickets and information, call 011-52-686-557-3864. (MEXICALI)

Whale Watching, guided excursions sponsored by the Museo de Ciencias de Ensenada are offered Saturdays and Sundays through March. See the migrating gray whales in Todos Santos Bay. The museum is located at 1463 Ovregon Street. Admission is \$20 adults, \$15 children. For more information, call the museum at 011-52-646-178-7192. (ENSENADA)

A Valentine's Day Run is slated for Sunday, February 9, stepping off at 8 a.m. at the Unidad Deportiva CREA (Zona Río). Dial 011-52-664-683-1985 for routes and information. (TIJUANA)

Hypnotist Taurus do Brasil returns to the stage at the Tijuana Cultural Center for performances through Sunday, February 9. Shows begin at 6 and 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays. The center is found at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For further information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

The Play *La Suerte de la Consorte* is being performed on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12, at the Tijuana Cultural Center. The curtain rises at 7 and 9:30 p.m. each night. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Tickets are \$25 U.S. For further information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Mozart in the South, the Mainly Mozart Violin-Piano Duo performs on Thursday, February 13, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Violinist William Preucil and pianist Jon Kimura Parker will present Mozart's "Sonata for Piano and Violin in B-Flat," various selections for solo piano, and the Strauss "Sonata for Violin and Piano in E Flat."

Tickets for this Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series concert are \$20 U.S. For reservations, call 619-239-0100. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. (TIJUANA)

"La Musa Enferma," head to the Sala de Lectura at the Tijuana Cultural Center on Thursday, February 13, for a presentation of the book of poems by Francisco Alcaez beginning at 7 p.m. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Free. Questions? Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for answers. (TIJUANA)

Journey Into The Human Body when the film screens at the Omnimax Tijuana Cultural Center Monday through Friday at 1, 4, and 8 p.m. and at 10 a.m., 4, and 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. *The Ocean Oasis* may be seen at 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with an additional screening at 1 p.m. on weekends.

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OUTDOORS

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.

Ornamental Pear Trees are bursting into bloom all over town. The thousands of white blossoms appear in sheets and clusters, rather like snow when viewed from a distance. Nice specimens can be seen along Lake Murray Boulevard, along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard between Highway 163 and Interstate 15, and in parts of downtown San Diego.

Lupines — whose spiky, purple (sometimes yellow) flower clusters like to adorn grassy areas and disturbed patches of soil — will soon start popping up all over San Diego County, assuming we get average rainfall this season. If enough desert rain falls, you'll spot lupines along the sandy washes or in roadside gullies where water temporarily collects. Coastal lupines are often in full flower by late March. Higher-elevation lupines will be blooming in the mountain areas in May and early June. The generic name *Lupinus*, meaning "wolf," was given these plants in the belief that they robbed the soil of nutrients. Actually the re-

verse is true: Their ability to fix nitrogen through root nodules helps them survive on poor soils and may, in fact, enrich the soil around them.

Gaze at Heavenly Bodies when the San Diego Astronomers Association sets up telescopes for night sky viewing on Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8, at the Vallecito Stage Station (near Agua Caliente County Park, 39555 Great Southern Stage Route S-2). Free. For information, call 858-694-3049. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Normally Elusive Species — such as common goldeneye, surf scoter, Brant goose, little blue heron, several species of loons, and red-breasted merganser — may be seen during the Audubon Society outing in the South Bay on Saturday, February 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants will hike out onto a dike into the South Bay.

Meet the trip leader at the Biologic Study Area on the Strand Highway. Bring a scope, and expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. For additional information, call 619-692-3246. Free. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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it dead-ends into the canyon. These hikers will walk up through Maple Canyon and join the "Easy Walkers" at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Third and Redwood.

The fee is a \$5 donation for the American Lung Association. To RSVP, call 619-549-2793. (BANKERS' HILL)

The Ceonothus Will Be Blooming when the Canyoners lead a hike through sage and chaparral to a high point overlooking Lake Dixon to Jack Creek Falls in Daley Ranch. This adventure is slated for Saturday, February 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evidence of the Kumeyaay and other local tribes is seen in the *morteros* ground into boulder tops. Join the group in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (ESCONDIDO)

Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and Owls, 19 species of raptors can be found in the skies around Ramona. The Wildlife Research Institute offers its tenth annual Hawkwatch, a chance to learn from naturalists about the interesting birds. Every weekend through March 2, biologists will be available to help spot and identify the species.

The next event will be Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at Highland Valley Road and Highland Valley Court, one mile west of Ramona, off Highway 67. Bring binoculars and a camera; wear comfortable hiking shoes. Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, February 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring the structure, growth habits, and landscape value of palm trees in the park on Saturday, February 8, beginning at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Strenuous Hike up Clever Canyon "with a beautiful reward at the top" when Susan leads this hike in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, February 8, 9 to 11:30 a.m. To make the required reservations, call 858-674-2275 x31. Free. (SAN PASQUAL VALLEY)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on February 8. Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on February 8 and 9. Saturday's outing starts at 8 a.m., with the Sunday adventure beginning at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

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Learn to Recognize Tracks of coyote, bobcat, and other native species when an experienced tracker from the San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginning (children welcome) and intermediate tracking walks on Saturday, February 8, 8 to 9 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Wear shoes that are good in mud.

To reach the Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs to the ranch house. For registration, call 858-484-3219. Free. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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Daley Ranch's Treasures, a diverse plant population and expansive views are waiting to be enjoyed when naturalists Rick Paul and C.J. Stonbraker lead an occasionally strenuous four-mile hike in Daley Ranch on Sunday, February 9. The hike starts at 9 a.m. at the Cougar Pass entrance. To reach the trailhead, take I-15 to the El Norte Parkway exit; drive about one-half mile to Broadway, and drive north four miles to Cougar Pass (a dirt road); turn right and drive about one mile to the dirt parking lot on the left. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Learn Native Plants and Their Uses when naturalist Linda King leads a nature walk in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m. Meet in the upper level of the Mercy Road parking-staging area, at the junction of Mercy and Black Mountain Roads. 858-484-3219. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Explore the Hidden Areas of north Linda Vista with Walkabout adventurers on Monday, February 10. This casual walk starts at 9:30 a.m. at Linda Vista Road and Genesee Avenue. Free. 619-231-7463. (LINDA VISTA)

Do Some Weekday Birding when those adventurous birders from the Audubon Society head out on their annual La Jolla adventure from 8 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12. To join the group, meet in the vicinity of 303 Coast Boulevard, several blocks south of the Children's Pool. Bring a scope. Free. 619-692-3246. (LA JOLLA)

Support Your Local Open Space, Daley Ranch needs mountain bikers,

equestrians, and hikers for volunteer patrol eight hours a month. They will train. Please respond before Saturday, February 15. 760-839-4241. (ESCONDIDO)

Explore Your Park! The Anza-Borrego Foundation hosts hikes each weekend in March. The destinations are Whale Peak on Saturday, March 1, and Oriflamme Canyon on Sunday, March 2. Future weekends promise treks to Palo Verde Canyon, the Vallecito-Fish Creek Basin, Rockhouse Canyon, Vallecito Ranch, the Lucky 5 Ranch, and the slot canyons and caves of the Carrizo Badlands.

The fees range from \$15 to \$30, depending upon the adventure you select. Reservations are requested by February 27. For space availability and more information, call 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

DANCE

Dance in a Variety of Styles may be enjoyed when the dance department of the San Diego School of Creative

and Performing Arts presents its winter dance concerts at 7 p.m. through Friday, February 7. Tickets range from \$4 to \$6. Find the campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. For reservations, call 619-470-0588. (PARADISE HILLS)

"Out of Hiding," a debut collaborative performance with choreography by Sadie Weinberg and Terry Wilson featuring "many of San Diego's finest modern dancers," may be seen on Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8. In the pieces, the choreographers explore personal stories, relationships, and social conditions.

The concerts begin at 8 p.m. both nights in the Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general. For information, call 619-594-6824. (SDSU)

Jamboree by the Sea, this annual square-dance festival hosted by Palomar Square Dance runs February 7-9 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours are 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to

midnight on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. For ticket prices and further information, dial 760-738-0248. (DEL MAR)

Dance Jam! Organizers of this free-form dance party welcome all ages onto the 2500-square-foot dance floor at the Center for the Moving Arts. The event takes place at 9 p.m. most Fridays (call to confirm) and every Tuesday. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue; 619-298-2687. The donation ranges from \$5 to \$7. (HILLCREST)

Au Contraire Contradancing! Steve Barlow calls and Au Contraire makes the music for the contradance on Friday, February 7, at the 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. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

heading this way to perform their "funky instrumentals, syncopated rhythms, and intricate accordion work" for the zydeco dance party hosted by the Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, February 8.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dance instruction starts at 6:20 p.m., followed by dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). The cover is \$12, kids under 12 free. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Lindy Hop Swing Instructor Emily Belt presents a six-week series of classes beginning on Saturday, February 8, at the Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Classes are offered in Lindy basics (10 a.m.) and "Beyond the Basics" (11:15 a.m.). For registration, call 619-299-8184. The fee is \$10 per class, or \$48 for all sessions (paid in full at first class). (HILLCREST)

The Monthly West African Dance workshop led by Nikola Clay takes place on Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake Drive). Live drumming will be provided by Los Angeles-based Jason Hann. The fee is

\$15. For information, call 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

"When Movies Were Movies," the San Diego Civic Dance Company performs through February 16 at the Casa del Prado Theatre (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard). Guests will be treated to interpretations from films including *The Lion King*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *An American in Paris*, *Sweet Charity*, *Oklahoma!* and others. Sixty-eight dancers (from children to adults) participate in a variety of genres.

Performances begin at 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, February 8 and 15; and at 3 p.m. on Sundays, February 9 and 16. Tickets are \$5 and \$8. For reservations, call 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

"Women Rebels," the current production for Eveoke Dance Theatre, is described as a "creation celebrating the work of local, national, and international heroines." The piece reveals work of great women through history as well as women working for social justice in our city. Choreographer Gina Angelique conducted interviews with 34 San Diego women "and has selected moments from the recordings to compose a soundscape of thoughts with music from around the world."

The show continues through Sunday, February 9, at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Performances Thursday through Saturday begin at 8 p.m.; the 2 p.m. Sunday

matinees are followed by postshow forums. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 for students and seniors; Thursdays and Sundays you're invited to "pay what you can." For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on its huge hardwood dance floor on Sunday, February 9, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lessons commence at 8 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

FILM

International in Scope, the 13th annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 6-16, boasting more than 40 feature films, documentaries, and short subjects from 11 countries. Among the films: *Amen*, *Lifetime Guarantee*, *Yellow Asphalt*, and *God Is Great, I'm Not*, among many others. There will also be filmmaker appearances, postscreening discussions, and family films.

Screenings take place this year at the AMC La Jolla 12 Theatre in La Jolla Village Square, Hazard Center Madstone Theater, Ultrastar's Creekside Plaza 10, and Ultrastar's La Costa 6 Cinemas, and the Garfield Theater at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. For information and reservations, call

858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY, LA COSTA, LA JOLLA)

The Spring 2003 International Film Series at MiraCosta College commences with *La Promesse* (Belgium/France) on Friday, February 7. It's described as a neorealist drama casting a critical eye on European multiculturalism. See the film at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. In French with English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

What Western Film Was Made in La Mesa? Find out when the Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films continues its ongoing Not-So-Silent Film Festival on Saturday, February 8. Also on the program: *The Automatic Moving Company* (1906) and *The Fatal Sneeze*, with accompaniment by the Geisel Library Bassoon Quartet.

The audience helps the live orchestra create the sound effects on a wind machine, the thunder sheet, rain wheel, and a theremin (if you dare!). The raucous fun begins at 11 a.m. in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Noisemakers, admission, and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

A "Spiky Portrayal of Love in Crisis" is on offer in *Recipes to Stay Together*, Rafael Montero's 1996 film screening for the Film Forum on Monday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The film — in Spanish with English subtitles — won nine Ariels (the Mexican Academy Awards). Ad-

mission is free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Anti-Military Films will be screened at the San Diego Independent Media Center on Tuesday, February 11. The program includes *The Good War and Those Who Refused to Fight It*, a documentary on conscientious objectors in World War II; and *Military Myths*, described as "an exposé of the lies used by military recruiters to get recent high school graduates to enlist." Project Yano founder Rick Jahnkow will lead discussion after the films.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and films start at 7:30 p.m. at La Casa (4862 Voltaire Street). The suggested donation is \$5, although no one is turned away for lack of funds. 619-233-5002. (OCEAN BEACH)

The Thrills and Agonies of an Adolescent Crush are catalogued in *Malena*, Giuseppe Tornatore's film set in a small Sicilian town during World War II. Enjoy the film when it screens for the Italian film series on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. In Italian with English subtitles. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, visit Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park in *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees*. Within the 20-square-mile park, Goodall established what has become the longest continuously running study of animals in the wild. In her studies, Goodall has revolutionized our understanding of chimps,

and of human behavior itself. The film continues through May.

National Geographic's IMAX film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West* dramatizes the first perilous three-year, 8000-mile expedition into the unknown west of America 200 years ago, from the Missouri River overland to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. The film reveals how the success of the trek was dependent upon the generosity of Native American tribes. Make the trek through Friday, February 28.

Ultimate X: The Movie brings audiences "up close" to the action and excitement of ESPN's Summer X Games. The film features competitors in skateboarding, street luge, wakeboarding, downhill BMX, aggressive in-line skating, and more, sharing their experiences as they prepare for and compete in their sports. The film screens with *Wild California* on the first Friday of February and March.

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

LECTURES

"New Light on Akhenaten, The Heretic Pharaoh" will be shed when Donald Redford speaks for the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, February 7. The talk begins at 7:15 p.m. in room J-203 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 619-295-0238. (KEARNY MESA)

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Feed Your Head (and Body) when the Parisi Gallery and Sculpture Garden hosts its "Chefs + Art Series" beginning on Friday, February 7, at noon. The subject is "Art in Architecture: Creating Places for the Soul" when Drew Hubbell discusses his work and the work of his father, James Hubbell. The duo focuses on organic design, seeking to harmonize "the beauty of art with the functionality of architecture."

Lunch is provided by Tommy Dimello of Meritage. The fee is \$45. Find the garden at 2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. For space availability and reservations, call 858-259-0490 x150. (DEL MAR)

"The Arts of the Americas" — offering a look at art of the Maya, Inca, and Native Americans — is presented by Damon Hitchcock on Friday, February 7, at 12:30 p.m., at the

Center for Education and Technology (West City Center Auditorium, 3249 Fordham Street). Free; registration is recommended one-half hour before class. Call 619-221-6973 for information. (MORENA)

Watercolor Painting Techniques will be demonstrated by artist Joan McKasson when the Clairemont Art Guild meets on Saturday, February 8, at 12:30 p.m., at the Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Most of Our Ancestors had powerful religious beliefs that strongly influenced their lives. Learn about the religious groups to which your ancestors belonged and how it affected where they settled in America when Kathleen Roe Trevena speaks for the San Diego Genealogical Society. She'll focus on the Colonial period and then the religious groups that proliferated in America after the Revolutionary War.

The group gathers for "Religious Groups and Their Migration" on Saturday, February 8, at noon. Beginners are welcome. Take in the talk in the St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 6556 Park Ridge Boulevard. 619-588-0065. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

You'll Be Pasting, Cutting, and Sewing when Kelly Anderson leads a bookbinding class focusing on the Japanese tortoise shell stitching technique on Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The nonmember fee is \$10. For the materials list and registration, dial 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn About John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts when David Loper discusses the duo on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-456-1800 for information. (LA JOLLA)

May We Suggest a Fresh Nasturtium Snack? Get the skinny on "Edible Landscaping" when Paul Maschka speaks on Saturday, February 8, at 8:30 a.m., at Dig Gardening Boutique (Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle). Maschka is senior gardener at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. The fee is \$22 in advance, or \$26 at the door, which includes "fresh foods from Paul's garden." 858-481-3478. (DEL MAR)

Forensic Entomology is the subject for events hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum. Entomologist David Faulkner leads a class on the applications of insect data in deter-

mining stages of decomposition on Saturday, February 8, from 8 a.m. to noon at the museum, with a field trip to take an afternoon tour of the Chula Vista Crime Lab (1 to 2 p.m.). For space availability and fees, call 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK, CHULA VISTA)

Murder and Mayhem, Mysterious Galaxy Books hosts this writing workshop on Saturday, February 8. Columnist and author Dr. D.P. Lyle (*Murder and Mayhem*) and cartoonist and author Trina Robbins (*Tender Murderers*) will be on hand for the event, which begins at 6 p.m. Find

the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Call 858-268-4747 to make the suggested reservations. (CLAIREMONT)

He's Described as a Master of the Persian ney (bamboo flute), and on Sunday, February 9, Hossein Omoumi will present a lecture on Persian music and architecture (5 p.m.) and a concert (7 p.m.) at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Omoumi will be

joined by Houman Pourmehdi on *daf* and *tombak*. Tickets are \$25. Questions? Call 619-688-0688 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Samuel Beckett's Absurdist Vision of art and life are explored "through the timeless antics of the team of Laurel and Hardy" in "Tom Wudl: You've Got to Be Kidding!?" on exhibit in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. Los Angeles-based artist Tom Wudl presents an art talk on Sunday,

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February 9, at 2 p.m., in the gallery. Admission is free. Find the gallery at the Carlsbad City Library, at 1775 Dove Lane. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

"The Reaction to Students in a Cross-Cultural Community" is the topic when author and world traveler Meagan Prentice speaks for People to People International on Sunday, February 9, at 3 p.m., in Green Hall at Alliant International University (10455 Pomerado Road). Free. Call 858-484-6069 for further information. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Transform Yard Waste Into a Functional Vessel when Carol Lang leads a pine needle basket workshop on Sunday, February 9, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). The fee is \$65 for nonmembers. To make the required reservations, call 760-431-1645. (OCEANSIDE)

Vincenzo Bellini's Opera Norma will be discussed on Monday, February 10, at 7 p.m., in room 112 at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). The requested donation is \$2.25. Call 619-232-7636 for more details. (HILLCREST)

Support Your Local Bromeliad Grower! Jeffrey Kent is president of Kent's Bromeliad Nursery in Vista, with over 750,000 square feet of climatically controlled greenhouse space. Learn all about "Bromeliads for San Diego" when Kent speaks for the San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, February 10. The talk is followed by the Plant Forum. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Surfside Race Place at Del Mar on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

The Art of Spinning Yarn will be illuminated when the Palomar Handweaver's Guild convenes at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 10, at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (1087 Country Club Lane). Free. For information, call 760-743-0347. (ESCONDIDO)

Examine Bellini's Norma during the opera preview addressing the music, drama, and history of this upcoming San Diego Opera production at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, February 10. The authority is Nicolas Reveles, education director at the San Diego Opera. Admission is \$8. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Masters of the Ecole de Paris" will be examined when Françoise Gilot speaks for the "Meet the Masters" series at the San Diego Museum of Art. Gilot, an acclaimed artist in her own right, will discuss her experiences

with Henri Matisse, Georges Braques, Pablo Picasso, Fernand Léger, Marc Chagall, Joan Miró, and others, through slides of their paintings and personal photographs.

Lectures begin on Tuesday, February 11, at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$36 with lunch) and at 5:30 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Galileo's Remarkable Daughter Virginia was a cloistered nun whose correspondence with her father Galileo Galilei provides much of the information in Dava Sobel's terrific book *Galileo's Daughter*. Sobel, whose new book is *Letters to Father*, will speak for the Revelle Forum on Tuesday, February 11. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$35. For information, call 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

Learn Tricks to "Travel Light" when REI hosts this clinic on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive and by dialing 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"Making of the Modern World: The Short Version" is being examined in a series offered by UCSD's Center for Humanities and Eleanor Roosevelt College. Participants tour global trends and events from the Age of Enlightenment to the rise of radical religious movements in contemporary times.

This public series continues when UCSD lecturer Thomas Cardoza examines "Revolutions and Ideology in 19th-Century Europe" on Wednesday, February 12. The lecture begins

at 7 p.m. at the UCSD Institute of the Americas Copley International Conference Center. Free. Call 858-534-0999 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"Transforming Personal Into World Peace: A Zen Buddhist Perspective" is on offer when Senasi Anne Seisen leads a discussion of personal peace and its expansion to a larger level." The talk is slated for Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m., at the Shiho Gallery (2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Tickets: \$10. Call 858-259-0787 for details. (DEL MAR)

"Axis Mexico" Art Talk, artist Eduardo Abaroa tours the exhibit with curator Betti-Sue Hertz on Thursday, February 13, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Abaroa created the video piece *El Bodhisattva* with Ruben Ortiz Torres. Admission is \$10 for nonmembers. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Embellishment: The Dance," it's the theme when the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Audiences will learn how dance influenced the different art forms of the period through a look at the rituals, formalities, and entertainments of 18th-Century Europe. Tickets to this "Baroque at the Museum" program are \$12 for nonmembers. For information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Secret Love between Interactivity and Improvisation" is the in-

triguing topic when UCSD music professor George Lewis speaks for the Humanities Dialogues series on Thursday, February 13. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. in UCSD's Peterson Hall room 110. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

Dedicated to Fine Craftsmanship from design through construction, Marmol Radziner and Associates are also interested in creating architecture that revitalizes communities. Ron Radziner will speak for the series co-hosted by the Museum of Contemporary Art and the American Institute of Architects on Thursday, February 13. The talk begins at 7 p.m. at the museum, 700 Prospect Street. Tickets: \$7 general, \$5 students, seniors, MCASD and AIASD members (includes gallery admission). Information: 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

"Up With Hip-Hop," this series hosted by the UCSD Cross-Cultural Center and Hip-Hop Club Life continues with a panel discussion entitled "Hip-Hop for the People" on Thursday, February 13. The discussion will be led by George Lipsitz and Victor Viesca and "focus on the use of hip-hop culture as a tool to organize and uplift the spirit of the community."

The discussion starts at 6 p.m. at the Cross-Cultural Center on the UCSD campus. Admission is free. For information and directions, call 858-534-9689. (LA JOLLA)

Heroic Individuals Through History have awakened their society's consciences to the point of laws being changed. Two 20th-Century examples: Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished South African playwright, director, and actor Athol Fugard will focus on an

earlier individual when he presents "A Catholic Antigone: An Episode in the Life of Hildegard of Bingen" on Monday, February 24.

The lecture starts at 8 p.m. at the La Jolla Playhouse, Mandel Weiss Forum, on the UCSD campus. Admission is free; parking is \$3. For information, call 858-452-0285. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Traditional Irish Music and Dance are on tap when Alanna Callaghan-Dragosz dances to tunes performed by Cobblestone for the Escondido Library's First Thursday series on February 6. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Call 760-839-4329 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Traditional Indian Music may be enjoyed when Tony Karasek performs on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Karasek has been featured on recordings with William Aura, Richard Burmer, and "as an onstage musician with Ravi Shankar for four years." Admission is free. For information, call 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Out, Damned Spot! See "MacHomer: The Simpsons Do Macbeth," the one-man show starring Rick Miller, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 6-8. Tickets are \$35. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

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Yet, my pretty sportive friend,
Little is't to such an end
That I praise thy rareness!
Other dogs may be thy peers
Haply in these drooping ears,
And this glossy fairness.

But of thee it shall be said,
This dog watched beside a bed
Day and night unwearied —
Watched within a curtained room,
Where no sunbeam brake the gloom
Round the sick and dreary.

Roses, gathered for a vase,
In that chamber died apace,
Beam and breeze resigning.
This dog only, waited on,
Knowing that when light is gone
Love remains for shining.

Other dogs in thymy dew
Tracked the hares, and followed through
Sunny moor or meadow.
This dog only, crept and crept

Next a languid cheek that slept,
Sharing in the shadow.

Other dogs of loyal cheer
Bounded at the whistle clear,
Up the woodside hieing.
This dog only, watched in reach
Of a faintly uttered speech,
Or a louder sighing.

And if one or two quick tears
Dropped upon his glossy ears,
Or a sigh came double —
Up he sprang in eager haste,
Fawning, fondling, breathing fast,
In a tender trouble.



And this dog was satisfied
If a pale thin hand would glide
Down his dewlaps sloping—
Which he pushed his nose within,
After-platforming his chin
On the palm left open.
— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

“Across the Line/Al otro lado: The Poetry of Baja California” — this anthology of work by 53 poets will be discussed by editors Harry Polkinhorn and Mark Weiss on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. For more information, call 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

“The Great American Songbook” is the new show by Maureen McGovern, who returns “by popular demand” to perform for “Cabarets in the Park” February 7-9 at the San Diego Museum of Art. McGovern has enjoyed a 30-year career featuring recordings, concerts, theater, films, television, and radio.

The performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; with 4 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$25 for nonmembers, available by calling Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Call 619-696-1966 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Meet Two Artists when Disney artist James Coleman and “tropical artist” Dan Mackin appear at the Wyland Gallery to paint works and sign their latest books on Friday, February 7, 6 to 10 p.m. Find the gallery at 1025 Prospect Street. Free. Call 858-459-8229 to RSVP. (LA JOLLA)

The Grammy-Nominated Band Diamond Rio will perform in concert on Friday, February 7, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets range from \$21 to \$60, benefiting HOME (Helping Others More Efficiently), and are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

Tim Flannery and Friends will perform on Friday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$15, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Expect a “Stimulating Atmosphere” of multimedia entertainment when Voz Alta hosts “Kaleidoscope,” presented by TV Head, on Friday, February 7. Dance, electronic, and house music will be performed by Django and guest musicians, singers, and DJs, collaborating with visual artists to create a live soundtrack (“soundscapes”) for this visual projection.

Interested? Events run from 9 p.m. until midnight at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Call 619-230-1869 for information. Tickets: \$5. (DOWNTOWN)

There Are Concerts planned by the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir on Friday, February 7, at 7 p.m.,

at the Trinity Lutheran Church (7210 Lisbon Street) and on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m., at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). For information, call 619-697-6246. Offerings will be received. (ENCANTO, MISSION HILLS)

Bluegrass Is Promised when Ron Spears and Within Tradition perform for the San Diego Bluegrass Society on Friday, February 7. The show opens with a Down the Road reunion performance at 7 p.m. at the Poway Auditorium, 13094 Bowron Road. Tickets are \$13 in advance, or \$15 at the door. For information and reservations, call 858-679-4854. (POWAY)

The Gospel Band Steps of Praise will be joined by local ministry bands and choirs for the Gospel Jubilee planned on Friday, February 7, at 7 p.m., in the theater at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. For more information, call 760-757-2121 x6208. (OCEANSIDE)

A “Spain Tour Benefit Concert” is planned on Saturday, February 8, featuring performances by the MiraCosta San Elijo Chorale, flamenco by Cynthia and Sylvia Morales, Spanish guitar by Phil Boroff, Latin jazz by Fred Lanuza and friends, ballroom and tap dancing by Ellen and Karl Warkentien, and dancers from the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts.

The performance starts at 7 p.m. in the Florence Johnson Theater, located on the SCPA campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For reservations and information, call 619-470-0555. (PARADISE HILLS)

There’s an “Old-Fashioned Reading” planned by R.L. Buss on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m., at the Living Room (1018 Rosecrans Street). No cover. 619-222-6852. (POINT LOMA)

Author Joan Christensen will sign copies of *Tales of the Treasure Chest* on Saturday, February 8, at 2 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Commemorate the 194th Birthday of Charles Darwin when Dr. Stephen Baird and the Opossums of Truth perform in concert on Saturday, February 8. Baird and company will celebrate the work of Darwin and Watson and Crick with the “musical genre” they call scientific gospel.

The big bang starts at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 and students. For reservations and information, call 858-481-0765. (LA COSTA)

Manual for Existence, the Shehu Jamaat and the Ummah of San Diego present this event on Saturday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Voz Alta. Join members of San Diego’s Islamic community for an evening of open-mike poetry. Admission is a \$1 donation. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues) and by calling 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

The Name at the Top of the Plaque on the wall in front of the student union at Palomar College honoring those “who gave their lives in defense of our country” is Lt. James M. Mitchell, who was captain of the college’s basketball team. Mitchell was killed in Vietnam in 1965. His widow, Jan Bertocini Mitchell, will sign and discuss her book about her husband, *The Last Stamp*, on Saturday, February 8, at 1 p.m., in room P-32. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Free. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2420. (SAN MARCOS)

What’s the Gaelic Word for Slap, spank, or thrashing about energetically? It’s also a word chosen as the moniker for Skelpin, described as “one of the nation’s premier Irish-American bands.” Skelpin performs traditional Irish music spiced with a jigger of *saucé d’Americain* and romantic soul.

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The Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles presents a concert on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m., at the College Avenue Baptist Church (4747 College Avenue). An offering will be received. For information and childcare reservations, call 619-582-7222 x340. (COLLEGE GROVE)

To Protect and Serve, two of the police officers featured in the book *Police Heroes* will be on hand along with author Chuck Whitlock to discuss and sign the book on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). Free. Call 619-795-9899 for information. (NORTH PARK)

NPR’s “Weekend Edition” Host Scott Simon — he of the delightful and infectious laugh and thought-provoking insights — gives an informal talk on Sunday, February 9, 2 to 4 p.m., at KPBS Copley Telecommunications Center (5200 Campanile Drive). Tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. For information, call 619-594-8782. (SDSU)

Original Tunes, Jazz Standards, and Hymns may be heard when singer/songwriter/guitarist Deborah Liv Johnson and jazz guitarist Peter Sprague perform on Sunday, February 9, at 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). An offering will be received to benefit Stand With Africa. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Jazz at Church, the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet, with guest vocalist Laura Preble, will perform on Sunday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista. An offering will be received. Find the church at 915 Paseo Ranchero (at East H Street). For further information, call 619-656-2525 x106. (CHULA VISTA)

For More Than 40 Years, the choirs of the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista have presented an annual pops concert. This year’s concert is slated for Sunday, February 9, at 4 p.m., at the Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (8081 Mira Mesa Boulevard). The Chamber Singers embark on a European concert tour in June. An offering will be received. For information, call 858-578-2150. (MIRA MESA)

Bring Your Poetry or Prose About Rain and help to “crack the sky” when the Poetsperformance open reading takes place at Red’s Espresso Cafe on Sunday, February 9, 4 to 6 p.m. Find Red’s at 1017 Rosecrans; 619-523-5540. Free. (POINT LOMA)

“Let’s Hear It for the Boys! A Salute to Eric and Sam” is slated for Monday, February 10, at the Avo Playhouse. Eric L’Heureux and Sam Sherman each had the lower portion of one leg amputated after they were hit by a car while loading scenery onto a truck in front of the Avo in November. Performances will feature “Broadway talent” Eric Kunze and Gina Felicia-Delucia, along with many of the boys’ friends.

The event begins with a silent auction and reception at 6 p.m., with the show commencing at 7 p.m. at the Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Tickets are \$25 (benefiting a trust fund for the duo), available by dialing 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:45 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 9:30 p.m., on Monday, February 10, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Author Glenn Vanstrum visits Warwick’s Bookstore on Tuesday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., to discuss and sign *The Saltwater Wilderness*. Find the

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Each chapter in *The Last Chance Dog* introduces the reader to a new animal and its human companions as well as the holistic

remedy that brought about a cure. These cats, dogs, birds, horses, and even a turtle are animals that conventional medicine failed to heal, and Kelleher's triumphs offer happy endings on a huge scale. Meet the small but scrappy Yogi, a Jack Russell terrier with paralyzing back pain cured by chiropractic adjustments; Nikita, a cat on a hunger strike, who returns to her bowl after successful acupuncture treatments; and the otherworldly Angel, a cockatoo with mysterious symptoms, returned to health through an inspired combination of nourishing herbs.

Dr. Kelleher's book also includes how-to advice on treating a multitude of common animal conditions that can transform an animal's health — and the lives of those who love them.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: After the exuberant Donna Kelleher answered her telephone in her Seattle clinic and I identified myself and we said our how-do-you-do's, she told me, "I taught an acupuncture course in San Diego in 2000. I was, like, 'God, this place is so sunny. It's sunny all the time.' In Seattle we get one sunny day and everyone is, like, 'Wow, it's sunny, I'm going to get up early and take advantage of it.' And down in Southern California, that sunshine is normal."

Donna Kelleher was born, she said, "in Denver, Colorado, during the Summer of Love — June 28, 1967." She laughed, adding, "I think almost every summer, though, is a summer of love. Anyway, we moved around a lot when I was young. We lived in Colorado for two years, and then we moved back East — right outside of Boston. Most of my dad's family is from Boston and Cambridge. My mom's family is from Upstate New York.

"We moved to Seattle from Boston in 1980, right after Mt. St. Helens blew up. My mom got a job at Pacific Lutheran University, and she's been there ever since. She teaches political science and international studies. Right now she's working on a project in Namibia where she's sending students over, and they're

doing service-related stuff there. She has a lot of people that come over from Norway to PLU. And she appreciates how these Norwegians get involved with trying to find peaceful resolutions to world conflicts."

I said that, reading Dr. Kelleher's book, I got the impression that she had been a horse-loving little girl.

She said that she was, indeed, and that she grew up reading one after another horse stories. Horses, she said, were how her mother got her to move from Boston to Washington. "In Boston," she explained, "I was working at a stable in exchange for lessons. When we moved out from Boston, I was 13. I was going to have to leave my friends, and 13 is a hard age for making a move. My mom said, 'If you go willingly, I'll buy you a pony.' It was bribery. And it worked. I thought, 'Oh, at last, I'm going to get my own pony.' That was all I could think of. We moved and several months later, she got my pony. I don't know how, financially, she was able to do what she did on one income, especially working as a teacher. But she would do all these grants and she would get extra money. So I had a little pony, and her name was Lady, and she was my first pony. I've had horses ever since. It's been part of my life."

Dr. Kelleher received her undergraduate degree from Drew University in New Jersey. She graduated from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine with a DVM. While training as a senior veterinary student, she entered an internship with her mentor, Allen Schoen, author of *Love Miracles and Animal Healing*, which led to her securing a scholarship in veterinary acupuncture. Today, Dr. Kelleher is certified by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society and American Veterinary Chiropractic Association and uses chiropractic in combination with acupuncture, herbs, and nutrition to heal animals. She is president of the Washington chapter of the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, and through her efforts

shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Women's Mind, Body, and Spirit Series at Barnes and Noble Bookstore continues when Carolle Jean-Murat will "show you how to put your entire life in balance by focusing on the mental, physical, spiritual, and financial aspects of good health" on Tuesday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m. Her book is *Mind, Body, Soul, and Money*. Find the store at 10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Author Kathi Mills-Macias will sign *The Price* on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

Perhaps Best Known for Slapping Andy Kaufman on *Late Night with David Letterman*, Jerry Lawler will visit at the Current Affairs Bookstore to sign *It Pays to Be King... Sometimes* on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 2536 University Avenue. Free. Call 619-795-9899 for information. (NORTH PARK)

The Richness of African Culture and Heritage will be celebrated in a program with music, dance, and story planned on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m., at San Diego City College Theater (1450 C Street, at 14th Street). Performances will be

given by the Teye Sa Thiosanne African Drum and Dance Company, Jali Morikeba Kouyate, and the Black Storytellers of San Diego. Admission is free. For information, call 619-422-7053. The show will be repeated on February 21 at Grossmont College. (DOWNTOWN)

Neurophilosophy is described as "a movement that thinks philosophers should know something about the brain." Patricia Smith Churchland, one of the founders of the movement, will discuss and sign her book *Brain-Wise: Studies in Neurophilosophy* on Wednesday, February 12, at noon, at the UCSD Bookstore. Free. The bookstore is found in the Price Center on the UCSD campus. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Sacred and Superhuman Ninjas of Taiko? Hey, it's what the press materials claim for Kodo, a truly terrific Japanese taiko drum troupe performing on Wednesday, February 12, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. When not touring, the musicians live and study together on the Sado Islands in the sea of Japan.

The evening begins with a pre-performance talk in the museum at 7:15 p.m. Tickets to see Kodo range from \$26 to \$56. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Hard Questions are asked and answered by Robert Spencer in his book *Islam Unveiled*, in which he "rigorously interrogates Islam." Meet the author when he signs and discusses his book at Current Affairs Bookstore on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 2536 University Avenue; 619-795-9899. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"Life, Love, and All That Jazz," the Cass Street Poets and classical guitarist Miles Moynier present an evening of poetry and music in honor of Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

An Evening of Romance is promised when novelist Casey Fahy "reads love poetry, signs books, and discusses some of the romantic characters in his novels" on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., in the meeting room at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). He's the author of *The Seven Isles of Ameulas*. For information, call 760-434-2881. Free. (LA COSTA)

Once Controversial, Now Beloved, former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani will sign copies of his book *Leadership* on Thursday, February 13, noon to 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Books to be signed must be purchased from Warwick's. For more

details, dial 858-454-0347. Admission is free. (LA JOLLA)

"In 30 Days" is described as a "poetic/theatrical examination of 30 days of a gay African-American's life" by LeVan D. Hawkins. During the month of June, Hawkins kept extensive notes on anything that occurred revolving around finances, culture, love, sex, and politics and then converted the notes into "poetry, stories, and drama."

See "In 30 Days" at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 13-15, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Tickets are \$15 general. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, dial 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

You Think Salt Is Unimportant? Salt is a substance so valuable that it served as currency at one time, influenced the establishment of trade routes and cities, provoked and financed wars, and inspired revolutions. Get the skinny on the great white seasoning when Mark Kurlansky reads from and signs his *Salt: A World History* on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee. Free. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307, and by calling 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

Latin Jam, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta every Thursday of the month, including February 13, from 8 to 11 p.m. You're invited to bring your instrument and jam onstage with local Latin jazz musicians. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and

Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. Admission is \$5 general, free for musicians. (DOWNTOWN)

"Love Train," the choral program at Mt. Carmel High School presents this Valentine's benefit concert on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. The singing follows a silent auction at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8, benefiting the choral department. Find Mount Carmel High School at 9550 Carmel Mountain Road. For more information, call 858-484-1180 3156. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Share Your Latest Musical Ideas in the Red Room at Red's Espresso Gallery when Daryl hosts acoustic open-mike nights each Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Find Red's at 1017 Rosecrans and by dialing 619-523-5540. Free. (POINT LOMA)

A Celebration of Romance is on tap when Tango Alma and other artists present poetry and dancing on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at the City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Admission is free. For information, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Laugh It Up when Billy Crystal and guest David Steinberg perform on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22, at 8 p.m., at the La Jolla Playhouse's Mandell Weiss Theatre. The performances are benefits for the Playhouse's new play development program. Tickets range from — take a deep breath — \$100 to \$1000! For reservations and information, call 858-550-1010. (LA JOLLA)

The Historical Art Form of taiko is broadened by San Jose Taiko, a group that's been mesmerizing audiences for over 28 years with rhythms derived from African, Balinese, Brazilian, Latin, and jazz roots. The troupe performs at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium.

Tickets are \$20 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Making Music With Everything...Including the Kitchen Sink! The eight-member percussion ensemble "Stomp" will thump, bump, jam, and make all kinds of wonderful rhythms while performing at the San Diego Civic Theatre March 4-9. It's terrific, creative fun — you'll never look at a hubcap the same again.

Tickets range from \$22 to \$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 4-6, 8 p.m. on Friday, March 7, at 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and at 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. Find the theater at 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Time for the Sockers, the Harrisburg Heat is in town for a game against the San Diego Sockers on Thursday, February 6. The Sockers meet up with the Philadelphia Kixx on Thursday, February 13. Games begin at 7:05 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

Feeling Puckish? The San Diego Gulls ice hockey team hosts the Bakersfield Condors on Friday, February 7, the Fresno Falcons on Saturday, February 8, and the Anchorage Aces on Tuesday, February 11. All of the games begin at 7 p.m. at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

POLICE HEROES: True Stories of Courage About America's Brave Men, Women and K-9 Officers

by Chuck Whitlock
Saturday,
February 8 • 7 pm

Chuck Whitlock will discuss his book along with two of the police officers featured in *Police Heroes*.



IT'S GOOD TO BE THE KING... SOMETIMES

by Jerry "The King" Lawler
Tuesday, February 11 • 7 pm

Lawler is best known for his feud with comedian Andy Kaufman on *Late Night with David Letterman*, when he slapped Kaufman out of his chair. **Only books purchased at this event will be signed.**



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this chapter was one of the first in the country to be accepted as a chapter of a local conventional veterinary association.

"Washington State," I said, "is considered a great school for veterinary medicine, isn't it?"

"The professors change all the time. But at the time I was there, it was good because younger teachers were coming in. They taught with case presentations rather than just rote memory. It was rote memory, too, but you actually learned from case studies; that's a newer technique of teaching, which they have started to do now in medical schools.

"Steve Hines, who was at Washington State then, was one of the pioneers in this method of teaching. We were lucky to have him. I also had alternative surgery offered to me, which was important because it was a way that I could get through surgery without euthanizing animals. I didn't agree with that. When I applied for vet school, that was my first question, 'Do you have an alternative-surgery program?'"

"When you went to veterinary school, were there more women than there were men?"

"Yes. Overall, women outnumber men 70 to 30 percent. I think it started to turn around in the 1980s, that there were more women than men. Now it's just more and more women all the time."

I said that, as I read Dr. Kelleher's book, I began to wonder if the way in which veterinary medicine is being practiced might not be changing because of the increasing number of women veterinarians.

"Definitely. In fact, in some of the schools you're actually more or less considered a little bit more minority status when you're a man now. It's completely different than it used to be. I think part of that is the money that you don't make. Women tend to do things maybe more from their heart... I don't know. But men, traditionally, anyway, maybe it's been like they have to be

the breadwinners and that. So they're maybe going more into medical schools. It's definitely a labor of love, being a veterinarian.

"The schools struggle to keep the classes 50/50. Our class was a few more women than men. But it means that it's a little easier to get in if you're a man than if you're a woman."

"I thought as I read your book that, apart from the acupuncture you do, many of your treatments were common-sense approaches that were used in agricultural communities before the availability of commercial drugs."

"True. There's a folklore there that I'm trying to reach. I'm trying always to go back into the history of America at the turn of the century. In the year 1900, homeopathics were the number-one medicine used by the medical community. What I'm doing is simply a kind of turning back to that. I love that about it. It's not new."

How did Dr. Kelleher think our pets regarded us, their owners?

"I think we're the leader of the pack. They still have the herd or the pack mentality, and they look to us as being the leader. But not always is this true. Some animals, if they don't look at you as alpha, if they look at you as someone who they're in charge of, then it's different, but most of us, they look at, like, 'Okay, you're the one who's in charge here.' We're important to them, that's why so many people gravitate toward animals; it's, like, 'Wow, there's going to be a being who is happy every time I come home.' In a sense, pets replace family, especially now, with our mobile society and everybody moving away in search of a better career and what have you. We turn to the animal to comfort us and give us love."

I said that I often felt that my standard dachshund Lily was subtly and not so subtly training me. For instance, she hops onto "her" couch and then she looks at me and moans. What she has taught me that her moan means is that she wants to be covered

with "her" afghan. Did Dr. Kelleher think that just as we train our pets, they too are training us?

"Oh my gosh, yes. I have two dogs, both rescues. Every day they're doing stuff to train us. They have a routine; we may have laid down some of the groundwork for that. 'Okay, you get fed at five.' But aside from that, they lay down the foundation of the routine, for sure. They're very good communicators; they usually know exactly what they want. It's, like, 'Cry at the door when we want something, cry at the cookie jar when we want a cookie.'

"Owners of the animals, they know the pet better than we veterinarians do. You may learn medicine, but if you can't even tell if the animal is in pain, that's not good."

"Dogs love routine. The minute you try and break that routine is the minute when a lot of times illness can start."

"Just like in humans."

"Exactly. It's like, 'I don't want to travel, I don't want to go in the car.' Or maybe the car is a cool place for a dog, maybe that's where bonding occurs with the leader of the pack or whatever."

Pet owners and veterinarians too often do not take time to listen to what an animal is telling them, said Dr. Kelleher. "Vets, of all people, we have to learn to read them, to read them psychically and also to read body language. Owners of the animals, they know the pet better than we veterinarians do. But even for us it's really important to be able to recognize those things, and those things are not something they teach in vet school. You may learn medicine, but if you can't even tell if the

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To the Lighthouse, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for a jaunt including the Coronado Ferry and the Point Loma lighthouse. The 45-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, at the J Street boat launch parking lot. For further information, call 619-255-4194. (CHULA VISTA)

Saturday! Saturday! Saturday! The THQ World Supercross Series returns to Qualcomm Stadium for competition on Saturday, February 8. Doors open and qualifying and practice runs begin at 12:30 p.m., with the main events starting at 7 p.m. Tickets in the "gold level" are \$35 for adults, midlevel are \$30, and "treadheads" pay \$10; tickets for kids in any section are \$10 (available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Destination: Alpine, head out for a bicycle ride with the Knickerbikers on Saturday, February 8. This hilly 35-miler starts at 9 a.m. at the Park and Ride located at Highway 67 and Mapleview. Bring money for lunch

at Mediterraneo Italian Restaurant. Questions? Call 619-298-9581 for answers. (LAKESIDE, ALPINE)

The Monthly Mountain Bike Ride hosted by REI is slated for Saturday, February 8, beginning at 9 a.m. Just show up at the store with your gear and be ready to carpool to the starting point for a moderate 1.5-hour ride. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

One of America's Oldest Half Marathons is held right here in this county. The 35th annual San Dieguito Half Marathon and 5k are slated for Sunday, February 9, 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)

Sunday Riders, on the first second and fifth Sundays of each month, including February 9, Sierra Club cyclists meet at 9 a.m. near the Where-

house (in the lower parking lot on the southeast corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real, one-half mile east of I-5) for a North County ride with rolling hills about 25 miles long at a social pace. Free. Call 619-223-5264 for information. (DEL MAR)

"Ruthless Aggression" is promised when WWE Live (World Wrestling Entertainment) hits the ring at the San Diego Sports Arena on Sunday, February 9, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$16 to \$41, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Care to Kayak? Hike Bike Kayak San Diego hosts a kayaking adventure in San Diego Bay on Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m. The fee is \$45. To reserve a spot, call 858-551-9510. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Reclaiming the Game, the Harlem Globetrotters bring their enjoyable brand of basketball to the San Diego Sports Arena on Friday, February 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$13 to \$100, avail-

able through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

Bird Lovers Are Flocking to the seventh annual San Diego Bird Festival, organized to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the local native wildlife in its natural setting. This year's event — continuing through February 9 — promises many birding trips, classes, lectures, field trips, an exhibit fair with commercial vendors and nonprofit organizations (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 8 and 9, at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way), and more.

For more information on any of these activities, call 619-516-0139. (SAN DIEGO)

Selections from Aristotle's Politics will be discussed when the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group convenes at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 7, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands

Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Sandical Stamp Expo, over 200 exhibits of rare stamps and postal history from throughout the world are on display during the show, running February 7-9 at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Thirty-five dealers offer a wide choice of stamps, and there are free stamps for kids. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. 619-582-9311. (KEARNY MESA)

You Love Lucy? Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort announces the arrival of the "I Love Lucy 50th Anniversary Tour," running February 7-16. Organizers promise Lucy memorabilia, interactive show-inspired games, Lucy impersonators, and more.

Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Free. Find the casino at 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. Call 800-HARRAHS for further information. (VALLEY CENTER)

Happy Spending, Sushi Performance and Visual Art hosts its an-

nual benefit art auction and party on Saturday, February 8, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Thirty works of art will be on offer in the live auction featuring auctioneer (and performance artist extraordinaire) Karen Finley. Tickets are \$50 for nonmembers. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue; 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate the Year of the Ram when the Chinese Community Church hosts Chinese New Year festivities on Saturday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by an ensemble of the North County Chinese School and the Lucky Lion Dance Troupe, and art will be exhibited by Kwan Jung and Lucy Wang.

The \$20 tickets include a nine-course banquet dinner from area Chinese restaurants. Find the church at 1750 47th Street. For tickets, call 619-262-5433. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Tea for You? There's a "Victorian Valentine Tea" planned at the Villa Montezuma on Saturday, February 8. The \$15 tickets include a full English

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animal is in pain or you can't even tell your clients how to tell if they're in pain, that's not good."

"Is acupuncture practiced on animals in China?"

"It is now. They're getting more pet animals. It never used to be that way. The international vet acupuncture society formed in the 1970s, right after a group of veterinarians had gone to China. But in China, acupuncture is something new for dogs and cats. It's not new in horses and other large animals. In Tibet, there are cave drawings of people doing acupuncture on animals. So it's been done for thousands of years, we assume, for pain. I'm not sure if it's ever been proven what they did it for, but it is believed that it was done for horses that were preparing for battle.

"In the BC era, flint needles were used; they didn't have metal needles. About 200 BC, that was when they started being able to mold the metal into the smaller needles, but before that it was flint — pretty big needles. Isn't that amazing?"

I agreed, yes, that it was amazing, and asked, "Where do you get your needles? Are they veterinary needles?"

"No. They're human. They're used for everybody. They're sealed and they're one-time-use needles. I use a Korean hand needle — they're very, very tiny — for birds."

"When did you first do acupuncture?"

"In 1993. That's when I got the scholarship to learn acupuncture. I got it, basically, because Dr. Schoen, with whom I had done an internship, recommended me for it. Dr. Schoen is such an interesting guy. I did my internship with him in my sophomore year at vet school, and I realized, 'There are all these diseases that they're not teaching us, autoimmune diseases and arthritis and food allergies.' I saw animals that Dr. Schoen had gotten strong at 18.

"I thought to myself, 'There's something wrong with our train-

ing.' The teachers at the vet school, a lot of them were open-minded. A lot of them weren't. I didn't gravitate towards ones that weren't. I would tell them, about Dr. Schoen, 'Hey, this guy can treat these things.' I'm very, very happy that they let me take the acupuncture course and that I was able to do that, because it made me hopeful. Because I felt in vet school that, for a lot of diseases, animals should not be on long-term medication."

The economics of veterinary medicine, like the economics of all medical practice, are complex. "We have this magazine, *Veterinary Economics*," said Dr. Kelleher, "and it would curl your hair to read some of it. It's hard because, no matter what we charge, we will never charge what regular doctors charge for human care. I mean, it's just never going to be that. But we always look at that and go, 'Gosh, you know, it's the same thing; we've done the same amount of training.' And it's, like, 'Why did I decide to do this?' We have a high burnout rate. The average vet, the last time I checked — this hasn't been for about five years, so it may have changed — stays in this job about ten years. And that's the other problem with having so many women in it, is if you're thinking about having a kid and having a family, it's hard to balance everything. So there are a lot of part-time situations out there. A lot of people doing it part-time or getting out of it altogether after a few years. It's a hard job."

I said that I thought veterinary medicine would be physically demanding. "It can be," said Dr. Kelleher. "You've got to keep yourself in shape. Doing yoga has really helped me. It strengthens my back so I can bend over these animals all day."

Dr. Kelleher writes in her book about being bitten in the face by one of her patients, something, I suggested, that does not often happen to doctors who treat human patients.

"It was such a strange thing," Dr. Kelleher said, about the biting incident. "I sort of forgot it could happen until it was too late. You know, doing alternative medicine, the only time that

you're really open to it — and this is when it actually did happen — is when you're doing chiropractic on the neck of a dog, because you have to turn their heads, or it helps to turn their heads, and in that way their owners can't really hold them, so you're totally vulnerable. And that's when it did happen. But normally, with acupuncture, they like the treatment.

"They're just like, 'Oh, I love this.' It's only an animal that either resents being treated or has some sort of psychological problem or they're not used to being treated, they've never been treated, no one has ever tried to touch their feet and then all of a sudden here you are, you know, trying to touch their feet with these needles and it's going to be difficult. So, it's being used to being handled by people that's a big part of it."

"Are veterinarians who practice traditional medicine respectful of what you do?"

"Some refer patients to me. Usually, albeit in desperate situations, but some do. In Seattle now, I know the majority of the vets. There's always going to be your 25 percent who are so conventional that if their clients say, 'I'm giving cod liver or I'm giving vitamin E,' the vet's going to flip out and go, 'Hey, there's never been any research on that.' Which is simply bunk. Maybe what they should say is, 'There's never been any research that I've read.'"

"I do think that attitudes are changing. More and more people are seeking out these things. The clients are going to be the ones to change it. They always think they don't have the power to change anything, but actually they're the ones who completely do. For one thing, money-wise they do, and what they want is what's going to drive the industry. Most of us holistic vets in Seattle, we don't advertise at all; we don't have to. We're talking about a grassroots word-of-mouth movement — 'I heard about you from x, y, and z' — and that is really powerful because it's that you got this dog walking and the other per-

tea and tour of the furnished Victorian 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)

Bring Family Heirlooms and "attic treasures" when the City of San Marcos hosts an antique appraisal fair with certified appraisers on hand and antiques for sale. Admission is free. Call 760-744-9000 for the required appraisal appointment. Events run from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, at the "Barn" in Walnut Grove Park (at the corner of Olive and Sycamore). (SAN MARCOS)

History Comes to Life during the Julian Historic Days, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9. Individuals, couples, and groups are invited to use the town site as their stage, attired in period costumes from 1850 to 1913 with the hopes of being awarded cash prizes, meeting and greeting visitors. The Concord Rangers present Civil War hospital reenactments in the Town

Hall. Free. For information, call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Teams of High School Students from around the region will be competing in the sixth annual Surf Bowl, the regional competition for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, on Saturday, February 8, at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Participants are challenged with science-related questions during this day-long academic competition focusing on oceanography.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For information, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Help Your Children Become Ready to Learn when KPBS and 10News host the Project Q Kids Expo on Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center (6845 University Avenue). Organizers promise resource booths for parents, development screenings, and the appearance of PBS characters Caillou

and Zoboo. Free. For information, call 619-594-1515. (COLLEGE AREA)

Ready for a Pet? Many cats and dogs will be offered for adoption when FOCAS (Friends of County Animal Shelters) sets up at the Central County Animal Shelter (5480 Gaines Street) on Sunday, February 9, noon to 4 p.m. Call 619-685-3536 for further information. (SAN DIEGO)

The House of China invites the public to open house refreshments on Sunday, February 9, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., in celebration of Chinese New Year. Find the house in the International Cottages. 858-694-8773. (BALBOA PARK)

Draw All Day, the Arts College International hosts a drawing marathon on Sunday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organizers promise three live models, three still-life setups, live music, a catered lunch buffet, and an instructor on hand. Bring your drawing supplies. The fee is \$75; call 619-231-3900 for space

availability. Find the college at 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Get Out of Here! The San Diego Travel Show is slated for Sunday, February 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). The show features tour operators, cruise lines, government tourism agencies, and hotels at many "drive-to destinations." Admission is free. 619-644-1515. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Three-Part Installation *Bird Hub* by artist Daniel Wheeler is on view through Wednesday, March 5, at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. With the *Bird Hub*, Wheeler aimed to create an artistic scene similar to what could be described as an airport with birds perceived as the "airplanes." The project consists of three stations: the "Terminal," the "Tower," and the "Perch" (found on the MiraCosta College campus). For information and directions, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

Sit On It, the BenchMark Project features benches created and decorated by a variety of artists, whose work was on view during January throughout the downtown area. Over 50 "of the most spectacular benches" will be on offer during the live and silent auction planned on Thursday, February 13. All of the benches being auctioned will be on hand for viewing.

The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Prado (in the center of Balboa Park, at the House of Hospitality, 1549 El Prado). Admission is a \$20 donation, benefiting arts education. To reserve a spot, call 619-233-5470. (BALBOA PARK)

The Loves, Lives, and Work of Latino Families in the United States and Latin America are examined in the bilingual book discussion series planned in the Turrentine Room of the Escondido Public Library. Multiple copies of the books are provided in both English and Spanish.

Led by journalist Miriam Ruvinskis, the series continues with *The Aguero Sisters* by Cristina Garcia on Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m. Free. For information, call 760-839-4329. Next up: *News of Kidnapping* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez on March 13. (ESCONDIDO)

Tastes of the Grape and watercolors depicting scenes in and around Im-

perial Beach are focal points for the first wine tasting and art festival slated for Thursday, February 13, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Dempsey Holder Safety Center. Tickets are \$30 per person, or \$55 per couple. For reservations, call 619-424-3151. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

FOR KIDS

"The Weaving of a Dream," described as a Chinese New Year's tale, will be performed by the Weaver's Tales through Sunday, February 9, in the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents her Valentine show, *Fred E. Stare and Crazy Thing* February 12-16.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

A Youth Production of *School House Rock Live! Jr.* based on the Emmy Award-winning cartoon series runs February 6-9 at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). The production is directed by Andrea Schuck. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students, seniors, and military. Call 760-931-8709 for reservations. (CARLSBAD)

The Berenstain Bears will be hanging around Barnes and Noble Bookstore for story times this weekend. Meet the bears and hear *The Big Honey Hunt* during the pajamarama planned on Friday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. (for those two to eight years old).

The Berenstain Bears return for a reading of *The Bear Detectives* on Saturday, February 8, at 11:30 a.m. (targeted for kids four to ten years old). Free. Find the shop at 9938 Mission Gorge Road. 619-562-6791. (SANTEE)

Two Multicultural Plays are on the program when the San Diego State University Department of Theatre presents its sixth annual Theatre of the World Festival for Young People. The program includes *U Da Naa*, written by Gina Kolloch and Ric

Averill's bilingual play adapted from folktales from the Hispanic Southwest, *Tales from the Mesquite Sage*.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, February 7-9, at the City Heights Library Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Avenue. For information, call 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides from noon to 3 p.m. on February 8 and 9 in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). The requested donation is 25 cents. For more information, call 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, make a stained-glass heart window hanging — in the same fold-and-cut fashion as a paper snowflake — during the program planned at the museum on Saturday, February 8, at 1 p.m. The craft is included in regular museum admission (\$4).

The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, mini-city, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

A Kid-Friendly Version of *Romeo and Juliet* is on the program when the San Diego Actors Theatre celebrates Valentine's Day with "Children's Classics" on Saturday, February 8, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Big Brag*, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Make Some Clay Pottery when ranger Jane Engleton presents a program for kids 4 to 12 years old on Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). There's a \$2-per-car day-use fee. Call 760-745-4379 for the requested reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Marshmallow Roasting, Campfire Stories, arts and crafts, and a cookout are promised during "Kids' Night Out" at Mission Trails Regional Park. The program runs 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, at Kumeyaay



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son couldn't. And it's not really me; it's more just that the medicine is so powerful.

"Once people realize that these treatments help, they want to try them. They feel so helpless with ailing animals. These treatments put the power back in the clients' hands. My clients feel empowered to help their pets, and that's part of the healing. I strongly believe that's a big part of holistic medicine which varies very much from conventional medicine."

I mentioned to Dr. Kelleher that in earlier times I could not recall veterinarians suggesting that a dog's teeth be cleaned each year. I mentioned, too, that the veterinarian to whom I took my dachshund administered general anesthesia to do this cleaning. I asked Dr. Kelleher what she made of this practice.

"I think it's great if they absolutely need it, which is about 10 percent of the time. If you put anesthesia aside, and you just look at the health of the enamel, I don't think these dentistry are such a great thing. Very, very, very infrequently are the people doing the dentistry the veterinarian. We have had very little training in dentistry work in vet school, and so we have these technicians for whom it's all about doing it fast using the ultrasonic scanner. I would not let them come near my dogs with that thing. It totally scrapes up the enamel. It makes me really upset. Preventative care is the way to go. You don't need to do a dental every five minutes. It's just crazy. I do think that there's about ten percent of the time where there are animals that their teeth are really bad, there's a lot of tartar, there's maybe some abscesses

under the teeth, and they feel so much better when they get the teeth pulled or they get the dentistry done. But that's when they get really bad. If you can brush the teeth, if you can give the dog bones, if you can keep those teeth and especially the gums as healthy as possible, then that's going to be your key. It's not going to be any dentistry."

I said that it seemed to me that the general anesthesia given to some dogs in order to clean their teeth was hard on the dogs.

"The anesthesia is rough. It would be rough on anybody. We have some newer anesthetics, but very few vets are using them. There is a great injectable anesthesia that they use for people, but it's more expensive, and so, there again, we're talking about the money side of things. You're not going to maximize your profit, but you are going to make for a safer, healthier situation, but I just don't know how many human clients will ask for this until there's better education for the public."

Dr. Kelleher writes that yearly vaccinations given to pets aren't necessarily essential. I asked about this.

She laughed. "If people stop vaccinating, I don't know if I'd have a job anymore. Vaccines always have a place, but it's not anywhere near what we're doing. We're doing that on a crazy level right now, every year. It's a big controversy in our field, and I'm not sure anyone really knows. That's why I'm trying to tell people, 'Get empowered, get the information, learn it yourself, tell your vet you don't want vaccines because your dog is over the age of five and vaccines have been associated with x, y, and z diseases.'"

I asked about antibiotics.

"The antibiotic issue is interesting. The majority of the cases they're using antibiotics in, there are so many better things that they could be using in the herbal field. For example, if a kitten comes with an upper-respiratory infection, well, that's a viral infection, we all know that. So an antibiotic is really not going

to do that much for that kitten. But a homeopathic treatment might. There are so many things out there that all you need is a little bit of education, and it's, like, 'Hey, we can leave those antibiotics on the shelf for when we really need them, like when you have a fever, when we're really, really sick with a stomach infection.' That's a great time to use antibiotics."

"Are there special homeopathic medicines for animals?"

"They're the same as they are for people, the only difference being that the homeopathic remedies that I use are small pellets. They're much smaller than the large pellets that you'd buy at the health-food store for yourself. These are almost like sugar grains, and it's easier for them to dissolve in the mouth, but they all taste like sugar anyway because that's the majority of what they are."

I said how well organized Dr. Kelleher's book was — with its recipes for homeopathic remedies and its lists for recommended reading.

"I'm good," she said, "at lists. The book took me four years to write. Because there were so many times where I was, like, 'Okay, it's fine, I'm just sick of this story.' And then someone else would read it, and say, 'You know, you didn't say this, you didn't say that.' Also, I had so much peer review. I had 12 vets read it, and 6 holistic vets read it, so that was helpful."

"It amazes me," I said, "that some pet owners treat pets as disposable — you move, you take Fido to the pound or toss Spot out on a country road."

Dr. Kelleher agreed. "That's the problem with the concept of euthanasia. I think we as vets need to take more of a stand on euthanasia and say, 'Hey, you know what? This is not always okay.' I certainly do that. But I think a lot of vets are so used to it. We get so used to killing animals. At some point, it should still bother us to do that. If it doesn't, then we're in it too long."

— Judith Moore

Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). The fee is \$10. To make the required reservations, call 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

A Sweetheart Tea is planned at Stelzer Park on Saturday, February 8, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Preschoolers and kindergartners and their parents are invited to smash pinatas and enjoy puppet shows, clowns, face painting, and the making of a craft. Bring roller skates, skateboard, bicycle, tri-cycle, or Big Wheel to race against the clowns. Find the park at 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. To make the required reservations, call 619-561-0580. The day-use fee is \$2. (LAKESIDE)

Aimed at the Teen Audience, Bettie Youngs' new book entitled *A Teen's Guide to Living Drug Free* teaches "how to say no even when friends are saying yes." The author will sign and discuss her book on Saturday, February 8, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (9938 Mission Gorge Road). Free. 619-562-6791. (SANTEE)

How Does a Tree Become an Instrument? How does a guitar make a sound? Explore the art of guitar-making and listen to many different styles of music when the Oasis Center hosts an "intergenerational class for youngsters five to ten years old and older adults (50-plus)" on Saturday, February 8.

The class runs 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Robinsons-May at Mission Valley Center (1702 Camino del Rio North). The fee is \$5 per person. To make the requested reservations, call 619-296-2594. (MISSION VALLEY)

Warm Fuzzies, kids four to six years old (with an adult) will learn about mammals by examining mounted specimens of local creatures and play a footprint game "with tracks to keep" on Saturday, February 8, at 9 a.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is \$15 for non-members. Call 619-255-0203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Ride on the 1914 Pilot boat when the Maritime Museum hosts family day activities on Sunday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children 12 and under will be admitted free, with activities including mini-steamboat races, *Star of India* picture coloring, and more.

Children must be accompanied

by an adult to enter for free. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero (at Ash Street). For information, call 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Learn to Ride Your Bike Safely when REI hosts kids' bike safety demonstrations on Sunday, February 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be an obstacle course and experts on hand to offer instruction. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is

made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical pho-

tographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, the museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate.

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

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

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

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

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, the contributions of local residents whose front-line combat, nursing corps bravery, assembly-line

labor, and hometown victory gardens are honored in "Lemon Grove in World War II." Parachutes, flags, uniforms, medals, draft cards, censored letters, ration books, war bride wedding gowns, and much more are included in the exhibit, on display through Thursday, July 31.

Also on display is "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State." These beautifully designed labels once adorned crates of produce in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. Among the more than five dozen on display are three of Lemon Grove's own labels, designed for the original Lemon Grove Fruit Growers Association between 1893 and 1900.

The museum's continuing, core exhibits are "The Story of Lemon Grove" and "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, a new retrospective exhibit called "Reaching for the Stars: The Fleet's First 30 Years" documents the history of the Fleet. Each decade of the past 30 years is highlighted through graphics, photographs, and artifacts taking visitors on a visual journey of the center's accomplishments. The exhibit is on view through summer.

Over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through Sunday, June 22. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Lake Hodges has become the most popular destination for recreation within the 55-mile-long San Dieguito River Park, now taking form along the San Dieguito River watershed from the coast at Del Mar to the Volcan Mountains near Julian. Trails along the Lake Hodges shoreline have long been popular, and now a route up Bernardo Mountain is attracting attention as well. The bulk of the mountain was purchased for inclusion in the park in 2002, so now hikers and mountain bikers can reach the top without leaving public land.

The following 7.2-mile round-trip hike to Bernardo Mountain starts at the end of Sunset Drive, south of Via Rancho Parkway and just east of Interstate 15. This is a relatively easy hiking route but semi-technical for

mountain bikes.

Start off heading south, parallel to the freeway, initially on a wide, concrete walkway. After about 0.4 mile, the pathway turns sharply right and passes under the Interstate 15 bridge that goes over the east arm of Lake Hodges. The reservoir is now almost completely dry, though heavy winter or spring rains this season or next could fill it again. After swinging north on the far side of the freeway, the path joins for



En route to Bernardo Mountain

a short time the crumbling pavement of the long-abandoned Highway 395, the former inland highway running north from San Diego into Riverside County. Soon, however, the pavement disappears and you're on a dirt trail following the shoreline west. At 1.5 miles into the run, you cross Felicita Creek, a small perennial brook deeply shaded by oaks, sycamores, palms, and other water-loving vegetation.

You rise out of the creek and ascend moderately, wrapping around the broad south flank of Bernardo Mountain. At 1.7 miles, a couple of minutes past the creek crossing, make a very sharp right turn on the path heading north. You ascend slowly, with the oaks and sycamores of Felicita Creek just below you on the right and

Bernardo Mountain rising on the left. By about 2.5 miles, you've swung around to the north side of the mountain, where the chaparral vegetation thickens to jungle-like proportions and the ascent quickens. Stay left (uphill) at the next two trail intersections, always heading upward.

You continue either ascending or contouring in a zigzag pattern, passing a large water tank at 3.2 miles, and finally reaching the rocky summit at 3.6 miles. From this noble vantage point you can clearly visualize the patchwork of urban/suburban/wildland that inland North County has become. The white noise of traffic on Interstate 15 wafts upward to you — but peering in certain other directions you see little apparent human impact on the landscape. Westward, down the valley below Lake Hodges, a slice of Pacific Ocean is visible on clear days.



Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, the business of fashion in the movie industry provides the focus for "Popcorn Venus," on exhibit through Monday, April 21. Hollywood served up glamour to the style-hungry masses, who, with the onset of the Depression, were looking for an escape from their everyday lives. Through designer drawings, photographs, costumes, and artifacts, the exhibition demonstrates how Hollywood could turn the average woman into a "popcorn Venus."

A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city's image during a century of movie making is charted in

"Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot." From the earliest silent films through the recent movies *Trafic* and *Almost Famous*, directors and producers have long been attracted to the county's diverse topography and conducive climate. The exhibit includes a video history of the silent film industry, trivia, and costumes worn by James Cagney, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, and others. This show closes on Monday, June 9, 2003.

How the Pacific Coast Highway (a.k.a. Highway 101) opened scenic and recreational opportunities and created a spine of development and urbanization is revealed in "Coast Road: 1900-1950," on display through Sunday, March 16. The exhibit features hundreds of photographic images, as well as artwork, artifacts, and ephemera paying tribute to Highway 101 and providing insight into the route's impact on development.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, Ecuadorian cultures were among the first in the Americas to discover the mixture of clay, water, and fire that led to the invention of ceramics. Take a closer look at "Ecuadorian Pottery

Traditions" in the exhibit, featuring more than 100 pieces, plus photography of the potters of the process. Both decorative and utilitarian pottery are highlighted in this show closing on Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded "Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance." The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

Hand-carved animals, vibrant ceramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the "Hecho en México," continuing through February. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of hand-crafted Mexican folk art from the museum's permanent collection, described as "the largest of its kind outside of Mexico." In fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s.

The permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features five galleries filled with "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric loco-

motives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego's backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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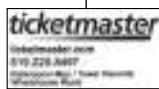
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“Ha! What a moment!”

San Diego Opera offered a sturdy, sensible, and unexceptionable production of Beethoven's deeply flawed opera, *Fidelio*. *Fidelio* has always constituted a problem — for the composer first of all (his prolonged struggle with it was — he said — a martyrdom), then for singers (attempting to cope with Beethoven's sometimes outlandish concept of what the human voice is capable of), then for stage directors (trying to find some theatrical vitality in the inept libretto), and finally for audiences (recognizing that this must be a great opera, since it's by none other than Ludwig Van, but in the actual experience of it in the opera house feeling their minds now focused, now wandering, and their spirits now exalted, now drooping). No one can give it up as a lost cause; but at the same time no one can make a full-fledged success of it.

REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

Director Michael Hampe thrives on operas that are already great theater (*Don Giovanni*, *Così fan tutte*, *The Barber of Seville*, *Die Meistersinger*), which his ingenious imagination can enhance by underlining plot, enriching character, inventing expressive stage business, and creating effective stage pictures. With *Fidelio*, he did not have much to work with. The kernel of the plot is powerful (Leonore saves her unjustly imprisoned husband Florestan from death), but the writers padded it out with feeble comic material and melodramatic fustian. The characters are either poorly rendered clichés (the kind-hearted jailer Rocco, his daughter Marzelline unfortunately in love with the disguised Leonore, Marzelline's silly rejected suitor Jaquino, the evil tyrant Pizarro) or noble, bombastic abstractions (Leonore a model of heroic wifely devotion, Florestan a martyr to high-minded duty, Don Fernando the wise and good representative of royal justice).

The language of the libretto continually suggests gestures of the most banal sort: “Ha! What a moment!” or “God! What a moment!” or “He dies! But first he shall know who rips apart his proud heart!” There is one piece of first-rate dramatic dialogue in the opera. After Leonore has rescued him at risk of her own life, Florestan cries, “O my Leonore, what have you done for me?” To

which his wife replies, with deep, understated feeling, “Nothing, nothing, my Florestan.” For a brief moment, they are real people. But most modern productions do some tinkering with *Fidelio*'s spoken dialogue, and San Diego, like some others, chose to leave these lines out. Too bad.

Hampe is a director of discernment. He tastefully minimized stage business altogether, except where the action dictated it, and he avoided any temptation to inflate the melodramatic emotions or vulgarize the comedy. The histrionic abilities of several of the cast members are of a relatively high order (notably Reinhard Hagen's Rocco, Eva Johansson's Leonore, and Ute Selbig's Marzelline), and these artists responded so well to Hampe's direction that at times their acting seemed almost natural. As for stage pictures, the director's efforts were richly aided by John Gunter's bold, grand, and uncluttered sets from the San Francisco Opera: the massive exterior walls of the stone prison in the first act, and the vast, oppressive, Piranesi-like interior of the dungeon in the first scene of Act Two.

At the end of this scene, with the evil Pizarro defeated and the loving pair reunited, there was a quite wonderful *coup de théâtre* effected purely by manipulations of the set. The lateral walls moved majestically apart; the dark, menacing vault slowly descended, gradually metamorphosing into the floor of the paved courtyard above; and the unmoving, embraced figures of Florestan and Leonore emerged through an open grate in that stage-wide slab, into the bright light of day — and so the dramatic motifs of freedom from imprisonment and resurrection from near-death were given stunning visual presence. Ha! What a moment! The audience applauded, as well they should.

If only Beethoven's music consistently carried a similar impact. *Fidelio*, in its successive versions, was composed during the productive years of Beethoven's stupendous middle period, the period of his Fourth through Eighth Symphonies, the Fourth and Fifth Piano Concertos, the Violin Concerto, the “Razumovsky” and “Se-

rioso” Quartets, the “Archduke” Trio, the Overtures to *Coriolanus* and *Egmont* — in short, some of the composer's most intensely dramatic music. Yet Beethoven had a hard time finding a musical language suitable to opera that could match the dramatic power, drive, and expressiveness of his contemporary orchestral and chamber music. Wagner composed 13 operas, Richard Strauss 15, Mozart 21, Massenet 27, Verdi 31, Donizetti 73. None of them started out with a masterpiece, but eventually they all got the knack. Beethoven tried his hand at an opera only once, and went on tinkering with it for a decade (by no means always to its benefit). He was a genius, but he needed more practice.

There are a few supremely great, quintessentially Beethovenian moments in *Fidelio*. The orchestral introduction to the dungeon scene is masterful (and it was masterfully performed by the Opera Orchestra, under the brilliant Christof Perick). The first half of the tenor aria that follows (though not its delirious 1814 continuation, from “*Und spür ich nicht linde, sanft säuselnde Luft?*”) is similarly impressive, and so indeed is much of the whole scene, including the soaring trio: here, Beethoven seems authoritatively in control of the idiom, if not truly comfortable in it. Leonard's first act recitative and aria, “*Ab-scheulicher! Wo eilst du hin?...Komm, Hoffnung...*” (“Monster! Whither are you hastening?...Come, Hope...”), prevails over its text and exploits to the full the theatrical possibilities of the dramatic soprano voice (Eva Johansson's voice may not be quite as powerful or as opulent as one might wish, but she is a passionate and technically accomplished singer, and she rose excitingly to the occasion).

Yet there is so much problematic in this score. The arias for Marzelline and Rocco (which Selbig and Hagen sang beautifully) are skillful imitations of Mozart without Mozart's grace or wit. The lovely canonic quartet in the first act, while a fine pastiche of the “*Addio*” quintet in *Così fan tutte*, lacks that composition's subtlety, humor, insightful characterization, and perfect fusion of dramatic relevance and musical form. Indeed, one of Beethoven's disadvantages in composing opera was his intense admiration for Mozart and his internalization of the style of *Don Giovanni* and *The*



Eva Johansson

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Beethoven, “Fidelio” Civic Theatre (San Diego Opera)

Christof Perick, conductor; Michael Hampe, stage director; John Gunter, set and costume designer. Cast: Eva Johansson (Leonore); John Keyes (Florestan); Greer Grimsley (Pizarro); Reinhard Hagen (Rocco); Ute Selbig (Marzelline); Pavel Daniluk (Don Fernando); Martin Zysset (Jaquino).

Magic Flute, which you hear everywhere in *Fidelio*, expertly imitated, yet frequently in inappropriate situations, and without Mozart's acute understanding of human nature and flawless instinct for theater. All of Pizarro's music (to cite one example) is the generic ranting of a stage villain, a compromise between Osmin and Dr. Bartolo with the individuality taken out (and the effect of facelessness was not helped by Greer Grimsley's bellowing tops).

In the final revision the music was subjected to, a new trouble appears. By 1814, nine years after the opera's premiere, Beethoven was a different composer. His radical late style was ripening in him. When he came to rework the second act *finale*, which had been respectably Mozartian in its original version, he broke entirely with the earlier musical decorum. The writing here — particularly for the singers — an-

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anticipates the last movement of the Ninth Symphony, with its superhuman triumph and rejoicing (Mozart was content with the human), and — notably — with its stratospheric screeching. In its way, this hectic stuff is terrific music — but it doesn't belong in an opera that begins with the very 18th-century love dilemmas of the first act quartet (in the subplot that the opera then totally forgets about).

Virtually all the late changes move in this direction, exacerbating earlier difficulties. Even at the dramatic high point of *Fidelio*, the Leonore-Florestan duet in the dungeon after the defeat of their enemy, music's most eloquent interpreter of joy cannot find the right note, supplying a kind of frenzied hysteria instead. It includes one of the worst word-settings in all opera: "O Namen-namenlose Freude!" — "O name-name-less joy!" (immediately followed by another almost as bad — try singing "Mein Mann mein Mann an meiner Brust...Mein Weib mein Weib an meiner Brust" several times fast, and see if you can keep from bursting out laughing).

Nor can Beethoven find the right notes for Florestan in a purely vocal sense. His writing for the tenor voice (here and in

the Ninth Symphony as well) is a martyrdom of a different kind, utterly merciless, and showing little patience for how a tenor's normal vocal resources can be used for effective expression. In general, Beethoven had little intuitive knowledge of or sympathy for the voice, quite unlike all the great composers of opera, before and since; and (in the 1814 version) he puts poor Florestan through the wringer, demanding things of him that the greatest Heldentenor in the world cannot manage without strain and ugliness. John Keyes is far from being the greatest Heldentenor in the world, for although he has the spirit, and his voice is loud and of an ingratiating timbre, he nevertheless sings with a throbbing wobble that makes one seasick to listen to — and things are at their worst in his highest range, which is precisely where Beethoven turns the screws.

The best thing about *Fidelio* is the third overture Beethoven wrote for its earlier incarnation as *Leonore*. It is a supremely dramatic piece of music, embodying in the most gripping way the whole theatrical shape of the opera (or, rather, the shape Beethoven never succeeded in finding for the opera itself). It is more a rival to *Fidelio* than a supplement to it — something the composer himself realized. It was that realization that led him to compose the vigorous,

shapely, but much less profound *Fidelio* Overture which is attached to the opera today.

The *Leonore III* is such a winner, however, that conductors are often unwilling to relinquish it. Aside from programming it in orchestral concerts, they have tried (with varying success) to reintroduce it into the opera. It was at one time customary to play the *Fidelio* Overture before Act One, and *Leonore III* before Act Two. The great but obsessed Otto Klemperer, without doubt *Fidelio*'s foremost modern exponent (he would turn in his grave to hear this provincial critic's negative assessment of his favorite opera), liked to play *Leonore III* right after the climax in the dungeon, and before the final scene. Leonard Bernstein followed Klemperer in this — but it's hard to see how anyone with a sense of theater could countenance such a procedure: stopping the act right in the middle, for a 15-minute orchestral interlude that reiterates in detail the action the audience has just seen onstage.

For San Diego Opera, conductor Perick (or perhaps it was director Hampe, or the company's clever general director, Ian Campbell) decided to omit the *Fidelio* Overture entirely, and to replace it at the very beginning with *Leonore III*. Does such a superb prelude make the whole rest of the opera sound superfluous, as Beethoven was persuaded to

think? Not at all — no more so than the Prelude to *Die Meistersinger* does, or that to *Tristan*. It is indeed a bit long (twice as long as the *Fidelio* Overture), but it was conducted and played with such driving force that no one sitting in the darkened Civic Theatre and waiting for the curtain to rise can have re-sented this splendid sample of the real Beethoven, the Beethoven who was at home in what he was doing, and who knew how to do it better than anybody. ■

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Guitars in the Galleries, a program of selections by Mexican composers for guitar may be heard when Jason Vieaux performs on Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m., in the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$18 for non-members. For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Pianist Andrew Infanti presents his DMA recital on Thursday, February 6, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Admission is free. For details, dial 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Jacobs Masterworks Series hosted by the San Diego Symphony continues its "New World Season" with concerts February 7-9. Maestro Roberto Minczuk (the latest candidate in the symphony's search for a new music director) conducts the orchestra in Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 6 (Pathétique)" and the "Pascaglia for the New Millennium" by Krieger, with pianist Konstantin Lifschitz joining the orchestra for Rachmaninoff's "Concerto No. 3 for Piano and Orchestra."

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$15 to \$70. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Q: Who Was the First Classical Musician to Win the "Genius Grant"? The answer is Stephen Hough — winner of the MacArthur Fellowship and its \$500,000 prize in 2001 — who will perform for the piano series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society on Friday, February 7. The audience will be treated to "Four Ballades" by Brahms, "Six Study-Variations" by Leighton, Hough's own "Suite Osmanthus," and "Carnaval" by Schumann.

The concert starts at 8 p.m., following a preconcert lecture for ticket-holders at 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Tickets are \$30, \$45, and \$65. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Fifteen Young Musicians from the Opera Workshop of San Francisco State University will stage an evening of opera scenes and arias on Friday,

February 7, at 8 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church.

The singers will present a varied program including the "Trio" from Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*, the "Flower Duet" from *Lakmé* by Delibes, the "Card Scene" from "The Rake's Progress" by Stravinsky, scenes from Britten's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, as well as favorite songs from *The Fantastics* and the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *The Mikado*. All Souls' music director Robert Thompson will play on the church's 18th-Century-style French harpsichord and its Baroque pipe organ.

Find the church at 1475 Catalina Boulevard (at Chatsworth). The requested donation is \$10. For information, call 619-223-6394. (POINT LOMA)


Philippine Tenor Nolyn Cabahug performs in concert with soprano Carol Anne Drastal, baritone Stephen L. Chan, and pianist John Danke on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m., at the Ark (3554 Kettner Boulevard). Tickets are \$30. For reservations, call 619-368-6777. (DOWNTOWN)

A Plethora of Popular Favorites are on the program when Carol Williams, San Diego's current civic organist, performs on the Rodgers-Simpson digital pipe organ at the First Presbyterian Church of Ocean-side on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m. The suggested donation is \$5 for adults, free for those under 18 with an adult. Find the church at 2001 El Camino Real; 760-757-3560. (OCEANSIDE)

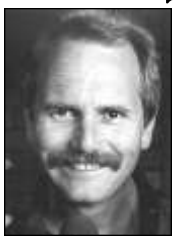
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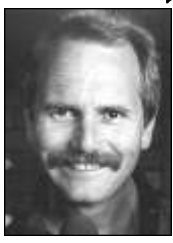
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He's Described as a Master of the Persian ney (bamboo flute), and on Sunday, February 9, Hossein Omoumi will present a lecture on Persian music and architecture (5 p.m.) and concert (7 p.m.), at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Omoumi will be joined by Houman Pourmehdi on *daf* and *tombak*. Tickets are \$25. Questions? Call 619-688-0688 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Spring Concert Series, the Ocean-side Museum of Art hosts a concert by flutist Beth Buckley and guitarist

Fred Benedetti on Sunday, February 9, at 4 p.m. The program boasts "music with a Spanish flair." The concert is 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 Evensong, the men's and girls' choir at Saint Paul's Cathedral will use the Richard Ayleward canticles and the Giuseppe Pitoni anthem "Cantate Domino" at the 5 p.m. evensong slated for Sunday, February 9. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg); 619-298-7261. An offering will be received. (MIDTOWN)

The "Office of Compline" may be heard when the 21-voice Chapel Singers of the University of Redlands perform on Sunday, February 9, at 7 p.m., for the Schantz Organ and Music Concert Series at the San Diego United Methodist Church. The program is sung from memory by candlelight with occasional handbell accompaniment; this piece is preceded by a choral concert exploring the diversity of religious expression in choral music.

Find the church at 170 Calle Magdalena. An offering will be received; child care is available by reservation. For more information, call 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

They've Sung Before Queen Elizabeth II and Presidents Bush, Gorbachev, and Mitterand, and on Sunday, February 9, the San Francisco Girls Chorus will perform for the Saint James Music Series. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at James-by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect Street. Tickets are \$20 general, students and children free. For more information, call 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

"Sundays at Seven," this San Diego Performing Arts Association

series continues with a recital by bass vocalist Phillip Larson on February 9. The music begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for children. For reservations, call 760-752-5078. (LA COSTA)

Selections by Jose Pomar, Enrique Santos, Edvard Grieg, Frederic Chopin, and Franz Liszt may be heard when pianist Daniel Noli performs in concert on Sunday, February 9, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 9, at 2 p.m. Call 619-702-8138 for information on the free concert. (BALBOA PARK)

UCSD Ph.D. Candidate Reynard Rott is "known for his performances of avant-garde and standard repertoire." The cellist will perform for the mini-concert planned at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at noon on Monday, February 10. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Schubert's "Piano Trio in B-Flat Major" and the Shostakovich "Piano Trio in E-Minor" may be heard when the Kensington Trio performs on Monday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m., for the Chamber Concert Series at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Trio members include Ronald Morabello, Yuri Kytasty, and Natalka Kytasty. Free. For further information, call 619-691-5164 x3. (CHULA VISTA)

Live Interactive "Electro-Acoustic Music" is promised when the new music faculty ensemble SONOR performs on Wednesday, February 12. The group, led by artistic director Charles Curtis, will present John Cage's "HPSCHD" and "Perspectives for La Monte Young" by Richard Maxfield. The Cage piece features seven keyboardists and over 30 unique tape parts surrounding the audience. Members of the audience will be free to move around the hall to "experience this late-'60s fusion of spacialization, microtonal electronics, and computer-generated realizations of Mozart's dice-game waltzes superimposed on the audible history of keyboard music since Mozart." The concert begins

at 8 p.m. in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Admission is \$10 regular. For information, call 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Embellishment: The Dance," it's the theme when the San Diego Baroque Ensemble and curator Steven Kern join forces for a slide-illustrated lecture and concert on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Audiences will learn how dance influenced the different art forms of the period through a look at the rituals, formalities, and entertainments of 18th-Century Europe. Tickets to this "Baroque at the Museum" program are \$12 for non-members. For information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Opera for Two: A Festival of Duets" is promised when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents "the perfect Valentine's Day celebration" on Friday, February 14. Six singers in melodious pairings will fill the Carlsbad Village Theatre "with the greatest music for lovers the world has ever heard." The concert begins

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Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15; one-per-weekend packages are \$42, or pay \$80 for the six-concert series. For information and reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)



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GALLERIES

"In the Spirit of Tina Modotti," this series of black-and-white photographs by Vincent Vigil "documents the gritty and magical in the streets of San Diego and our sister city, Tijuana." The exhibit opens in the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104) with reception events on Thursday, February 6, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The evening includes a gallery talk by Vigil and Letizia Argentero (author of the new biography *Tina Modotti: Between Art and Revolution*) at 5:45 p.m. Filmmaker Pamela Glinenkamp will present a preview of her documentary *Modotti: Putting Art into Life*, which is currently in production (screening in room 435).

See Vigil's exhibit through Thursday, February 27. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and noon to 8 p.m. Thursday. 619-388-

2829. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"Afterglow and Still Not Dead..." this exhibition by Netherlands-based artists Carlson Hatton and Mirjam Kort includes numerous video works amongst site-specific sculptures and drawings. The show — commencing at Sushi Performance and Visual Art with a reception on Thursday, February 6, at 5 p.m. — is described as "an amalgam of pop music, folklore, and art history...reflecting the psychotic reality of a visual culture that has lost all coherency."

Interested? The show continues through February. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For more information, call 619-235-8466. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Liminal Signals," an exhibit featuring multimedia works by San Diego furniture maker/artists Leigh Cotnoir and Barbara Holmes, opens with a reception on Friday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery. Cotnoir will display several of her recent works including *Refraction*, a functional wall cabinet with doors that refract light and *Reflection of Vanity*. Holmes will display works including *The Weight of Things* and *Moment of Epiphany*.

The show continues through Thursday, February 27. The gallery is located in the student center; the campus is found at One Barnard Drive. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with additional hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more details, dial 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

Using Both Venetian Plaster and Oils, Stig Einarson "has refined his textural painting technique into richly colored abstractions with subtle tonal variation and bold geometric symbolism." See "Reflektioner/Reflections" when this exhibit of work by Einarson opens with a reception on Friday, Febru-

ary 7, at 6 p.m., at the Fuze Gallery (1048 F Street). Regular gallery hours are 6:30 to 9:30 on Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and by appointment. 619-795-6254. (DOWNTOWN)

"Re-Inventing Pleasure: Ornamentation in Contemporary Ceramic Art" features six artists who "explore the issues of visual pleasure and ornamentation as content in contemporary art and craft." This exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, February 7, at 6 p.m., in the University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. This show was curated by art professors Richard Burkett, Joanne Hayakawa, and Tina Yapelli.

See the work through Saturday, March 15. Regular gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Call 619-594-5171 for further information. (SDSU)

"Cutting-Edge Artwork" in a variety of styles, "some inspired by the underground music scene" such as graffiti art, figurative, and abstract, is on display at the Heist Gallery during the event planned on Friday, February 7, from 8 p.m. until midnight. The Los Angeles DJ Z-Trip will be spinning the tunes. All of the artwork will be for sale from \$50 upwards. Admission is free. Find the gallery at 2606 Adams Avenue; 619-295-6492. (NORTH PARK)

Seven on the Seventh! Celebrate the seventh anniversary of Sumner & Dene Creations with a reception on Friday, February 7, at 6 p.m. The exhibit showcases works by San Diego painter Kate Ashton, whose new paintings are described as "a subtle series of meditative abstract landscapes."

The show closes on Sunday, March 2. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The gallery is located at 2807 University Avenue; 619-688-5969. (NORTH PARK)

Explore Samuel Beckett's Absurdist Vision of art and life "through

the timeless antics of the team of Laurel and Hardy" in "Tom Wudl: You've Got to Be Kidding!?" This exhibition of acrylic paintings opens with a reception on Saturday, February 8, at 5 p.m., in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. The show closes on Sunday, March 30.

Los Angeles-based artist Tom Wudl presents an art talk on Sunday, February 9, at 2 p.m., in the gallery. Admission is free. Find the gallery at the Carlsbad City Library, at 1775 Dove Lane. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; with hours extended until 8 p.m. on Wednesday; and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

She's a Vivid Colorist known for the "sensuous surface to her oil paintings," and on Saturday, February 8, Joan Boyer's "Shadowplay — The Lay of the Land in Oil and Watercolor," opens with a reception at 4 p.m. at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery. The exhibit includes large studio paintings and smaller plein air oils and watercolors.

See Boyer's work through Sunday, March 16. 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). For more information, call 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Native Palette," a collection of art by plein air painters from San Diego, is on exhibit through Sunday, February 16, at the Art and Cultural Center. The exhibit and sale highlights landscapes and seascapes by artists who were active early in the 20th Century such as Maurice Braun, Charles Fries, E.H. Pohl, Roi Clarkson Coleman, and many others.

The show opens with a reception on Saturday, February 8, from 5 to 8 p.m.; admission is \$10. Find the center at 103 South Main Street. Viewing hours from February 9-16 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday; admission is \$5. For information, call 760-728-1414. (FALLBROOK)

"A Soul's Folly," this assemblage by Michael McAlister opens with a reception on Saturday, February 8, at 6 p.m., at Artgallery999, in conjunction with Ray at Night festivities. The show closes on Monday, March 3. Find the gallery at 3822 Ray Street and by dialing 619-521-4803. (NORTH PARK)

"Mementos: Selection Is Creation" is said to ask "its audience to look closely and appreciate the wide range and careful choices artists must always make, pursue, and ultimately share." The show — opening with a reception at the Front Porch Gallery on Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — examines 10 to 15 artists' choices to separate and elevate subjects from a contextual whole into a personal icon.

The exhibit continues through Sunday, March 16, at Casa de Mañana, 849 Coast Boulevard. Viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 858-362-5766. (LA JOLLA)

"Hardcore Intensity," an exhibition featuring work by nearly 30 artists, opens with a reception on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m., at the Muse Gallery (2911 University Avenue). See the show from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily through February. For information, call 619-296-8539. (NORTH PARK)

The "Post Game Show" featuring work by the 20 local "Super Bowl Artists" shifts to Planet Rooth beginning with a reception on Saturday, February 8, from 6 to 10 p.m. The show continues through February at 3811 Ray Street. Viewing is by appointment; 619-297-9663. (NORTH PARK)

Nature Photographer Bob Parks has an exhibition of work on view in the Sierra Club Larry Dumlao Gallery, and Jean Lee Habenicht's installation *Nectar, Hinged* is on display in the windows of the gallery. The show opens with a reception for the artists during "Ray at Night" festivities on Saturday, February 8, at 6 p.m.

Find the gallery inside the Sierra Club Bookstore (3820 Ray Street). Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday. 619-299-1743. See the art through Saturday, March 8. (NORTH PARK)

"Floating Realms," an exhibit of paintings by Jeffrey Clark, continues through Sunday, February 16, at the Current Gallery (3011 University Avenue). There's a reception planned for the artist on Saturday, February 8, at 5 p.m. Viewing is noon to 7 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, and by appointment. 619-865-6802. (NORTH PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, traditionally, the act and the art of collecting have been at the heart of what art museums do, and many assess a museum's success in part by the scope, size, and quality of its collections. "Look, React, Engage: The Art of Collecting at Two San Diego Museums" explores themes ranging from issues of connoisseurship, challenges of documentation and collections care, and the relationship collectors, curators, and viewers develop with particular artists and periods. Prints and paintings by George Bellows (1882-1925), Harry Sternberg (1904-2001), and experimental photographic prints by Herbert Ohm (1898-1972) are on exhibit through Sunday, April 13. The works are drawn from the collections at the San Diego Museum of Art and the Center Museum itself.

"Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

In "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's

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The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, few Westerners have explored Guizhou, the last province opened to tourism by the People's Republic of China. Guest curator Phila McDaniel was the first American to escort a group from America to this "mysterious and terraced land"; she's made 49 visits to China. "Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China" is an exhibition of intricately embroidered, handwoven textiles, and silver head-

resses, necklaces, and bracelets. View these artifacts through Sunday, March 16.

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, native New Yorker Roger Ballen has lived in South Africa since the 1970s, creating "startling, confrontational, and intensely personal photographs." Ballen's art is said to blur "the boundaries between documentary photography and constructed installations." "Roger Ballen: Photographs," explores "themes as diverse as the doomed apartheid system, the nature of contemporary photographic practice, and the artist's intensely introspective nature." The exhibition closes on Sunday, February 16.

"Cerca" is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It's also the title for a year-long series of exhibitions at the museum presenting works created by regional artists — specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California — and to create a forum in which artists explore common cultural issues. Helen Altman explores the relationship between humans and nature, reality, and fiction by using familiar imagery in "Natural Inclinations." This exhibition features delicate torch drawings of animals, moving blankets painted with illustrations from schoolbooks and field guides, and pyramids of artificial fireplace logs. Altman's show closes on Sunday, February 16.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly 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, rectangular "figure/ground" canvases consisting of precisely shaped and balanced forms in one or two colors set against a strongly contrasting "ground" color are on offer in "Ellsworth Kelly: Red Green Blue." The project explores the processes by which the artist distilled his lines, forms, and colors "from recollections of real-world sources," delineating the interest and approaches that came to define his inventive and prolific career. The show — boasting 48 works: 10 major, large-scale paintings and 37 related sketches, collage studies, and photographs — concludes on Sunday, April 13. Kelly has made a new work, *Red Green Blue*, 2002, for this exhibit.

Los Angeles-based sculptor Peter Shelton has unveiled his newest work, *ghandiG*, cast in bronze and standing nearly 30 feet high. The work's elongated appendages and truncated torso exemplify the playful anthropomorphic qualities of Shelton's organic creations. The piece, inspired in part by the physique and clothing of Indian statesman Mahatma Gandhi, will remain in the museum's plaza for at least two years.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, the ongoing tribute to midcareer photographers who live and work in California continues with "American Noir: The Photographs of James Fee." Large color photographs from Peleliu Island by Fee *films* are paired with small, black-and-white snapshots made by Russell Fee (the artist's father) in 1944 in "The Peleliu Project." Works from Fee's "America Series" are included in the exhibition, images addressing the legacy of World War II, examining "the dark side of America's postwar optimism and prosperity." The show closes on Sunday, March 23.

Photographs and cinematic montages by Russian photographer Alexander Rodchenko are said to have played a substantial role in establishing the visual language of modern art in the 20th Century. "Alexander Rodchenko: Modern Photography, Photomontage, and Film," concluding on Sunday, March 23, includes vintage photographic publications, cinematic montages created with filmmaker Dziga Vertov, and portraits by Rodchenko's contemporaries.

Images by a noted frontier photographer are on offer in "Edward Curtis: The Shadow Catcher." The exhibit features orotones including *An Oasis in the Badlands* and *Signal Fire to the Mountain God*. Curtis (1868-1952) spent his career documenting the lives, beauty, and religious ceremonies of over 80 Native American tribes. View the exhibit through Sunday, March 23.

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, late-period watercolors of eight artists selected from the extensive collection of E. Gene Crain are currently on view. "Paintings from the E. Gene Crain Collection" includes selections by Judi Betts, Rex Brandt, Keith Crown, Phil Dike, Joan Irving, Barse Miller, Millard Sheets, and Robert E. Wood, and continues through Sunday, March 23. The collection presents a look at the history of California regionalism, represented by 50 watercolor paintings from the '60s, '70s, and '80s.

The museum hosts "An Evening with Gene Crain" on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m. (tickets are \$5 for nonmembers). Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, significant works by the current generation of Mexican artists are included in "Axis Mexico: Common Objects and Cosmopolitan Actions," on view through Sunday, March 9. Nineteen artists are included in the show, including Francis Alys, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rubén Ortiz Torres, Eduardo Aboroa, and Daniela Rossell, working in a variety of media. "Axis Mexico" is said to reveal the impact of Mexican art on the evolving global art scene while highlighting Mexico as an axis for the circulation and exchange of art and ideas.

A selection of 60 contemporary prints executed during the first few years of the pioneering Tamarind Lithography Workshop in Los Angeles is offered in "The Magician and the Mechanic: Tamarind Lithography Workshop, the Early Years," opening on Saturday, February 8. The nonprofit organization was founded by artist June Wayne in 1960 to stimulate and preserve the art of the lithograph. The prints on display — by artists including Josef Albers, Louise Nevelson, Sam Francis, Rufino Tamayo, and Richard Diebenkorn — are drawn from the museum's collection with additional works loaned by other institutions. See the show through Sunday, May 4.

Jean-Honoré Fragonard's masterwork *A Young Girl Reading* (circa 1776) serves as the focal point of "Painting Women: From Fragonard to Bouguereau," a gallery installation of 12 paintings of women from the museum's collection. On loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Fragonard's painting presents an image of bravura brushwork and rich color that embodies the painting aesthetics of his time, particularly in how they were applied to the depiction of women. Enjoy these women through Sunday, May 4.

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

Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio is currently on exhibit. "Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers" includes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30.

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Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold

her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K.

Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'") back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. **Worth a try.**

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Carpetbagger's Children

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the West Coast premiere of the Horton Foote's memory play about three sisters and their Union soldier-father. Martin Benson directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 16; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder

H.I.T. Productions presents a dinner theater-mystery: life in Cactus Gulch is pretty much normal, of late, "but things change." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Deathtrap

OnStage Playhouse presents Ira Levin's thriller about plagiarism, betrayal, and murder, set in a "living room full of dangerous weapons." Kathryn Moss directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Detective Story

Lamb's Players opens its 2003 season with Sidney Kingsley's police drama, in which "compassion faces off against law and order." Robert Smyth directed.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, THROUGH MARCH 16; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Echoes

Stone Soup Theatre Company presents N. Richard Nash's drama, in which two asylum patients "resist the one thing that will either save or destroy them: the truth." Raimondo Genna directed.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, THROUGH MARCH 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-688-9210.

8X Tenn

Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department presents an evening of short pieces by Tennessee Williams. Robert Irvin directed.

STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, AT 2:00 P.M.

An English Music Hall

La Jolla Stage Company stages this "gaudy, bawdy, and a little bit naughty" old-time music hall revue. Turn-of-the-century songs include "Don't Go Out Without Your Hat Pin" and "Nobody Loves a Fairy When She's Forty." Wayne Tibbets directed.

THE STAGE AT THE LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, 5661 BIRD ROCK AVENUE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Fatal Attraction

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Bernard Slade's thriller. Blair's getting a divorce. Her husband's coming to their beach house. Murder's also on the way. Raylene Wall directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, THROUGH MARCH 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Fault Line One-Acts

The Fault Line Theatre offers four new one-acts: *Off Broadway!* and *Toast of the Town*, by Ted Falagan; *Brown-Eyed Girls*, by Aleisha Russell; and *Devil & the Old Fart*, by Ary Hernandez. THE FAULT LINE THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Fridays with Maureen

Beacon Theatre stages San Diegan Cuahtemoc Q Kish's parody of *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Kish's comedy details "the unlikely friendship between a very big girl, with an even

bigger mouth, and her gay counterpart." Pam Benjamin directed. ACTOR'S ASYLUM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, THROUGH MARCH 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-716-3865.

Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde

Beginning in April 1895, Oscar Wilde was tried three times, allegedly for his promiscuity but also for his radical art. In his writing, Wilde contended that society is a "tissue of lies" and cannot function without them. To preserve that tissue, the trials demolished him ("after the Wilde trials," says NYU professor Marvin Taylor, "people began identifying themselves as a specific type of person based on their attraction to people of the same sex... It created the modern homosexual as a social subject"). As played by stylish, engaging Farhang Pernoon in *Diversionsary's* fine production, Wilde is as much a hero as a sad and needy showman. David Weiner's set (lit with grace and subtlety by Jennifer Setlow) enhances this double view: it's at once a courtroom and a Victorian music hall (Liam M. O'Brien's excellent costumes complete the image with white-tie British finery). Moises Kaufman's repetitive script — intertextuality from journalism, reminiscences, biographies, and occasional historical inaccuracies — could play havoc with non sequitur cues. Director Rosina Reynolds deserves credit — nay, a commendation! — for melding nine actors of varying abilities into a rapid-fire ensemble. **Worth a try.**

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Hinkle Family Murder

H.I.T. Productions' newest interactive mystery. Everyone says Aunt Zelda electrocuted poor Uncle Vern while playing "Feelings" on the accordion. Don't be so sure. SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

The Hollow

The Coronado Playhouse opens its 57th season with Agatha Christie's "cozy murder mystery," in which an unhappy game of romantic entanglements explodes into murder. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MARCH 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Irish Dance Cabaret

Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song — and a three-course Irish dinner.

DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB & GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY, DINNER AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-239-5818.

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 AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

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As a fundraiser for the Globe Guilders, Marion Ross performs Dorothy Stickney's *Lovely Light*, based on poems and letters by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-449-2627.

The Music Man

The Welk Resort Theatre offers the popular heartland musical about fast-talking Harold Hill, trouble in River City, and a modest tuba player in a band with 76 trombones. Lewis Wilkenfeld directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 29; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 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 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.

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Performing Arts on the Edge: (Un)Defining Queer

Palomar College presents a collaborative fusion of live theater, original music, sculpture, and projected imagery that "interrogates one of our language's most potent and controversial words." Michael Mufson and Peter Gach conceived the piece, and Mufson directed. PERFORMING ARTS COURTYARD, PALOMAR COLLEGE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Possible Side Effects

The New York-based comedy group makes its West Coast debut with "So Close to Homeless," a 90-minute show featuring original sketches, songs, and improvisation. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28; FRIDAY AT 10:30 P.M.

Private Parties

6th @ Penn presents the world premiere of a two-character play, by UCSD's Allan Havis, "in the tradition of *Thelma and Louise* and *Strangers on a Train*." Sledgehammer's Kirsten Brandt directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-688-9210.

Proof

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the 2001 Pulitzer Prize-winner for drama, David Auburn's tale about the emotional and scientific revelations triggered when a mysterious mathematical proof is discovered. Michael Bloom directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

The Rocky Horror Show

The Jack Dodge Theatre has extended its run of the "newly revised 2000 Broadway version" of the cult movie about Brad, Janet, and liberating alien abduction. JACK DODGE THEATRE, 335 SIXTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 10:00 P.M.

S.A.M. I Am

Jackie Shibata adores Armani suits, Porsches, and sensitive, creative white men (only Sam Shepard could answer her classified ad). John Hamabata is a "S.A.M." ("single Asian male"). To get a date with Jackie, he must first achieve the American Dream. And he does! He becomes writer/cult-hero Nick Strathbourne, "voice of frustrated Caucasian America" (when his writing waxes philosophical, his frustrated agent screams, "Meaning doesn't sell!"). Along the way, in Garrett H. Omata's 1993 comedy, John, Jackie, their roommates, and others discover what it means to misrepresent themselves—and their dreams. The San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre opened its new season with a likeable, funny, and thought-provoking show

(some critics compared the script to the sitcom *Friends*, which is unfair; *S.A.M.* digs into themes of divisive cultural stereotypes and personal identity, while *Friends* is, well, gee, *Friends*). Under Kim Miller's apt direction, a quartet of strong leads—Anne Tran, Angie Chan, Kenzo Lee, and especially Chad Sakamoto (as John)—propels the comedy forward. AART lost its home in 2002. This year, the company is reaching out to its audiences, so to speak, by staging shows in different parts of San Diego. *S.A.M.* is at the Lamb's Players' former space in National City. AART will perform, later this season, at the Lyceum and in City Heights. With *S.A.M.*, AART is off to a fine start.

Worth a try.

PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 EAST PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports"—two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre"—five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). 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 makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) 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.

SWEDENBORGHIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks!

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, 6th @ Penn 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 semicircle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, 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.

Worth a try.

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Splendour
 The Globe Theatres stage the American premiere of Abi Morgan’s award-winning drama (a Fringe First and Herald Angel Award at the 2000 Edinburgh Festival) about “decadence, desire, and dictatorship.” Karen Carpenter directed.
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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
 Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee-house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the 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.

Two Gentlemen of Verona
 South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Shakespeare’s comedy about pairs of star-crossed lovers. Mark Rucker directed.
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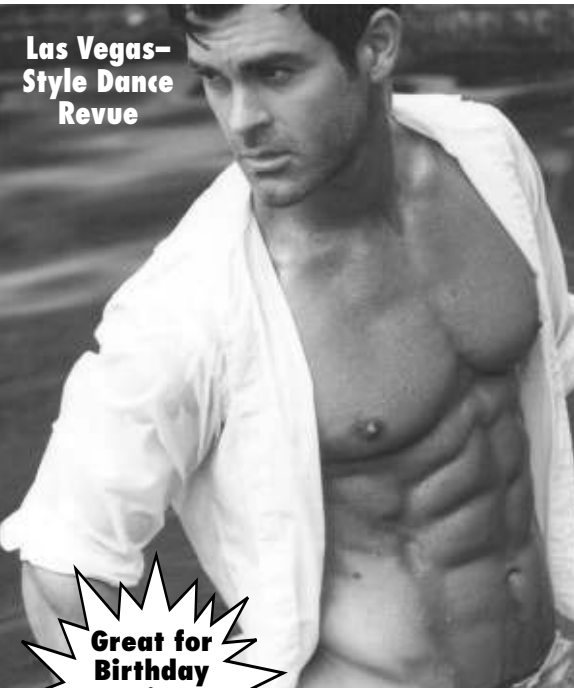
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I was in line the other afternoon buying a pair of tickets at 4th & B, and they were in front of me — four under-20s who had flown in

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the inside track

from New York to see Jakob Dylan (yes, that would be Bob Dylan's son) and the Wallflowers.

Two were 19 years old, and two were 20. They flew into L.A. to see the Wallflowers at the House of Blues and then drove down here to see this show, but they were quite angry to find out that 4th & B is a 21-and-up venue. I guess I would have checked on that.

When I was leaving, still four hours before the show, they were hanging around

the tour bus. A lady working for the band told them, "The band isn't going to be here until 7:30. There's no point waiting. And besides, we have a lot of equipment we're bringing in and out, so you can't hang out here."

One of the girls told me, "That's bullshit! The band is going to be here at five to do

a radio station promotion."

Sure enough, the Wallflowers showed up minutes later, and a few of the guys in the band remembered the girls from the night before (it was like a scene from *Almost Famous*). Dylan the younger said he didn't have time to sign autographs.

I heard a guy who was working for the band telling security, "None of the contest winners are to come backstage. Only staff members back there. And the

band is only going to do three songs."

As the band played the first song for the radio promotion, the girls were in heaven, singing along. I asked if they were mad they had to listen from the parking lot.



ICKY?

"Hey, it was a nice vacation to the West Coast," the tall blonde told me. "It's not like we'd follow this band around the country. But they had a few different shows in L.A., and we also thought we'd be able to see this one here. Other than this, it's been a good trip."

When I showed up hours later for the concert and saw them there, I asked, "Didn't

you at least check out the Zoo or Balboa Park?"

One of them responded, "Why leave this parking lot when they're inside that tour bus right there?"

I anticipated them still being there, and I brought them an old *Rolling Stone*



NOT ICKY?

magazine I had with Jakob Dylan on the cover.

I asked them if they were fans of Bob's as well.

"He's okay, but he's so icky to look at! Jakob is a great songwriter, too, and great to look at!"

I wonder if Jakob's famous dad has women fly across the country to see him.

— Josh Board

"He was speaking over the intro of 'Instant Karma' by John Lennon and stepped all over the vocal of the song." That's what a former DJ on *sdradio.net* said about Mojo Nixon's show on KGB.

When a DJ "steps" on a vocal, he talks while a song's vocals are playing. That's a no-no.

Worse than that, "He said, 'Here's Santana on 101-KGB' as John Lennon was singing. That's horrible!"

The mistake, Mojo himself admits, was due to voice tracking. That's where a DJ prerecords his show's speaking parts. Mojo said he rarely voice tracks his afternoon show. But on this particular day, he was in Cincinnati, moving his family and his belongings to SD.

"I had to pack up the moving van. Instead of getting a substitute DJ, I was able to do the show from somewhere else. That's when voice-tracking is a good thing. It was just a mistake. Ninety-nine percent of my shows are live."

Mojo said he and his brood are moving to

Coronado. "I have an eight-year-old, and they have good schools there." He said he



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expects his Coronado arrival may remind some of Jed Clampett and Granny moving to Bev-er-ly. "I have a three-foot-high chainsaw-carved bear. I have a 100-pound cement bust of Elvis. They both go on the front porch."

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well-connected insider on why 92/1 is not going to drop alternative and switch to a more conservative music format.

Ex-92/1 DJ Scott Riggs said on his last night on the air that he thought the North County station would become "some sort of hot AC [adult contemporary] type of station."

The fact is, there are no changes planned to take 92/1 out of alternative, according to acting program director Rick Rome. (The previous music director, Rick Savage, was released from the station last month.)

There could be several reasons for not changing formats. Past Arbitron ratings show that 91X had a 4-to-1 dominance over 92/1. The latest survey shows the lead is only 2-to-1. Something must be working. According to one 92/1 staffer, advertisers are starting to buy ads. But the insider says the real reason has to do with a monthly payment made by "indie promoter" Joey

Grossman.

ABC-TV's 20/20 newsmagazine ran a segment last year on the so-called pay-for-play industry. The segment showed Grossman running away from the 20/20 reporter. Grossman declined to answer any questions for 20/20.

Grossman, based in Los Angeles, gets paid by record labels to get certain songs added to radio station playlists. He contracts with specific stations to be the exclusive "indie rep" to that station — for which he pays them thousands of dollars. If he gets that exclusivity, he becomes the only promotion man who can lobby for songs.

According to an insider, 92/1 gets paid over \$10,000 a month from Grossman for that exclusive right to talk to 92/1's music director.

Rome said that Grossman is still exclusively pitching 92/1. But when asked about the \$10,000-plus fee he supposedly pays 92/1 each month, Rome said, "I don't know the exact number."

— Ken Leighton

Tomorrow night the band Guda Munkas will

probably be the only band playing in a local bar whose singer has been featured in a five-page Australian *Rolling Stone* spread.

Former Aussie Tas Pappas is also one of the few pro skaters who can claim that he actually beat Carlsbad's Tony Hawk in a major competition (1996



PAPPAS (2ND FROM LEFT) AND NEW BANDMATES

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World Cup Skateboarding Championship in Universal City).

"It was dead in Australia. I had to move to the U.S. to make money. Otherwise I would be packing boxes in a warehouse. I said, 'Fuck that, I'm coming to America.'"

Pappas, 27, says he lives in Oceanside with "my woman" and their seven-month-old baby girl. "I first moved here when I was 17. I turned pro a year later."

He has since won four X-Games medals. He supports his family with skating. "I also sing in my band, which

is going to take over the world."

Pappas and his band were the focus of a major spread in the Australian edition of *Rolling Stone* (he now has all-new bandmates — Pappas did not want to say why he has all-new members backing him, or why brother Ben, a fellow skater and former Guda Munkas, is back in Australia).

Pappas says he will still skate "until I'm 35," in spite of a back injury that almost left him paralyzed.

"I lost the feeling in my right leg for six months." He endured a fractured skull and an eyeball that was pushed back into its socket: "I still see double vision if I try to look up or down."

Once in San Francisco he sailed down a hill into a car, which left him with two damaged knees and one purple leg.

"I want to use my skate celebrity to weasel my music career into the media. We just played in Long Beach at an Action Sports convention on the Fender [guitar] stage.... A music career is gonna be nice when the body don't work no more."

Pappas hopes his swashbuckling Aussie bluntness may be a refreshing anecdote to the punk posers he says overpopulate MTV.

"I look at MTV and I see all these little pussies acting like they are crazy with their

makeup and spiked hair talking shit about people... talking shit about O.J. Simpson. I thought, 'Who the fuck are they? O.J. would probably cut their heads off as well.'"

The current Guda Munkas lineup includes the drummer from Sunchild, the guitarist from Something, and a "bass player from Brazil who played jazz and rock."

Guda Munkas appears tomorrow at the Mission Inn in San Marcos.

— Ken Leighton

"In the weeks leading up to when Guns 'N Roses got signed, they would court labels just so they could get free meals. They were that destitute."

Neil MacPherson, keyboardist with local funk band Tubby, says a lot has changed in the music biz. Major labels just don't matter the way they used to.

"Back then a band that wanted to get its music out had no recourse but to go through a major label. We have good friends in the business. But we haven't pursued a major label.... With a major-label deal you get one and a half cents for every CD sold. We are going to make back every single dollar."

MacPherson admits that without major-label distribution he can't get

Tubby's new CD, *Unpredictable Jiggle*, in stores countrywide. But he says that's just not a problem anymore.

"The Internet provides immediate distribution. And we're going to sell the hell out of it at every show we play. Before you had to beg stores across the country to take your CD on consignment. And sometimes these stores would go out of business or they just don't



THE VERY TRIM TUBBY

pay you back at all."

The CD-release party for the four-piece funk band is on Mardi Gras night, March 4, at the Typhoon Saloon. "We spent \$1000 to record [the CD] and \$2000 to duplicate it." MacPherson said unsigned bands can't really count on San

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"I don't think race has anything to do with whether or not you can play funk," said drummer Brendan Concannon. "Look at the Red Hot Chili Peppers. They are the funkier boys I have ever seen."

Tubby appears tomorrow at the Hard Rock Café in La Jolla, Saturday at Kelly's Pub near SDSU, February 21 at the Blue Agave in Mission Valley, and February 22 at the Waterfront in Little Italy.

— Ken Leighton

"We hate Three Days Dead," and we HATE Marc Webster. Come share all your stories about the slimeball we all despise."

That's the mission statement behind *threedaysdead.com*, a rogue website created by local band Model Citizen, which claims that the British music business entrepreneur Webster, who owns Three Days Dead Records, scammed Model Citizen with broken promises and bogus contracts.

Model Citizen was attracted to the Cardiff, Wales-based label because it successfully distributed the latest CD by SNFU, a 19-year-old Vancouver band.

"We had been shopping around for labels," said Model Citizen bass player Sean O'Neil. "Our favorite band is SNFU. They switched from

Epitaph to Three Days Dead, which put out their last record. Five months ago we e-mailed [Three Days Dead] owner

Marc Webster, and we attached one of our songs. He e-mailed us back and said he really liked it and he wanted to sign us. He flew over from England four times

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in four months to see us." O'Neil said he paid an attorney \$2500 to look over three different contracts issued by Webster and his company.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

MODEL CITIZEN HAS A GRUDGE

He added that Webster agreed to fly SNFU guitarist Mark Belke in to produce the record. Belke arrived with well-known punk engineer,

Pete Wonsiak, who also flew in from Vancouver.

"They got here, and we were ready to record, but they never got their money they were promised [from Webster], and he never gave us money for the studio time. He left three days before we were to start recording, and he never came back. We ended up paying, like, \$8500 for the studio time [at Exum Studios in Escondido]." O'Neil said Model Citizen also paid about \$2000 to cover Belke and Wonsiak.

O'Neil said he had every reason to believe in Webster. "He paid \$800 to produce a video we made; he helped us with our [band's promotional] website, and he put out the SNFU CD."

O'Neil said he became aware of other European bands who told horror stories about Webster. "People from all over the world were telling us not to do business with him. We asked [Webster] about that, and he said he didn't owe these bands money. We believed him. We thought if someone is going to fly out to see us four times, we could trust him."

One of those who warned O'Neil about Webster was Belke himself.

"I told them..." said the SNFU guitarist.

"We're in the process of suing him," said O'Neil. "But this turned into a blessing in disguise. We [Model Citizen] and SNFU are starting our own label called Rake Records."

Belke admits that the enthusiasm from Model Citizen is "breathing new life" into his band, which began in 1984. "It's forcing us to get our next album finished. The Model Citizen guys are awesome guys. They are men of their word."

Attempts to contact Webster were unsuccessful.

Model Citizen appears with Belke tomorrow at the 21-and-up Mission Inn in San Marcos with Guda Munkas and Redemption. Admission is \$5.

— Ken Leighton

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“Stephen Stills and Graham Nash were hotties, and they were both single.”

The image is of dignity, but the real picture of Native Americans is not such a beautiful picture,” Fallbrook resident Rita Coolidge tells me over the phone. I had called her management and requested an interview. “There are a lot of people who don’t benefit from casino money. Alcoholism is high; education is poor.”

Coolidge is part Cherokee. She performs locally for benefits. “I’ve played Viejas. It’s wonderful. I’ve done a fundraiser at Pala. If they have a powwow and need me, I’ll be there.... I just do a lot of work with communities.... Fundraisers give attention to needs on certain reservations. I try to concentrate on the young people. They have the highest suicide rate.”

I ask Coolidge how she came to live in Fallbrook. I’d heard she’d lived here eight years.

“Initially I came with Kris [Kristofferson] and thought, ‘What a gem, an incredible bit of beauty; it’s so family oriented.’ Fallbrook has a little main street; we all know each other. It’s a casual town, and I can wear my pajama bottoms out in public with my jacket. Who cares?”

Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge were married in 1973 and divorced in 1979. They have an almost-30-year-old daughter. About Kristofferson, Coolidge says, “He was kind of a recluse. He’s a private guy, and when the sex god status hit him [after his film *A Star is Born* came out], he wasn’t equipped to deal with the social and emotional problems that came with it.” Coolidge recalls, “It was especially hard after our baby was born. Women would knock me out of the way to get to him. It would infuriate me because I just wanted to have a semblance of a normal family.”

She admits that their tumultuous careers didn’t help. “There was a point in our private lives when I had number-one records, and in his heart he loved music, but instead he was a huge film star, and it was hard. So I didn’t go on his sets, and he didn’t go to my sessions, and we kept things separate.”

“You’re almost 59. How hard is it to stay in

shape these days?”

“I walk around my neighborhood with my Rottweiler. We’re very similar in disposition. Sometimes I do an aerobic walk and go over to Rocky Peak and spend half my mornings there. It’s an incredible health food store. I stopped eating red meat 25 years ago.”

“You’re also known for your long mane of hair, kind of like Cher. No pressure to cut it off the way a lot of people do as they age?”

“No. Of course, I color my hair. I use Perfect Plus. My friend Nick Chavez sells it on QVC.”

“If you weren’t a singer, what would you be?”

“I’d be a clinical psychologist or lawyer or a teacher. I studied psychology in school. I have art and English degrees from Florida State. I was prepared to teach school. I said, ‘I need to do the music for a year,’ because my whole family sang, and I just had to try it first before going into something else.”

“You sang at the Olympics last year. What was that like?”

“It was like being in heaven. We all stood and watched the procession and were overwhelmed, and I thought it was an honor as a Native American, and then I came home and my house was on fire.”

Her home is now surrounded by a rebirth of avocado groves. Many of the trees and part of Coolidge’s home were damaged during the Fallbrook fires in February 2001.

“It’s been a major project. I lost some trees. The house had smoke damage throughout. Some windows broke,” says Coolidge. “But as long as Fallbrook is here, I plan on being here.”

“Now that you’re a Southern Californian, do you feel any pressure to have plastic surgery?”

“It isn’t for me. It’s just not a choice. Being a Native American, it’s just not part of our culture,” says Coolidge. “I like aging gracefully, and I find beauty in aging. In a lot of cultures it is to be respected. ‘Crone’ is not a bad word. It’s something to be appreciated. I watched both my mother and grandmother age — my grandmother to

104 — with incredible grace and beauty. I can think of better things to do with plastic surgery money.”

Rita Coolidge was raised by a Baptist minister father of Cherokee descent and a music-teaching mother of Scottish descent. Her childhood began in Nashville, Tennessee. Even though she sang in the church choir, her plans didn’t initially include music. She sang backup for Delaney & Bonnie and Friends, the late-1960s soul revue that at one time or another included Eric Clapton, Dave Mason, and George Harrison. Then came sharing stages with Joe Cocker, Leon Russell, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Jimmy Buffett, Aaron Neville. A multi-platinum disc, *Rita Coolidge: Anytime...Anywhere*, features her three biggest hits: “Higher and Higher,” “The Way You Do the Things You Do,” and “We’re All Alone.” She also got two Grammys: one in 1973 for Best Country Vocal Performance by a duo or group for “From the Bottle to the Bottom” with Kris Kristofferson, and one in 1975, same category, with Kris for “Lover Please.”

Coolidge’s grandmother, Laura Stewart, at age 100, asked Coolidge and sister Priscilla to be a voice honoring Native Americans. Walela — a singing group of the two Coolidge sisters plus Priscilla’s daughter Laura Satterfield — was the result. In Cherokee, *walela* means “hummingbird.” It’s a nod to Stewart, who was always singing, but not about her Cherokee heritage. She hid her Native American ancestry until shortly before her death. Walela’s debut album in 1997 includes a track called “I’ll Turn My Radio On,” in which Stewart’s singing voice can be heard.

“I read somewhere that Stephen Stills says you are the reason Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young broke up. What’s up with that?”

“I had gone in to do a session for ‘Love the One You’re With’ with Mama Cass. Stephen Stills and Graham Nash were hotties, and they were both single. That night Graham asked me to go to a concert, and then he never called me. So I called him and left a message, and Stephen called me back saying Graham had a date with someone else. Stephen said he’d take me instead. I was devastated about Graham, so I went. Stephen asked



Rita Coolidge

me when my birthday was. I told him May 1. He said, ‘My last girlfriend had that birthday.’ He was talking about Judy Collins and thought it meant we had a real connection. Now all this time Graham doesn’t know Stephen took me out, and it turns out he really didn’t have another date.... So I went out with Stephen for a little bit, and then one day Graham and I finally had a chance to talk about it. I broke up with Stephen immediately, and he became obsessive. He even wrote a few songs about me. There were fistfights between them, and the band broke up. But Graham and I ended up living together for a year.

“Kris [Kristofferson] didn’t find out about all this until we were in Hawaii one day, and Stephen was doing a radio interview and that’s the story he told when asked why the band broke up. Kris looked at me and said, ‘You’re the reason Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young broke up?!’ He couldn’t believe it!” ■

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Why is it that whenever I'm flying over Qaqortoq, Nuuk, or Ququertarsuup, it seems to be morning and there's no cloud cover, just an endless expanse of Greenland's covered mountains and glaciers stretching north for what seems like all eternity? I wonder what they're listening to down there: probably Mariah Carey. That's what they'll probably be playing on the jukebox in Hell when I go down there. I surf the audio channels available on my headset and find some Norah Jones; a friend had been recommending her of late, and she's clearly one of this past year's phenomena. It's difficult to

hear properly on airplanes unless you have special ambient-noise-canceling headphones, which I alluded to in an earlier column. Regardless, the lady has pipes, okay, and some aptitude for phrasing, but no big deal. I wouldn't tear-ass down to the local music store if I were you. There'll be another one just like her next year. The ones who are special — like Diana Krall, say — don't come along but once or twice a decade. Speaking of whom, I saw Ms. Krall sing with Natalie Cole on a PBS holiday special recently, and in their duet, I confess that I'd have to go with Natalie. She's a marvelous singer, and easy on the eyes, too.

But we were 30,000 feet above Greenland, headed over the Pole to Paris. One doesn't really fly over the Pole (23° 27' latitude) when one flies to Europe from the West Coast of North America, I don't think, but one does fly over southern Greenland, which, presumably, is indistinguishable from the Pole, at least from six miles up. The lengths I go in order to alert the good reader to this world's better music emporia.

The last time I'd been in Paris I got into an altercation with the proprietor at a small jazz record shop in the Marais. He was playing a record I fancied and didn't want to sell it to me. The Parisians are not so awful as many make them out to be, but he was a prat (as the English say): snooty, hostile, and antagonistic toward Americans, i.e., me. The French are very keen on jazz and sometimes mistakenly think they

invented it. They have, over time, had a number of sensational jazz artists of their own, but that is the subject of another column. Nobody on this LP had a DNA strand of French in him, least as I could tell, including the leader, alto sax player Frank Strozier, who most of you may not know.



The Marx Brothers

Well, neither did I. But I did know whom he was playing with: Booker Little on trumpet, along with the great Miles Davis rhythm section of the late '50s: Wynton Kelly on piano, Paul Chambers on bass, Jimmy Cobb on drums. Whenever you see that rhythm section, whether they're backing Miles,

Joe Henderson, Wes Montgomery, Art Pepper, J.J. Johnson, or anybody else, you can't go too far wrong.

Strozier, born in Memphis in 1937, is identified with the hard bop style, and some have found his sound reminiscent of Jackie McLean.

Actually, Strozier was, very briefly, with the Miles Davis quintet in 1963, which should tell you how good he could be:

Miles only let in the cream of the cream, and no one had bigger ears for talent than Mr. Davis. At any rate, *Fantastic Frank Strozier* on CD is not that difficult to find these days; but 13 years ago that wasn't the case, and I liked what I heard and wanted it. I can be persistent, you know, but old Jacques, he wasn't having any of it. You ask me, he would have sold it — just not to me. Fortunately — and I recommend this to all ill-tempered American male tourists — have a charming, attractive, bilingual young female companion along with you to *negotiate*. Of course, this didn't work either, at least not while I was there. But she went in some weeks later and prevailed; she always did, that one. So I triumphed over Pierre in the end and felt rather superior about it all, much as the Parisians feel about themselves all of the time. But now any old slob can walk into a record shop and grab the disc for under \$20. Hardly seems fair, how easy it is these days...

Well, this last visit, I had myself a walk through the Marais and didn't chance upon the old record shop (I'd wager Jean Claude would still have remembered me!), but I did, in strolling through that magnificent old quarter of the city, discover a Harmonia Mundi outlet and nosed about inside. An elegant little shop, with some magnificent Baroque choral music playing on a wonderful sound system. The clerks were friendly (Parisians usually are, actually, but in their Parisian way) and spoke English; that is, after I tried out my French. The response is always the same, almost Pavlovian. My French hurts their ears, it seems. I picked up a number of interesting discs but none so unusual and amusing as a three-CD set of songs from the Marx Brothers' movies called *The Marx Brothers Sing & Play*. I am still waiting for the right dinner party to play this music. Surely, there will be some occasion in the future, but how can one go through this world without these unforgettable moments from *Animal Crackers*, *Monkey Business*, *Horse Feathers*, *Duck Soup*, *A Night at the Opera*, and all the rest? I suspect it might serve as good background music for a date, if you're with that certain special, deranged somebody.

The French have a long and remarkable music tradition, the equal of any of their great neighbors, like the Italians and Germans, many of whose most celebrated composers and musicians at some point passed through Paris. It is only fitting that they should have excellent music stores. In fact, Paris far outstrips Rome and Berlin in this regard. I cannot tell you about Milan or Frankfurt's record shops, which are probably swell, but Paris beats most any town I've been in, including London and New York.

Paris has Tower and Virgin (not many, but at least one of each), and they are of the first order, but they have something better still, FNAC, and several of them. I've written about the excellent FNAC in

Montreal and the pile of treasure I grabbed there, but with at least three huge FNACs in Paris — by the Bastille metro, at Les Halles, and the Champs Elysées — you can imagine the potential for damage. I found Oliver Baumont playing all of Rameau's work for harpsichord; a six-CD set of Messiaen's *Organ Works* played by Jennifer Bate on the peerless Beauvais organ, the collection of Janos Starker, the splendid Hungarian cellist, playing Bach's *Suites*, Kodaly, Boccherini, Haydn, Schumann, Dvorák, and others on EMI's

Les Introuvables series. One's head spins: it's like being a child again at FAO Schwartz on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan at holiday time. Like being Emelda in a shoe shop. Liz in a jewelry store. Betty Hutton at the marriage bureau...

It was on the Champs Elysées, at one of the big record stores — FNAC or Virgin or Tower — that I made a discovery. I'd never been to the Champs Elysées, for some reason, and there's no real reason to go there. It's a very grand shopping boulevard but touristy and way, way down on the list of interesting places to visit in Paris. But they do have record stores, superstores, and in one of them I heard, in the



Janos Starker

jazz section, some dynamic singing; singing that would make Natalie Cole or Diana Krall nervous. One thing about record stores in Europe: everyone speaks English, at least in the big ones. We have colonized popular music: in good ways, i.e., Frank Strozier, and in bad ways, i.e., Mariah Carey.

What I was listening to was Rachele Ferrell, of whom I had never heard, singing Sam Cooke's "You Send Me," with Eddie Green on piano, Tyrone Brown on bass, and Doug Nally on drums. *First Instrument*, the Ferrell disc I heard that afternoon in Paris, was released in 1990, in Japan only, and re-released in America on Blue Note/Capitol in 1995. Ms. Ferrell, born in Philadelphia, I know not when, but probably in the 1960s by the look and sound of her, is better known now as a pop or crossover artist, adept not only at jazz and pop but gospel and classical (she plays piano and violin). Like many young artists of any genre, musical or otherwise, she is inclined to take her talent out on the track and show off just how much she has going on under the hood, but she's got talent by the bucketful. Let's hope that, unlike some of her talented African-American contemporaries, she lucks into a good producer, who knows what to do with her large gifts. ■

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Paul Anka [608]: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, February 13, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Nashville Pussy [154], **Whole Hog**, the **Underhills**, and the **Glossines** [134]: Brick by Brick, Thursday, February 13, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

David Lindley [445]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with **Benny Green** and **Russell Malone**: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 13, 9:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

The Scorpions [521], **Whitesnake**, and **Dokken** [532]: Cox Arena, Friday, February 14, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Zen Guerrilla [106]: The Casbah, Friday, February 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

moe.: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 14, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Lettermen: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, February 14, and Saturday, February 15, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

Gerald Albright and **Brian Culbertson**: 4th & B, Saturday, February 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Richard Humpty Vision: Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, February 16, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Supersuckers [367], **Camarosmith**, and the **Afterparty**: The Casbah, Sunday, February 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"The 22nd Annual Bob Marley Day Festival" featuring **Shaggy** [286], **Buju Banton** [750], **Sean Paul**, **Damian Marley**, **Steven Marley**, **Julian Marley**, **Anthony B.**, **Sister Carol, Jr.**, **Kelly**, **Midnite**, **Chrisinti**, **Norris Man**, **Donovan**, and **Tribe of Judah**: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 17, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. Info line: 619-230-1190.

Cyndi Lauper [603]: Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Tuesday, February 18, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Shawn Colvin [854]: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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Boys Choir of Harlem: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 19, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Aleks Syntek: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Patricia Barber: The Casbah, Wednesday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Interpol and the Warlocks /399/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with the **Denny Zeitlin Trio**: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters /502/: 4th & B, Friday, February 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz /815/ and the **Rugburns** /263/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 21, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Trans Am /376/, **Har Mar Superstar**, and **Oneida**: The Casbah, Friday, February 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Melissa Ferrick /278/ and **Xavier Rudd**: Brick by Brick, Friday, February 21, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

"Brazil Carnival 2003": 4th & B, Saturday, February 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Julietta Venegas /600/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 22, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Kottonmouth Kings /129/, the **Phunk Junkeez** /287/, and **Mower**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, February 22, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Cat Power: The Casbah, Saturday, February 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Average White Band /533/: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 23, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Pere Ubu and Kill Me Tomorrow: The Casbah, Monday, February 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Keiko Matsui (650): East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Calexico: The Casbah, Wednesday, February 26, and Thursday, February 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"Henry Rollins Spoken Word": 4th & B, Thursday, February 27, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Something Corporate (222): RIMAC Arena, Thursday, February 27, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball and Pine Top Perkins: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers (770): Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Roots (267) and Cody Chesnutt: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, March 2, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Kinky: Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 4, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Gene Loves Jezebel: Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, March 5, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Neville Brothers (507): Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Keller Williams (863): Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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APRIL

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Peter, Paul, and Mary [864]: California Center for the Arts, Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra [647]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 12, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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- Beloved:** The Scene
- Bionic Jive:** Brick By Brick
- Blackout:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
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- The Division of Laura Lee:** Brick By Brick
- Don't Look Down:** The Scene
- Drowning Within Reach:** Epicentre
- Fanatic:** The Kensington Club
- The Fryday Band:** Winstons
- The Furious IV [107]:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Futyle:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Happy Hour:** The Scene
- The Heartaches:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- Hence the Name:** Soma
- How's My Driving:** Winstons
- Imputor:** The Casbah
- Inthevisualz:** The Playhouse
- Jiggawatt:** Brick By Brick
- Lighter:** Winstons
- Lualta [124]:** The Kensington Club
- Me Without You:** The Scene
- The Mix Mob [190]:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Modessa:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Brick By Brick
- Momentum:** Blind Melons
- Money Shoe:** Blind Melons
- Mower:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
- Murderous Red Glare:** Dream Street
- Norma Jean:** The Scene
- Offset:** The Scene
- Other Natural Flavors [173]:** Dream Street, Blind Melons
- Packablacks:** The Playhouse
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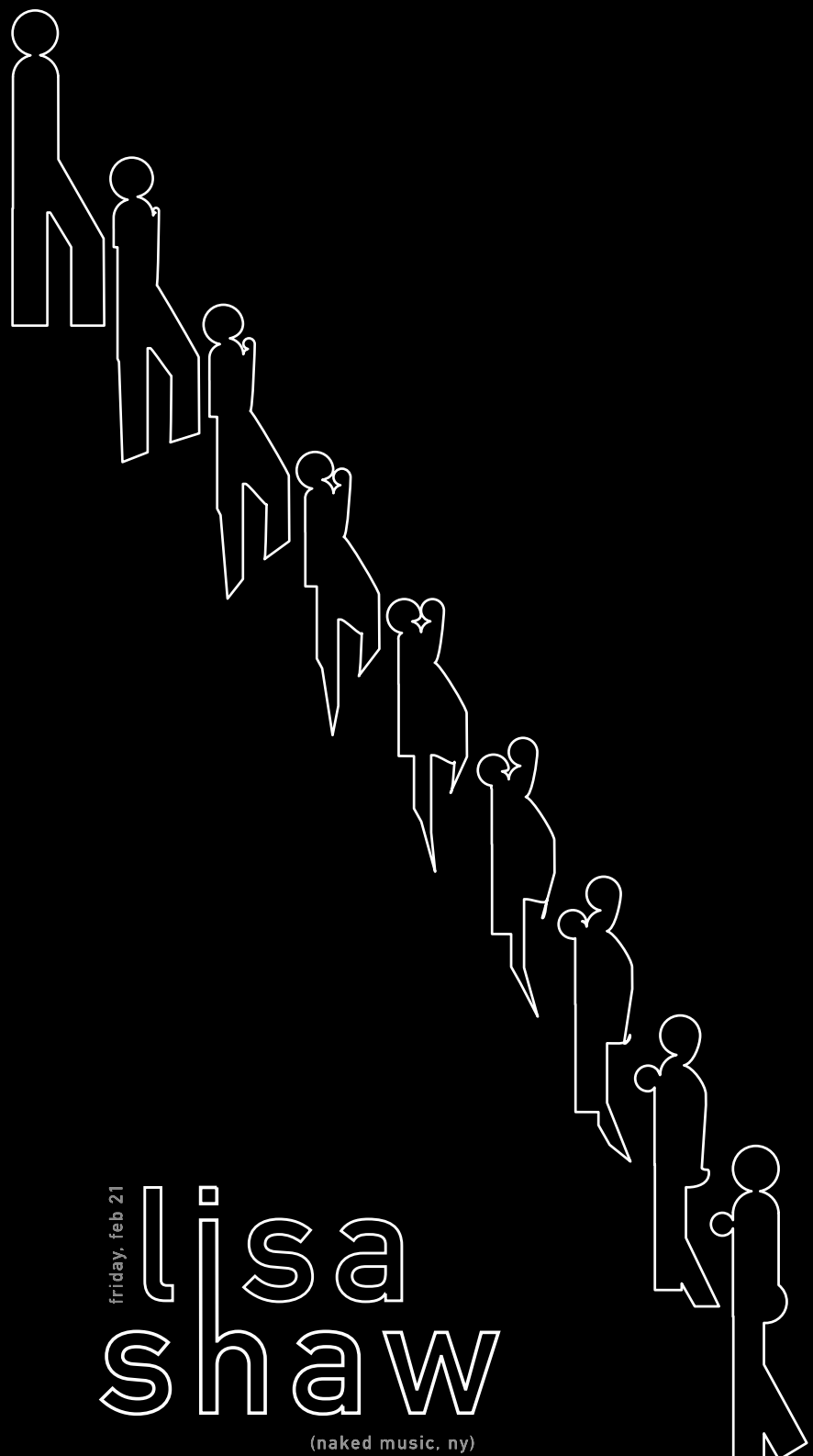


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- The Thought Experiment:** Soma
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EXTENSION 4003

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- Absinthe:** Bayou Bar & Grill
- The Abuse** [441]: Soma
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DJ Tony A.: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
DJ Aero: Cannibal Bar
DJ Ish: Neimans Bar and Grill
DJ Kingsley: Cannibal Bar
DJ Matty A.: Cannibal Bar
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Full Effect: Cannibal Bar
G-Roy: Cannibal Bar
The Grind Tones: Tiki House
Hazy Malaze: The Casbah
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge
Hubris: The Scene
Insane Clown Posse [516]: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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Sylvia Lorraine: Martini's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

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Frank Alves: Rio Rico Restaurant & Cantina

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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Robbie's Roadhouse, Chateau Orleans

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Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, Ladies' Night, DJ Iron Mike spins hip-hop, soul, breaks, and dancehall. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

BK Lounge: Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

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Darkwave Garden: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

Fluid: Saturdays, dance, hip-hop, and house. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

Neon Beat: Mondays, DJ Eternalux and Abe spin '80s new wave hits, misses, and obscure. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The thing about **2 Live Crew** is that, even back when they were big, they weren't very good. Fronted by a rapper who called himself Luke Skywalker (**Luther Campbell**, who eventually agreed to quit using the misspelled *Star Wars* character name), the Crew survived on spin and vitriol rather than ability. Tipper Gore and her posse kept the heat burning under the Crew via her morality crusade, and even George Will got on the Crew's case in *Newsweek*. The overall result: a group that probably wouldn't have seen much daylight outside of the Florida club circuit made national news. And as any fool musician knows, getting coverage in *Time* or the like is better than having your head chiseled into Mt. Rushmore. 2 Live Crew milked the bad press for all it was worth. So why all the fuss?

Essentially three rappers and a DJ, 2 Live Crew was the first group to be prosecuted for obscenity on a musical recording and one of only a few groups to get nailed for same during a live performance. In a nutshell, the Crew are known for ultra-explicit lyrics. Here's a sample from 1989's *As Nasty As They Wanna Be*: "When the party's over, we can get together/ Go to my house and f*** forever/ And do whatever comes to mind/ Let me stick my d*** in your behind." It goes on with misguided and often violent sexual imagery directed at black women. Called legally obscene in Miami, the lower court's verdict was overturned by the Supreme Court, which found the ruling to be in conflict with the First Amendment. With the court's blessing and the hit single "Me So Horny," the Crew went on to sell three million copies and become rich, if unwitting, champions of free speech. They have since produced an album



2 LIVE CREW

almost every year, including 2002's *Sex on South Beach*. In the bigger picture, 2 Live Crew helped get locker-room talk and rank vulgarity into mainstream entertainment. One hardly notices anymore — maybe the Florida courts had it right.

Insane Clown Posse headlines.

2 LIVE CREW, 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, February 12, 8 p.m. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497. \$23.

The Pompeii Room: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, Latin, reggae, and dance classics. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040.

Pure: Saturdays, *Liquid*, ladies' night, resident DJ Showtime spins hip-hop and Top 40. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 8125 Balboa Avenue (at Highway 163), Kearny Mesa, 858-538-PURE (7873).

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego,

619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I love instrumental surf music — the snapping backbeat and rolling fills, the *sproing* of the reverb tank, and most of all the guitars, double-picked at lightning speed, Dick Dale-style, or slow and twangy, like Duane Eddy. But truth be told, it's pretty hard to tell one surf band from another. That's one reason so many surf bands have matching outfits or some other visual gimmick. In this regard, **Los Straitjackets** are exceptionally cool: the four members wear gaudy Mexican wrestler masks. Luckily, this four-piece, founded in Nashville, is cool in other ways — not the least of which is that they are phenomenal musicians.

First founded as the Straitjackets in 1988, the band reunited six years later as a

quartet with a Spanglish take on surf. (I don't know why — none of the members, as far as I can tell, have any Latin heritage, but we are talking about a surf band in Tennessee, so one should not try too hard to make sense of this.) The players, **Eddie Angel, Danny Amis, Jimmy Lester, and Pete Curry** (who replaced Scott Esbeck in 1998), had all been in various retro, roots-rock, or country bands and brought with them a thorough knowledge of styles and techniques. Still, they know that surf needs to be shaken up a bit. In an effort to spice up their stage show, they now tour with the dancing Pontani Sisters. In 2001 they released *Sing Along with Los Straitjackets* featuring guests like Big Sandy, El Vez, the Reverend Horton Heat, and Exene Cervenka on songs like "Black Is Black," "California Sun," and other old chestnuts. Their most recent release was a Christmas album. Why not? They even make that awful song from *Titanic* sound



LOS STRAITJACKETS

pretty good.

Throw Rag and Lust also perform. (To hear a sample of **Los Straitjackets**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4528.)

LOS STRAITJACKETS, The Casbah, Friday, February 7, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. \$10.

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday and Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Super Diamond*, pop, and *the Urban Gypsies*, blues. Wednesday, *Agua Dulce*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Koko Loco*, pop. Saturday, *Jeff Lee*, acoustic.

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Danato's Ristorante, 1280 East Vista Way, Vista. 760-724-7242. Thursday, *Tony Soraci*. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *the Rich Martin Singing Show*.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Bottomline*, classic rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *ATF*, rock. Saturday, *the Travel Agents*, alternative.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni*. Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 pm, to 10:30 pm, *B.B. Kind*, jazz. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Jared Mattson*, jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Credit Union*, swing. Friday, *DJ Ish* and *DJ Phillip*, hip-hop. Saturday, 10:30 pm, *the Shocks of Mighty*, reggae, hip-hop. Sunday, *El Jardin*, salsa rock.

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Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Cary Pierce* and *Alex Woodward*. Friday, *Momentum*, *Money Shoe*, and *Other Natural Flavors*. Saturday, *Mustard Seed*, *WC*, and *Spoken Gun*. Sunday, *T. Irie Dread*. Wednesday, *Sun Ru*, *King Michael*, and *Victory Tutson*.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Futyle*, *Modessa*, *Undefeated*, and *Roger*. Friday, *the Mix Mob*, *the Phunk Junkiez*, *Mower*, and *Super Bright Light*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Dieselboy* and *the Rapture*. Wednesday, *Insane Clown Posse*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 8 pm, *Patrick Yandall* and *Jason Weber*, jazz. Saturday, 10 pm, *Luisito Rosario & Orquesta Sulsumba*, salsa. Sunday, call club for information.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Cattle Decapitation*, *Phobia*, and *Pungent Stench*, metal. Friday, *Slumber*, *Silver Mullet*, *the Proof*, and *5 a.m.*, hard rock. Saturday, *Something Else*, *Petty Cash*, *Other Natural Flavors*, and *Murderous Red Glare*, alternative. Wednesday, *Far From Largo* and guests.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablu* with *Kymberlee Maxine*. Friday, *Aubrey Fay*. Saturday, *Dora Hall & Mixed Company*. Tuesday, *the Cynthia Hammond Quartet*, jazz. Wednesday, *Torre & Novelli*.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, live rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Ashley*, acoustic pop.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Sunday through Tuesday, *Larry Fogle*, singer, pianist.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *the Grind Tones*, rock. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues. Sunday, *Chris Kelly's* open acoustic night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, 9 pm, *Get to the Point* with *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday, 9 pm, *Alan Iglesias & Crossfire*, blues, and *Da & the Hit Men*. Saturday, 8 pm, *Sisera Fell* and *Winky & Becka*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Starshak*. Friday, *the Joey Bowen Band* and *the Latanya Lockett Band*. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Sunday, *Earl Thomas* and *Alfred Howard* and *the K-23 Orchestra*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday, *Lighter*, *the Friday Band*, and *How's My Driving*. Wednesday, *Widespread Panic* and *the Devastators*.

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Saturday through Tuesday, *David Timothy Smith*.

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa/Jazz Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Division of Laura Lee*, *the Burning Brides*, *the Catheters*, and *Young Heart Attack*. Saturday, *Bionic Jive*, *Thicker Than*



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Album Name: *Williamsburg* (2002)

Artist: The Kelly Bowlin Band

Label: independently released

Songs: 1) Kentucky Angel 2) Falling 3) Paper Wings 4) Have It All 5) Williamsburg 6) Copperhead Road 7) Judas Kiss 8) I'll Wait 9) Why Can't I 10) Final Note

Price/Where Available: *cdbaby.com* for \$10

Band Members: Kelly Bowlin (vocals, guitars, mandolins, keyboards), Jim Moreland (drums), Garrett Wolfe (vocals, bass), Mark Pryor (vocals, percussion), David Campbell (vocals, mandolin, guitars)

Extra Info: Originally from Kentucky, Kelly Bowlin learned to play the guitar by ear at age nine

Website: *www.kellybowlinband.com*

The first half of the album is an intense journey through the worlds of rock, folk, country, and bluegrass. From the harmony between piano and violins in "Falling," to the

harder rock and vocal distortion in "Have It All," it's one unexpected surprise after another in this multigenre amalgamation. Occasionally the instrumentals push their way into the foreground, caus-

Thieves, *Jiggawatt*, and *ir*. Wednesday, *Maligna*, *Slew Foot*, *Down Machine*, and *Modessa*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-271-4000. Saturday, *Population Zero*, *A Rose For Ona*, *Until Death We Part*, *Drowning Within Reach*, and *Concubine*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *Agave*, rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band*.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *the Boogiemien*, R&B. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *the Int'l Silver Strings Submarine Band* featuring *Billy Watson*, blues. Sunday, noon to 3 pm, *the Vince Clementson Group*, jazz.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco, retro.

Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Star Shak*, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, *Bill Mayes*. Friday, swing. Saturday, live rock/alternative band. Sunday, salsa. Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Cypher*, hip-hop.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Rockola*, classic rock. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *Eve Selis*, rock. 9:30 pm, *Rising Star*, pop. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop. Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *the Soul Persuaders*, soul, dance.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Evans*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

ing frontman Kelly Bowlin's voice to accompany them rather than the other way around.

The highlight of the album is its sixth track, sung by guest vocalist Steve Earle, entitled "Copperhead Road." In it, Earle sings, "I did two tours of duty in Vietnam/ I came home with a brand-new plan/ I take the seeds from Colombia and Mexico/ plant 'em and a-hide 'em in Copperhead Road/ now the DEA's got a chopper in the air/ I wake up screamin' like I'm back over there/ learn a thing or two from Charlie, don't you know/ ya better stay away from Copperhead Road."

Things calm down a little after the sixth track. Each of the succeeding tracks are traditional bluegrass fused with traces of rock, right up until the album's last track with "Final Note," a farewell song that sounds as if it came



Kelly Bowlin

from an episode of *Sesame Street*.

The band's "part autobiographical" lyrics (as their website claims) combined with catchy rhythms and instrumental clarity form a pleasurable listening experience.

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The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Thursday, *Happy Hour*, *the Plain White T's*, *Don't Look Down*, and *Offset*. Friday, *Stranger*, *Skanic*, *the Fabulous Rudies*, *Raggamuffin*, *the Shocks of Mighty*, and *Tribe of Kings*, ska/reggae. Saturday, *Hubris*, *Strange Noise*, *Roulette*, and guests. Sunday, *Rasputina*, *Call Me Alice*, and *Waterline Drift*. Tuesday, *Norma Jean*, *As I Lay Dying*, *Purple Cows*, *Me Without You*, *Beloved*, and *Dieradiodie*.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *the Blazers*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Blue Rockit* and *Michele Lundeen*, blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Guevara*, piano, 9 pm, *the Vanguard Players with Lady Dottie*, R&B. Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco Ojeda* and *Joe Guevara*, 9 pm, *Absinthe*, rock and roll. Saturday, 9 pm, *Inner Voyage*, jazz. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9 pm, *Absinthe*. Monday, 9 pm, *the Derren Raser Band*, rock and roll.

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. All music this week is rock. Thursday and Wednesday, *Private Domain*. Friday, *the 420 Band*. Saturday, *West of 5*. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*. Tuesday, *the Jackson 3*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Blurring the Edges*, jazz. Saturday, *LaTanya Lockett*, soul.

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G-5 George's on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, classical music.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live pop/dance music. Sunday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, *Masterpiece*, jazz, funk, R&B. Monday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, *the Jazz Allstars*. Tuesday, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the Soul Revue*.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Music is jazz/solo piano. Thursday, *Joe Azarello*. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, *Leslie Gold*. Sunday and Monday, *Art Johnson*. Wednesday, *Joe Azarello*.

Martini's, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Music is contemporary/variety. Thursday, *Linda Roth*. Friday, *Carol Curtis*. Saturday, *Patrick Hill*. Sunday, *John Garcia*. Tuesday, *Paul Greg*. Wednesday, *Sylvia Lorraine*.

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FOOD > kitchen closes at 10 p.m., but manager says, "If somebody

asks, I'll go in the kitchen and make them something."

ACCESS > 2.3 miles north of I-52 (Mission Gorge exit); large parking lot in back

DRESS > casual

DANCE FLOOR > none, but the entire area from the stage to the back wall has no tables, though there is carpet

BATHROOMS > men's had two urinals, one toilet (with the door missing), full-length mirror, and one sink; graffiti written on wall: "Big J-Dog," "Josh Doggie" (which I didn't write); women's had two toilets, one sink, and was clean and graffiti free; one guy at the bar complained to his buddies, "They need a condom machine in the bathroom." I wanted to tell him to find a woman first.

CAPACITY > 118 in restaurant, 150 in cantina, 70 outside

Saturday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Sunday, *Blue Largo*. Monday, *Blue Label*. Tuesday, *the Texas Twisters*. Wednesday, *Mississippi Mudd*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, *80z Enough*, pop. Saturday, *Jungle Boogie*, pop.

Sassafras Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Kippy Marks*, violinist. Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Victoria Rose*, classical guitar and Celtic harp.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*. Tuesday, *Primo*. Wednesday, *Orquesta Guayao*.

SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Thursday, *Cirro*, Latin. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *the Orbitz*, '60s and '70s music.

SPECIAL AREAS: smoking area was 12' x 100'; the drummer for the next band had his kit out there
FURNISHINGS > four chandeliers and a fireplace gave bar a nice touch of class; ATM, video poker, video golf, CD jukebox, four big TVs, tables in smoking area but none in bar, 20 seats at the S-shaped bar, neon beer signs, two sets of glass French doors leading to smoking area, large stage; thatch over the bar was adorned with red chili pepper lights

DECIBEL LEVEL > 117 during a song by Magdalene (last week at Second Wind bar it was 112)

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > Dr. Chunk

QUOTABLE > "Why are security guys so big?" asked a woman as a bald, 300-pound security guard walked by.

There was a surprisingly small crowd for a Saturday night. When I talked to the manager about that, he said, "Yeah, well, it is the night

before the Super Bowl. When Sprung Monkey played here, we had over 400 people. We had to turn a lot of fans away."

The singer for Sprung Monkey books the bands that play here. I was told they have only been booking bands here for the past six months. On Wednesdays they intend to cater to an older crowd with blues and maybe jazz piano. The bands that have been booked include Withered, Just a Joke, Threefoot, La Vagancia, 120 Pain, and DJ Kim.

Ethnicity was clearly important to one audience member as she asked the guy with her, "Is that singer Mexican?" He shrugged his shoulders. Onstage, the singer said, "Don't worry about Mikey. He's on crystal." Mikey, another performer, went to the mike and said, "No, it's cocaine!"

What is it about a microphone that makes people stupid?

- Josh Board

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel*, *Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson*.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon*

Kohl, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, 8 pm, open blues jam. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Jumpstart*, classic rock. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, open mike.

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For some couples, Valentine's Day dinner at a top restaurant serves as the crucial setting for the transfer of a collection of shiny minerals from one person's pocket to another person's finger; the meal's price is inconsequential. But for most of us — just dating, or already settled into the happily-ever-after phase of the story — the pseudo-holiday is often just a nice excuse for a dinner out. This week's pair of picks are for couples who want to celebrate their love without high prices or high heels.

Every day is Valentine's Day at these restaurants. Both cater to couples, offering similar, affordable menus of "golden oldies" of the American cooking revolution of the '70s and '80s — dishes that were new-tasting 20 years ago and now seem like old favorites. Their kitchens produce good food reliably and efficiently. (Just don't look for fancy plating or chef-ly flights of fancy.) In these converted residences, you're seated in one of a series of intimate dining rooms with homelike comforts, and served with a café-like casual style, where amiable waitresses buzz around the rooms, ready to help but with no time to hover.

FIFTH & HAWTHORN

Fifth & Hawthorn is a warm and charming cottage less than a block from Balboa Park. You enter past an attractive little bar with six tables in a nook by the windows overlooking Fifth Avenue. On the Hawthorn Street side are two larger dining rooms, seating 60 at well-spaced tables and banquettes, with terra-cotta walls, carpeted floors, and real linen napkins and tablecloths. Originally a spin-off from Old Town's Cafe Pacifica, Fifth & Hawthorn has been in business for 15 years — 14 of them with the same chef, Andreas Banuelos, who's maintained a pretty stable crew. The menu is printed daily, but it hasn't really altered much since opening day. The changes mainly reflect which fish just came in and whether there's any duck left in the fridge. By now, the kitchen line works like a crack team.

The menu really fits the crowd, which leans toward mature couples, the men in shirtsleeves or polos, the women (as usual) a bit dressier. There are a great many à la carte entrée choices (17 the night I was there), of the sort that a "nice restaurant" might have offered in the '70s or an ambitious dinner-party host might have cooked for guests in the early '80s. That's to say, they feature several eras' worth of trendy ingredients, from wild rice to



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Fifth & Hawthorn

green peppercorns, sun-dried tomatoes to sun-dried cranberries. If, by the way, you're a fan of Pacifica's mustard-marinated, Cajun-spiced catfish, you'll find that on the menu here, too.

My sweetie and I chose the four-course prix-fixe "Wine Menu" at our visit. (You can get this on February 13 or 15 — any day but a holiday.) You start with a bottle of pleasant California Syrah or Chardonnay, and a shared appetizer, a choice of spring rolls or Gorgonzola ravioli. We went for the ravioli (which the restaurant purchases from Assenti Brothers in Little Italy). They proved emphatically thick-skinned, but the cheese filling is sufficiently rich and savory to hold its own against the pasta. The sauce is a lovely, fresh-flavored cilantro pesto cream, dotted with sliced cremini mushrooms and julienned multicolor bell peppers, with a final fillip of moist, fresh-grated Parmesan.

All plates come with a soup or salad. Soup choices include shrimp gazpacho and spicy mus-

sel bisque, but as a lifelong Marxist (Groucho) I naturally gravitated to the signature duck soup. It's hearty and peppery (nearly a gumbo), moderately cornstarch-thickened and loaded with vegetables and duck cubes. In the center floats a large "dumpling" made of a chewy fried spring-roll wrapper stuffed with well-seasoned shredded duck. My boyfriend chose the Caesar salad, a somewhat revisionist version with chopped-up romaine, including outer leaves; an unusual sprinkling of ripe tomato chunks; an optional school of good, plump, whisker-free anchovy fillets; and a scattering of croutons evidently made from the house's bake-and-serve sourdough loaves. The dressing is pinkish and pleasing, and, of course, it doesn't include raw eggs anymore.

The Wine Dinner offers a choice of six entrées. Naturally, I chose the most challenging to execute. Co-owner Ed Nicholson is from San Francisco, and, thanks to him, this was the first time since we moved to the South Coast that we were able to

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revisit Little Joe's famous "abalone-style" calamari. The kitchen pulled it off perfectly: A pair of thick, pounded squid steaks were lightly breaded and sautéed fork-tender, actually finishing their cooking on the plate. The Grand Marnier sauce was a little cloying, though, too sweet to cozy up to such neutrally flavored seafood. (The take-home remnants were better with a lemony piccata.)

A moist chicken breast (not an oxymoron) was another pleasure born of flawless timing. The meat was lightly breaded, stuffed with spinach and a luscious, melting feta cheese, and swathed in a gentle sun-dried tomato sauce. This simple combination of flavors and textures was exceptional.

All entrées (except pastas) arrive with an identical pair of side dishes: rather salty garlic mashed potatoes and the San Diego Universal Restaurant Vegetable Medley of broccoli, carrots, and zucchini. Happily, though, F&H starts with whole, fresh veggies and dresses them with a tasty garlic, butter, and white wine sauce.

On the Wine Dinner, the choice of desserts is limited to a homemade crème brûlée (of the creamy not eggy variety), or a daily selection of cheesecakes from the Incredible Cheesecake Company, a specialist in the genre. A rich cheesecake with a

carrot-cake bottom tasted very much like a Sara Lee carrot cake topped with Sara Lee cheesecake, complete with sweetened sour cream frosting. À la carte dessert choices are wider and usually include an apple-walnut custard torte from Baked by Etta and a chocolate cake from the aptly named Extraordinary Desserts. And the espresso is good, too.

LAMONT STREET GRILL

Lamont Street Grill is at the eastern edge of the "beach side" of P.B.; in the land of a million sushi bars, pubs, and pizzerias, it's the neighborhood's top romantic spot. For 17 years it's drawn a thoroughly mixed, casually dressed crowd ranging from green youths to well-ripened grandparents. After climbing a few stairs to the doorway, you enter through a lovely patio with a roaring fireplace, the prime seating area. Up a few more stairs is a warren of small, cozy dining rooms with partly mirrored walls, scenic murals, large chairs, and very soft fake-leather banquettes to sink into. (Although this may leave many women's chins rather close to the tabletop, it does tend to spare one's gown from mishaps.) The white linen tablecloths are covered with tan kraft paper. While music plays softly in the background, the ambient noise level depends on who's in the room with you. Hopefully,

on Valentine's Day everybody will be whispering sweet nothings into each other's ears.

We started with a sizzle-bowl of cremini mushroom caps baked with crumbled sharp bleu cheese, which united with the mushroom juices to form a sauce. (Bring a hearty appetite or another couple to share this starter, lest it prove a meal-in-a-bowl.) The pungent cheese met its ideal mate in the crisp, clean house-sponsored Cinergi vineyards Napa Valley sauvignon blanc meritage. An even more popular starter features deep-fried almond-crusted shrimp with "Oriental" sauce, which has a school of large, bland white shrimp lounging around the edges of a martini glass that contains a tart, creamy dip based on buttermilk and soy sauce. A fellow next to us ordered the newest appetizer on the menu, a spicy Italian sausage tortilla with black beans and green chile salsa. We peeked and saw a soft corn tortilla wrapped around a wiener — a Mexican-Italian corn dog!

Entrées come with soup or salad. Chef-owner Bob Marnul, who learned his skills cooking at Chicago-area country clubs, has written a soup cookbook (it's for sale for \$10 right outside his kitchen), featuring such bold creations as peanut-broccoli soup, hash-brown potato chowder, or jalapeño-sweet potato

potage. Each evening, he cooks a soup from the repertory. That night it was a brawny "cream of tomato-chile soup," with no actual cream apparent, semi-puréeed with some chile seeds for crunch. Almost as thick as a pasta sauce, it initially seemed over-intense, and the packaged oyster crackers were no help. Then we discovered that adding torn-off pieces of the sweet, light table bread brought the flavors into balance, creating something resembling Tuscan bread soup. And we loved that bread for itself, too: It had the taste and texture of a sweet white dinner roll, only loaf-sized, and made a nice change from a steady recent restaurant diet of sourdough.

There are three main-course salads and two side-dish salads that come with the entrée. The latter are a house salad (butter lettuce, tomatoes, walnuts, bleu cheese in a vinaigrette generously perfumed with fresh basil) or an off-menu Caesar. Go with the house salad. The Caesar is far from classical. It's made mainly of coarsely cut, coarse-textured outer leaves of romaine with shredded Parmesan and unremarkable commercial croutons.

Most entrées here are served over pasta — wonderful pasta. Usually it's fresh, housemade fettuccine of lissome dimensions and tender texture, dressed with the sauce from the entrée. With one of our main courses, the

pairing was ideal. A sensitively poached salmon fillet arrived tremblingly tender, topped with a handful of shrimp and a creamy, tart, fragrant lemon dill sauce. I'd order this again anytime; I wish I were eating it tonight. (My only complaint is that the garnishing shrimp are flavorless, tasting as if they've been boiled in plain water.)

We were less fond of baked pork loin stuffed with hot — well, not-so-hot — Italian sausage (from Romanella, a restaurant-supply brand). The arrangement surprised us: Instead of a hollowed, stuffed chop, it resembled an oversized "pig in a piggy blanket," a thick slice of boneless pork rolled around a sausage. Both types of hog were baked exceedingly well-done. The accompanying complex, Cajun-spiced *beurre blanc* proved more of a *beurre rouge*, crimson from three different incarnations of red pepper (cayenne, hot paprika, Tabasco). My boyfriend happily finished off every drop of sauce with the irresistible fettuccine.

Some additional interesting-sounding main courses include baked chicken breast crusted with Ruffles potato chips in a sour cream and chive sauce, and baked chicken in puff pastry with artichokes and roasted garlic cheese. A very popular choice is a hunk of Hawaiian tuna crusted all over with sesame, poppy, sunflower, and flax seeds,

seared with bourbon, honey, and soy. I didn't try it, but I hear it's good. Dedicated carnivores will find several steak and pork options (most of them served with potatoes rather than pasta).

The side dishes served with most entrées include the ubiquitous naked steamed carrot-zuke-broc medley, plus a boiled white potato topped with seasoned sour cream. The current plate garnish is a tiny, enchanting mound of red cabbage slaw dressed with the fresh-basil house vinaigrette.

Desserts are all housemade, a varied array that the servers bring on a platter to tempt you. We picked a tall wedge of peasant apple tart, a heavy crust topped with multiple layers of barely cooked, barely sweetened apple slices. Served well chilled, it lightened up the whole meal retroactively. A black-bottom chocolate chip cheesecake had a good, heavy, old-timey cheesecake filling, with a crust mingling bittersweet chocolate crumbs with chocolate chips, and a topping of sweetened whipped cream smeared with (alas) Hershey's-quality melted chocolate. If we'd had just a bit more appetite, we would have ordered the house's delicate crêpes splashed with Kahlúa sauce.

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We’re in Volare. One of those places Hank and I have zipped past a zillion times on our way to somewhere else. It’s that slice of building on the right as you head up Barnett Avenue and round onto Midway. Looks kind of solitary.

But when you walk inside, you notice two good things. One, the quiet. The cinderblock walls have cut the racetrack noise of Barnett and Midway right down. Two, it’s cool, even in the midday sun. And, okay, three, the view out over the low window curtains is kind of pretty. Tropical greenery: MCRD’s gardens across Barnett look as if they’re right outside.

Anna says she and her husband Tony have been running this place about 25 years. When they started she was mostly home having children. Now the chef I see tossing spices onto a cannelloni is Anthony, their son. They’re Sicilian. “What you eat here is pretty much what you’d have in Palermo,” Anna says.

I like it. The thought that this family has been here, cooking the same dishes all this time. Nothing pseudo here.

Best of all, the menu has a bunch of specials for around \$5.00 to \$6.00.

The dining room’s comfortable, in a dark way.

Green carpet, salmon walls interrupted by panels of deep brown wallboard, green tablecloths, black chairs. You’ve got your standard pictures of Italian cities and classical pots on the walls, flowers on the tables, and fans and chandeliers of lantern lights hanging from the white ceiling.

“What would you like?” says Anna. She looks like a relaxed Elizabeth Taylor, dressed in black.

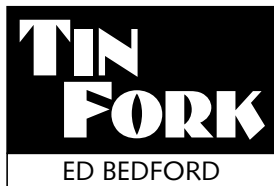
Hank and I are looking at the lunch specials, a list of six. They all come with pasta, bread, butter, and soup or salad. “The pasta is spaghetti today,” says

Anna. “We have good fresh eggplant.”

Eggplant Siciliana is at the top of the list (\$5.95). Hmm. Always did like eggplant. Anna says the “Siciliana” part means it comes with the basic tomatoes, onions, olives, and capers. Or they have eggplant parmigiana for \$5.50. Chicken breast parmigiana and chicken piccata (that’s rolled in flour batter, with lemon and capers) are each \$5.75. Or two veal plates, veal parmigiana or scaloppini vino bianco, are \$5.95.

“Have the scaloppini,” says Ed, from the next table. The place’s smallish space makes talking easy. He’s having it, and it looks kind of luscious, with two browned slabs of floured veal glistening under a white wine sauce beside a pile of spaghetti. Plus he has a small bowl of minestrone soup, and two or three decent chunks of Italian bread. A deal for six bucks.

“Okay, I’ll have that,” says Hank.



“Uh, Hank, did I ever mention Carla’s feelings about eating veal?”

“What now?”

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“I don’t need this,” says Hank.

But he looks at Ed’s veal for a long moment before he says, “Yeah. The veal.”

Now Anna is looking at me. “The eggplant?” Maybe that’s what they’ve got too much of today.

Natch, being ornery by nature, I have to look a little further. They have half orders of spaghetti for \$3.75, or ravioli for \$3.95. Or, hey, lasagna for \$4.25. Always love lasagna. Even cannelloni (basically little wraps stuffed with ground meat, with a sauce on top, also \$4.25). For \$1.00 extra you can get soup or salad. And, now I look on the back of the little paper menu I picked up: “Luncheon Special [not the same as the lunch specials], served with soup or salad, is only \$3.95. Monday spaghetti, Tuesday schiacciata (a Tuscan flatbread), Wednesday ravioli, Thursday [today] pizza, and Friday lasagna.”

Hmm, \$3.95. A deal.

“Eggplant?” says Anna.

Oh, what the heck. “Okay. Eggplant Siciliana,”

I say. Hank orders a side salad. I go for the soup.

And, boy, I’m glad I did. His salad is great, with a huge green olive in the center, but my minestrone’s so-o good. Steaming hot, stuffed with carrots, potatoes, beans, peas in their pods. With the crispy Italian bread, and butter, it’s a dream.

Romantic couple have sat down at the table behind us. Order veal parmigiana and a large carafe of wine. Oh, man. That’s the way to do it. In style. How long since Carla and I have done that?

By the time Anna brings out our main dishes, Hank and Ed are at it over some flying Frisbee the military uses to take pictures over ridges. Ed works for a shipyard in Maine that’s building 62 missile destroyers for the Navy. “Man, that’s a big order,” says Hank. But Ed’s mostly talking weather. “This time of year,” he says, “it’s good to be in San Diego.”

My eggplant is good. You can taste the capers, and there’s plenty of spaghetti. Hank’s scaloppini actually smells great. Maybe it’s guilt, but he chomps those two slabs down in minutes.

As we leave, Anna is bringing out dishes of cannelloni for the loving couple. Their carafe is half empty. They look dreamy.

“Carla...should bring her here,” I say. “We should do this. I’ve got to treat her better. Change my ways.”

“Now that’s a big order,” says Hank. ■

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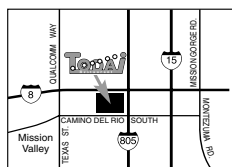
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“You have to have the ability to go into a winery and taste a wine out of barrel and say, ‘This would be a great oak component.’”

Let us suppose that you are the owner of C-Note, a Napa Valley winery that produces a high-scoring, limited-production Cabernet Sauvignon. The year is 1998; the economy is booming, and you are in the midst of a phenomenal string of vintages. Demand for your wine is such that you are able to charge the \$100 your name suggests and still have customers begging for more. Your marketing consultant is whispering sweet nothings in your ear about 30 to 40 percent annual growth, and you think to yourself, “Why not?”

So now here it is 2002, and you are in trouble. The economy is slumping; people are spending \$15 on a Sunday dinner wine and all but ignoring the \$40 stuff they used to drink, let alone your super-premium product. The string of great vintages snapped in '98; you still have inventory from that year — and from all the years that followed. Your '02 Cabernet is sitting in a bunch of very expensive barrels, as are your '01, '00 and some of your '99. Cash flow has slowed to a trickle, and you're servicing a pile of debt. You need to unload your unsold inventory — but how?

You could slash prices to move product — “C-Note's Crazy Cult Cab Clearance!” — but the marketplace is not kind to the downwardly mobile. There are countless lesser-priced wineries without the black spot of price reduction on their records. You go down among the masses, you're not likely to come back up.

Larger operations might turn to the bulk market, adding their juice to the great ocean of wine that laps anonymously at the shores of many wineries, perking things up among the jug brands, beefing up quantity among the premiums. But the bulk market is paying maybe \$6 a gallon, and you can't afford to go below \$12 — the stuff cost you \$20 to make. You don't make enough wine to affect overall quality — you represent a drop in the bucket, really — so why would anyone pay your premium?

Enter Gregory Popovich, proprietor of Castle Rock winery, and his winemaker August Briggs (who makes a premium wine under his own label). Pricewise, Popovich has positioned Castle Rock at the bottom of the upper tier. His is the sort of wine that serves as the house Cabernet at fine restaurants, something that will sell for six to eight dollars a glass and still maintain the tone of the list. These days, it's doing more than maintaining, because there are a lot of wineries like C-Note out there, and Popovich is happy to do business with them.

Popovich is a negotiator. “A lot of the wines I'm producing now I'm buying out of barrel from wineries,” he explains. “I've been buying excess inventories from a lot of very prestigious ultra-premium wineries and blending them into my wines. For the 2001 Napa Cabernet, I will buy maybe up to 20,000 gallons of a wine that we plan on using as a kind of base, and then we will look for small components to bring us up to the qual-

ity point that we feel comfortable with — 2000 gallons here, 4000 gallons there. Blending is the most important part of our program, and the most difficult thing to emulate. Generally, five to eight different wines go into a blend. You have to have the ability to go into a winery and taste a wine out of barrel and say, “This would be a great oak component,” or “This has got all the fruit we need,” and put those together to make a balanced wine.” He credits winemaker Briggs with the ability to do this successfully year in and year out.

The wineries like Popovich; though it hurts to let their pride and joy go for discount prices, they are pleased with his timely payments, and pleased he is able to pay cash — old-fashioned virtues in a post-boom economy. Professional courtesy — and the occasional nondisclosure agreement — prevent him from naming names, but rumors about his sources swirl in the industry air, and they include some of the better names in California wine.

Tasting his Russian River Pinot Noir, it's easy to believe those rumors. “I've sold 20,000 cases of Pinot Noir in three and a half months,” he marvels. “That was the Holy Grail of grapes; you couldn't do Pinot Noir in our price range.” Now you can, “And there's supposedly another 30 percent of total production still coming online in the vineyards, so that should make it easier to maintain my growth with that item. I'm buying 2002 Pinot Noir right now, but I might not pick it up and bring it to our facility until March or April. In the meantime, I'll pay a nominal storage fee.”

Production — always driven by sales — has soared. Popovich sold 68,000 cases of wine last year, a mammoth leap over the 600 cases of Chardonnay he sold in '94, his inaugural year.



Gregory Popovich

And he sees the future as being even brighter. Thanks to expansion, even after backed-up inventory is unloaded, wineries will still be producing more wine than current demand can support and will need an outlet for their excess. Further, “People continue to plant vineyards. A lot of them are just doing it as a kind of lifestyle thing. Doctors and lawyers and people who don't understand the business are putting in 30 or 40 acres, and they have no idea what they're going to do with their grapes three or four years down the road.” As things stand, they may end up giving Popovich a call. ■

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NORTH COASTAL

BUBBY'S GELATO 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also

in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

KEALAN'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

LA BONNE BOUFFE 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Town and Country Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog's legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

What the Chef Eats

RISOTTO AI FUNGHI PORCINI

BY ALAN MARTINELLI

Executive Chef, Via Italia, Clairemont

I moved about two years ago to this wonderful country and sometimes I still feel a little homesick. When this happens I like to cook for myself what my mother used to cook for me on Sundays. I believe there is nothing more related to emotions than food, especially when it's cooked with tradition and devotion. That's why my only thinking about risotto with wild porcini mushroom invokes visions of vine-covered hills and the azure water of Garda Lake, where I lived. This dish takes me back to my beloved peninsula.

It is not difficult to make an outstanding risotto, even if a big

difference can result from the quality of the products and care for details. For example, choosing the rice, I prefer to utilize the Vialone Nano or Carnaroli instead of the more commonly used Arborio, because its round, half-long grain will absorb condiments better and has a long-lasting cooking quality. Of course all the ingredients are important and should be fresh and of the best quality. Particular attention has to be given to the butter and cheese used to *mantecare* the rice just before serving. This dish meets my idea of respecting each ingredient that has to be used, because I believe that my

job as a chef is to exalt every single flavor and fragrance without transforming or blending them too much.

I see eating as a social event, and I'm sure this risotto will please your guests with its color, aromas, and gratifying taste to achieve a sense of *allegria* — a lighthearted happiness that has to be part of an Italian meal. I hope also this recipe will inspire you to re-create this authentic Italian dish and, even more, that you will taste where it was created, Italy.

This recipe of Risotto ai Funghi Porcini serves 4 and takes 25 to 30 minutes to prepare. The wine I



recommend to accompany this dish is Barbera Sovrana 1998 Batasiolo, Piedmont, Italy — medium-bodied with fruity, blackberry aroma.

HOW TO DO IT

Clean the mushrooms if needed and slice fine. In a large, heavy frying pan, melt a little of the butter with a splash of the olive oil. Add one clove of garlic and sauté briefly to perfume the oil. Stir in the mushrooms and cook over

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101,

this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc.,

moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

ROXY NATURAL FOODS RESTAURANT 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even

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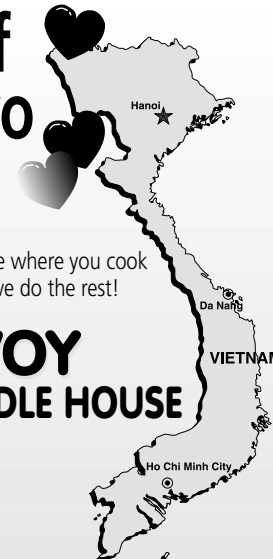
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high heat until they begin to brown. Add a little parsley. Remove and discard the garlic clove and set the mushroom mixture aside, off heat.

Place the beef stock in a saucepan and bring to a boil.

Heat one-third of the remaining butter and olive oil in a big, heavy pan, stir in the onion, and cook until it is soft and light golden. Add the rice and stir it for 1 to 2 minutes to coat it with the oil.

Pour in the wine, raise

the heat slightly, and cook until it evaporates. Add one small ladle of the boiling stock. Over moderate heat, cook until the stock is absorbed, stirring the rice with a wooden spoon to prevent it from sticking to the pan. Add the mushrooms and a little more stock and stir until the rice dries out again.

Continue stirring and adding the liquid a little at the time. Cook for 18 to 20 minutes, until the rice is *al dente*. Taste it and add pepper and salt as needed.

Remove the risotto pan from the heat. Stir in the cheese and the remaining butter, oil, and parsley. Allow the risotto to rest for 1 to 2 minutes before serving.

INGREDIENTS

2 cups finely sliced Porcini mushrooms (fresh or frozen)
5 tablespoons unsalted butter (divided use)
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (divided use)
1 clove of garlic, peeled and whole

3 tablespoons fresh, finely chopped Italian parsley (divided use)

4 cups beef stock, preferably homemade (if canned, choose reduced-sodium broth)

1 small white onion, finely chopped

2 cups medium-grain risotto rice (Carnaroli, Vialone Nano, Arborio)

½ cup dry white wine

Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

5 tablespoons freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano or Grana Padano

visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke

hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

ST. GERMAIN'S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of ex-

actly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pas-

tries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771.

This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're thrilling, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles. Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's ideal for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy. Reservations essential. Dinner Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bóndigas* soup (lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (5/01)

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), Escondido, 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado*, *cabeza*, *pastor*, *carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, *antojitos*, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, *langostinos*, *tilapia*, snapper, crab, etc. They're beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively *levanta muerta* ("raise the dead") seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (5/01)

GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and



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LUNGREN BROTHER'S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. It's all so cozy here that you don't care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around \$6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house's gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches, lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

GOLD COAST

BESTA WAN PIZZA HOUSE 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

J. TAYLOR'S 1540 Camino del Mar, L'Auberge Del Mar Hotel, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. "Small plates" dinner offers well-prepared bargain-priced five-course meal at moderate cost. Otherwise expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *capucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — E.W.

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining room offers Northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. Reserve for weekends. High moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — E.W.

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DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional crême brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

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OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. *Shabu shabu* is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of *shabu shabu* entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

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TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

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THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

GRINGO'S 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The Chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

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weeds weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

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PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue (near 30th Street), 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. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner Saturdays. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

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SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

SHAM ROCKS SHACK BAR & GRILL 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

VILLAGE GARDEN RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped

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FAR EAST

KOUNTRY KITCHEN 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

PAIPA'S OASIS Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

BERTRAND AT MISTER A'S 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — N.W. (12/01)

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever and has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff

working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (5/99)

CHEZ ODETTE 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. — N.W. (5/02)

THE GATHERING 902 Washington Street (at Goldfinch Street), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it's been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

LAUREL RESTAURANT & BAR 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Chef Jason Shafer is maintaining the flavors of Southern France that made Laurel's reputation as a sophisticated eatery, but he isn't simply carrying on — look for spritely innovations and frequent specials that take advantage of seasonal foods. Also look for a duck confit that changes its environs — surrounded

now by white beans, now by flageolets, or chard, or escarole. The restaurant is doing many things right: locally-grown vegetables are thoughtfully employed, the wine list is especially deep and broad in the Rhône department, and the chef is capable of intelligent inventiveness. Five-course prix fixe (appetizer, risotto, fish, meat, dessert, plus three glasses of house-selected wine) is available, and on Fridays, you can get lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair elevator in back. Expensive to very expensive. — A.M. (9/02)

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook. Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Naugahyde banquettes, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm fancies cooking; touristic Fisherman's Wharf crab-and-artichoke fondu in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, "Indonesian" battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the "loving hands at home" theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

PARALLEL 33 741 Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

SAVOR 3687 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-3663. This cute, converted cottage offers seasonal comfort food with a Mediterranean accent, including an excellent revisionist bouillabaisse (saucy rather than soupy). Seafoods are delivered fresh daily (except Sundays) and are well-treated by this kitchen. Meat dishes, if sometimes over-simple in preparation, arrive in huge portions. Weekend brunches on the front patio overlooking the street are wildly popular with the local crowd. Dining room has tight-packed tables and an open

kitchen, and can be very noisy. Wheelchair lift to left of staircase. Open for brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (2/02)

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the-Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street (at Third Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice as good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available,

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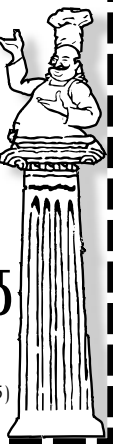
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FEEDING THE HOMELESS Parking lot at 13th and Broadway, downtown. (Founders, St. Stephens Church of God in Christ, 5825 Imperial Avenue, 619-262-2671.) You may have to swallow your pride, but the food that St. Stephens and other churches hand out — which members cook in their own homes and pay for from their own pockets — is easy to swallow. Companionship's good too. Usually 200 or more people arrive weeknights, especially towards the end of the month, so lines are long, but street-side sermons keep you thinking, spontaneous outbursts of song may even get you clapping your hands, and the food is usually great. Chicken, stuffing, veggies, bagels, macaroni, fruit salad, cookies, bread, no questions asked. Weekdays 7 p.m.; weekends 3 p.m. Location may be shifting. Check with St. Stephens. Free. — *E.B. (10/02)*

GEN LAI SEN HAKKA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat

some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LILO'S NEW AMERICAN CUISINE 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-1969. Swank little Art Deco retro-café with a menu that's homey in a sexy way. Something about the dark

varnished wood, cream walls, sconces, mirrors, giant French posters and a mezzanine gallery makes you feel ritzy. The menu tries hard to be interesting. How about gingerbread pancakes (with molasses and candied ginger) or pear and walnut salad with bleu cheese and sherry walnut dressing? Or chomp into the Belpoit chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, cheese, and mustard on a bun, or salmon fillet with caper-anchovy butter, rice pilaf and a French baguette. Lunchtimes are speedy — secretaries and their bosses; evenings, it's theater-goers. Breakfast and lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through

Saturday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/02)*
NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate, and the moist, rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Little Italy,

619-574-7737. Noted cookbook author Su-Mei Yu prepares casual Thai food — noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) — to eat in or take out. There's gorgeous artwork to look at as you wait or chew. Open seven days, continuous service lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a

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fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic setting with a romantic view, the seafood is fresh off the boat, and so are chef Brian Johnson's superb flavor combinations. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu and its optional matching wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good, large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Dinner nightly. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

STRIP CLUB 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes)

are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

VIDA CART Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BAY BEACH CAFE Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend break-

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RHINOCEROS 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (7/01)

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER CAFETERIA 500 Third Avenue (at C Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-4599. Hey, this is a courthouse. You expect the cafeteria in its basement to be brown and anonymous. You know you'll be munching with worried groups of litigants and moms with custody-dispute kids. But here, it's all worth it. This cafeteria is one of best-kept county secrets. For years, concession-holder Ben Riddell has kept his prices stable and his portions big. Lunches like roast pork or meat loaf or

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TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-*empanadas* of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

TIN FISH Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

YE OLDE PLANK INN 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin),

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(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — E.W.

LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take *Revolución* to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

MR. FISH 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow *Revolución* until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — E.W.

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

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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 (at Center 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)

SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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The slightest infusion of suspense is worth more than all the explosions in the latest Bond caper.

Another latecomer from the end of last year, *The Quiet American* tells a tale of political intrigue complicated by romantic intrigue in Indochina in the early 1950s: an idealistic and myopic American secret agent played by Brendan Fraser, and an aloof, effete British journalist played by Michael Caine ("Sooner or later," he is admonished by a native, "one has to take sides if one is to remain human"), in gentlemanly — and discreetly symbolic — competition over a passive Vietnamese concubine. This treatment of the Graham Greene novel stays truer than Joe Mankiewicz's 1958 version to the spirit of the original (as best I can remember it), though it goes outside it in its godlike omniscience on the coming Vietnam War, complete with an historical update in the epilogue. More than a mere remake, more than a simple reprise, it amounts to a retrospective and newly appreciative view of the book, a validation of it in hindsight. (For all its distant perspective, the film has lost little in topicality: America is still the cop on the world beat.) Of course we can scarcely be surprised, in an age whose top spy writer seems to be Tom Clancy, that Greene would come across more than ever as a deep thinker and a subtle moralist: everyone in his smoke-gray world is tainted, and the man who holds the moral high ground in one sector of

the battlefield will find himself far down the slope in another.

Australian director Phillip Noyce, who coincidentally has handled a couple of the Clancy transplants to the screen (*Patriot Games*, the best of them, in addition to *A Clear and Present Danger*), keeps a steady hand on the throttle, such that the slightest infusion of suspense (running out of gas in the dead of night in the Vietnam back country and seeking refuge in the handiest watchtower) is worth more than all the explosions in the latest Bond caper. And, shooting in Hanoi and in Ho Chi Minh City, he beautifully evokes the colonial atmosphere, assisted by Christopher Doyle, his same cameraman on the concurrent *Rabbit-Proof Fence*. With that and this, Noyce joins Steven Spielberg (*Minority Report* and *Catch Me If You Can*), Steven Soderbergh (*Full Frontal* and *Solaris*), Michael Apted (*Enough* and *Enigma*), Barry Sonnenfeld (*Big Trouble* and *Men in Black II*), Charles Stone III (*Paid in Full* and *Drumline*), and Kathryn Bigelow (*K-11: The Widowmaker* and *The Weight of Water*) as directors with two films apiece in the past calendar year: a harking-back to the film-factory heyday of your George Cukor, your Douglas Sirk, your Vincente Minnelli, your studio slave.

The Recruit, a nothing-is-what-it-seems guessing game, is a far more

REVIEW DUNCAN SHEPHERD



The Quiet American

generic espionage adventure from another Australian-born director, Roger Donaldson, who gave us (most relevantly) *No Way Out*. That grouping of words even crops up in a climactic line of dialogue: "You've got *no way out* but me." Is this just a coincidence or is it an encryption? In that same vein, one might wonder whether the hero's part-time job as a bartender alludes (less relevantly) to the same director's *Cocktail*. Is this a way of insinuating that Colin Farrell, linked with Tom Cruise in *Minority Report*, is now the new Cruise? (The old, in case you hadn't noticed, has entered middle age.) In any event it is while mixing

drinks that the hero, a computer whiz who "majored in Nonlinear Cryptography" at MIT, is first contacted by a CIA recruiter, a self-proclaimed "scary judge of talent," who then puts our man through his paces at a sort of spy boot camp, "affectionately known as The Farm," before handpicking him for the top-secret assignment of ferreting out a mole. We can be grateful that the unspooling plotline has not been weighted down with extraneous action (beyond the hero's ferocious workouts on a punching bag: those, and the forty square inches of tattoos on his upper arm, tell you he's no nerd), but the filmmakers seem a little anxious,

a little apologetic, about it, throwing in a lot of wasted motion by way of a restless camera and a rushed pace. The actors — the weary know-it-all, Al Pacino, alongside that thin-skinned innocent, Farrell — contribute their share of wasted motion, and add to it a lot of wasted emotion as well. These florid performers give the impression that "The Company" as presently constituted is less suited to saving the world than to singing Verdi.

Ararat, released in major markets in time for the 2002 prize hunt, has failed to collect any. Now I see why. A stilted history lesson on the ethnic cleansing of Armenians by Turks dur-

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ing the First World War (“Do you know what Adolf Hitler told his generals to convince them that it would work? ‘Who remembers the extermination of the Armenians?’”), this is evidently a subject close to the heart of the Armenian-Canadian director, Atom Egoyan. Evidently *too* close. He had the good sense to take an oblique approach to the subject, starting off with two separate families suffering internal rifts in present-day Toronto, scrambling the time-line, and sifting the historical horrors through the filter of a film-within-the-film. (The earliest dated scenes are a few glimpses of the artist Arshile Gorky, an Armenian refugee, at work in his studio in the Thirties.) We wait uneasily for the pieces to start to fit, yet once they do, the fit is forced: the disaffected son of a Turkish-Canadian customs officer lands the role of the villain in the film-within; and the Armenian-Canadian gofer on the film, returning from Turkish locales with sealed film cans,

undergoes an endless interrogation by that same customs officer (on the very night, it turns out, that the film is unveiled at the Toronto International Film Festival!). All this obliqueness, all this nonlinearity, all this film-within-the-film detachment, all this layering and interweaving, cannot soften the bluntness of the point-making when we come to it. And nor can the unabating solemnity of the players (Christopher Plummer, David Alpay, Arsinee Khanjian, Elias Koteas, Bruce Greenwood, Charles Aznavour) mask the intermittent silliness. Though Egoyan may to an extent be shielded behind the fictitious filmmaker played by the soulful Aznavour, there is nothing about the footage of the fictitious film to hint that it's the work of a major director. It looks more like a made-for-TV movie, and an especially preachy, stagy, and fakey one at that. Plus, I always have a problem watching *edited* footage from multiple camera angles when we are ostensibly *on the set* in the midst of a *single take*. Such a breach of the rules of procedure, indeed of the entire space-time continuum, bothers me much more than Busby Berkeley's breaches of the proscenium in his backstage musicals. A filmmaker who

violates the world of the stage somehow seems a less severe offender than a filmmaker who violates his own world.

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Festival season opens with the 13th Annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival, February 6 through 16. With forty-odd films and five separate venues (La Jolla 12, Hazard Center, Poway 10, La Costa 6, and the Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center), it's all too complicated to go into. (You can go into it yourself at www.lfjcc.com.) The choicest plum, although it's assured a commercial release, looks to me to be *Amen*, the stage-to-screen transcription of Rolf Hochhuth's *The Deputy* (what did Pope Pius XII know about the Holocaust, and when did he know it?), by veteran filmmaker and cage-rattler Costa-Gavras, who has not been heard from in years. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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About Schmidt — Alexander Payne's late-life-crisis comedy about a retired Omaha insurance executive who now begins to wonder what it was all about. Jack Nicholson may be too big a star, or too hip a one, in relation to his surrounding cast (chosen with care down to the smallest role), but you cannot fault his effort: his frog-on-a-lily-pad lethargy, his flat-footed waddle, his comb-over, his open embrace of humiliation, in total harmony with the understated grotesquerie around him. Much of the fun of the movie, much of the comic cushion against the harshness of its vision, is in seeing King Jack demean himself. Payne, a perfectly named if not perfectly spelled filmmaker, evinces a fine eye for the topographical and architectural barrenness of America's Heartland (what someone might see as a “visual correlative” of the hero's spiritual state), and a fine ear, as well, for the clichés, the jocularities, the pieties, the mendacities of social lubrication. The opening retirement party (“Nice event”), the invited but unwanted visit to the office of the hero's yuppie successor at Woodmen of the World Insurance, the funeral reception, the nautically minded tourist from Eau Claire (“Aho!”), and the climactic wedding bash are all on a par with the wickedest tortures devised by Ring Lardner or Sinclair Lewis. Some scenes, it's true, go too far; and the

voice-over device whereby the hero pours out his heart in letters to his six-year-old Tanzanian foster child (“For years now she has insisted that I *sit* when I urinate”) is as facile and as far-fetched as it is funny. To be more precise: very, very. (The spoken name alone — Ndugu — is a push-button for laughs, no matter how many times it is activated.) The ending could arguably have been cut shorter for ambiguity, but while the teardrop and the smile might make things easier for seekers after a Bright Side, these emotional cues do not really clear up the ambiguity. With Dermot Mulroney, Hope Davis, Kathy Bates. 2002.

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Adaptation — The reteaming of the writer and the director of *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze, has produced no less madness but much more method. Or anyhow more meaning. Kaufman, playing fast and loose with the truth, evidently set out in reality (though it doesn't seem his sort of project) to do a screen adaptation of Susan Orlean's nonfiction best-seller, *The Orchid Thief* (“It's that sprawling *New Yorker* shit”), and ended up by writing himself and his creative torments into the script (“That's what I need to do: tie all of history together”). More precisely, what he wrote into the script was a fatter, baldier, lonelier version of himself (Nicolas Cage, in a characterization of unsparing physical detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about such large subjects as the solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can he take a break for a muffin, and what kind of muffin?), the tug-of-war between artistic integrity and commercial compromise, the hidden depths of people beneath their opaque surfaces. All of this, including the funniness, is not achieved without a mighty sense of strain. And no amount of winking self-awareness, postmodern irony, and impish impudence (Susan Orlean turns into a drug-trafficking homicidal adulteress) can lessen the disappointment of the climactic swerve into thriller-dillerdom. 2002.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Antwone Fisher — Written by the selfsame Antwone Fisher, in recollection of the time in his life when he was (by this account) a bottled-up, cork-blowing sailor who, through the solicitude of a nice girl and a Navy psychiatrist (“I love you, son”), confronted and conquered his inner turmoil over his abandonment by his mother and his abuse by his foster family (“I'm still standing! I'm still strong!”). Also the directorial debut of Denzel Washington, one of the most magnetic figures on the contemporary American screen. Somehow the magnetism does not come through as strongly from the other side of it. A dream scene, surely, is a bad way to begin a directing career, especially when the dream is a pastoral idyll of a little black boy introduced to his smiling ancestors and a stack of flapjacks. Nor does it seem a very smart strategy for the uplifting climax of the debut to be the literal Dream Come True. Not uncommonly for an actor turned director, Washington gives plenty of TLC to his cast — newcomer Derek Luke in the title role, Joy Bryant, Salli Richardson, Novella Nelson, Viola Davis, and Washington himself as the psychiatrist — although he

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presses up so close to the faces as to leave suffocatingly little space and air around them. Luke, who gamely holds his own opposite The Magnet, runs the full, back-and-forth, lung-bursting gamut of emotions; and the happy face at one end of them certainly, and touchingly, looks like a goal worth fighting for. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Ararat — Reviewed this issue. With David Alpay, Arsinée Khanjian, Christopher Plummer, and Charles Aznavour; written and directed by Atom Egoyan.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Bicycle Thief — Vittorio De Sica's heart-wrenching and arm-twisting argument on behalf of the Little Man. The people's faces and the slum locales look coldly authentic and untampered-with. But the woeful plotline — a menial laborer's frantic search for his stolen bicycle — dumps truckloads of irony and pathos all along the way. 1949.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/7 AND 8, 1:30 AND 7 P.M.)

Biker Boyz — Vroom-vroom-vroom-VROOOOM! Noisy nonsense about mostly black motorcycle clubs that get together for ritualized drag races ("We got a strict code about hustling") or else, on one occasion, for a charity bike-wash to raise money for schoolbooks. There are no real bad guys, and only one dead guy. (But don't try this at home.) Laurence Fishburne is the heavy-set king of the hill — or "King of Cali," to use his official title — and Derek Luke is the lean and hungry up-and-comer, with Oedipal overtones. Orlando Jones, Djimon Hounsou, Lisa Bonet, Meagan Good, Vanessa Bell Calloway, Kid Rock; directed by Reggie Rock Bythewood. 2003.

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Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of



High and Low

ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with "Writer"), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for opening a CD account at a heartland bank *cum* licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don't bother to lock their home. His vindication: his millions, legal as well as illegal. (Plus his bond with his FBI pursuer, a bespectacled and Boston-accented Tom Hanks.) Leonardo DiCaprio, supposed to be fifteen at the earliest point, looks a little long in the tooth, taking something away from the hero's audacity. And the flashback structure removes any suspense, though suspense of course would have darkened the mood. With Christopher Walken, Nathalie Baye, Martin Sheen. 2002.

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Catch Me If You Can — Lightweight Spielberg (as compared, say, with the immediately preceding *Minority Report*, never mind *Schindler's List* or *Amistad*), an admiring, even envying portrait of a real-life teenage imposter and check forger in the late 1960s, Frank Abagnale, Jr. His excuse: his father's financial woes, his move to a new school, his broken home. His vindication: his millions, legal as well as illegal. (Plus his bond with his FBI pursuer, a bespectacled and Boston-accented Tom Hanks.) Leonardo DiCaprio, supposed to be fifteen at the earliest point, looks a little long in the tooth, taking something away from the hero's audacity. And the flashback structure removes any suspense, though suspense of course would have darkened the mood. With Christopher Walken, Nathalie Baye, Martin Sheen. 2002.

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stars of a movie to be so close to the end of the alphabet) do indeed sing and dance as advertised, and in Zellweger's case, even act. Lest she never again land a role as anything other than a prison matron, she also amply demonstrates that the pounds she put on for Bridget Jones are all gone now. Yet her new figure — thin as a rail, though knotted and gnarled with muscle — cannot be counted an asset to the re-creation of the period. With Richard Gere, John C. Reilly, Queen Latifah. 2002.

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Confessions of a Dangerous Mind — An adaptation of the "unauthorized autobiography" of Chuck Barris, TV game-show producer — *The Dating Game*, *The Newlywed Game*, et al. — and moonlighting CIA hit man. Says him. We meet the protagonist (played with maximum smarm and supreme sleaze by Sam Rockwell) holed up, Manson-haired, naked, close to catatonic, in a New York fleabag in 1981, where, with what will prove to be his customary grandiosity, he decides to hammer out on a manual typewriter the details of his "wasted life" as a "cautionary tale." The genre that would better fit what unfolds is the "fish story." First-time director George Clooney, overseasoning and overcooking like a culinary amateur, certainly makes his presence felt, as well as actually *seen* in the role of the CIA recruiter. What the actor-slash-director seems to be banking on is the spectator's starry-eyed goodwill. And in truth, the cronyism whereby Clooney's cohorts from *Ocean's Eleven*, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon, pop up in bit parts as passed-over contestants on *The Dating Game*, and then Julia Roberts in a bigger part as a Garbo-hatted Mata Hari, will no doubt tickle the sillies in attendance. It might even give them the "inside" feeling of being cronies themselves. (Application for change of name: George Crony.) Even so, goodwill will be sorely tested. The amount of time allotted to the hit-man sideline — Barris claims to have combined his *Dating Game* chaperon duties with his assassination assignments in "romantic" places like Helsinki — makes it impossible to shrug off the claim as an idle boast. The cloak-and-daggerism recalls the equally preposterous espionage bits in *A Beautiful Mind*, and you must concede, at the very least, that this movie springs the bigger surprise in that these bits turn out *not* to be delusions. It is difficult, though, to gain much perspective on a life from a vantage of disbelief. Drew Barrymore, Rutger Hauer. 2002.

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El Crimen del Padre Amaro — Carlos Carrera's modernization, and Mexicanization, of a 19th-century Portuguese novel by Eça de Queiroz, a disciple of Flaubert. The film was a box-office bonanza in its native land, perhaps surprising in view of the sedateness and sobriety with which it looks at its subject. The subject on the other hand — priestly indiscretions — is *my picante*. And there are moments worthy of Buñuel: the palming of a dollar from the collection plate, the spitting-out of a communion wafer to take home to the cat, the attempted force-feeding of a wafer to a palsied invalid. With Gael García Bernal, Sancho Gracia, and Ana Claudia Talancón. 2002.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Darkness Falls — Not just the name of a movie, but the name of a New England town where Matilda the Tooth Fairy, hanged as a child-killer in the deep dark past, and now a fluttering flapping thing in a porcelain mask, still makes vengeful visits on the occasion of a resident's last, lost baby tooth. That's about all there is to it (that, and an easy-to-remember, hard-to-obey rule: "Stay in the light: stay alive"), a threadbare scare show, at a stretched-out hour and a quarter, with a "scream-track" so loud that you cannot be sure whether anyone around you is screaming along with it. Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield, Lee Cormie; directed by Jonathan Liebesman. 2003.

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Deliver Us from Eva — Romantic comedy starring LL Cool J and Gabrielle Union, directed by Gary Hardwick. (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; FROM 2/7)

La Dolce Vita — Federico Fellini's diagnosis of what ails the modern world. It is not a short list. It is, rather, a long-winded discourse that sooner or later touches on nearly everyone's favorite vice. At least one of the subjects covered — the Roman paparazzi — is pinned down definitively. For the rest, this vulgar, energetic, and often over-extended movie is a handy summation of the moral laxities of the Jet Set Age. With Marcello Mastroianni, Anouk Aimee, and Anita Ekberg. 1960.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/7, 7 P.M., AND 2/8 AND 9, 9 P.M.)

Far from Heaven — At the outset, Todd Haynes carries us on a crane over a Peyton Place-y town square (or square town) and into the glossy world of the 1950s "women's picture." It is mildly amazing how straight he plays it, or anyway how deadpan, although there are nonetheless as many laughs as there would be if a present-day audience were to sit and watch *Imitation of Life* or *All That Heaven Allows*, the two Douglas Sirk soapers that provide the most overt inspiration. One flagrant difference between this and those is the taboo subject matter that never could have seen the light of day on the old Universal Studios backlot: the struggles of a white-collar family man with his suppressed homosexuality ("I know it's a sickness, because it makes me feel *despicable*") and the possibility, if not the actuality, of a clandestine affair between a liberal-minded suburban housewife and her cultured "Negro" gardener. Somehow the director's deadpan does not hide every hint of his condescension, self-congratulation, and higher evolution. Off screen, which is to say in interviews and in the press notes, he will insist on how relevant and universal — as distinct from Universal — the material continues to be, but this might have been easier to swallow if he had updated the setting. When Rainer Werner Fassbinder paid his own homage to Sirk in *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul*, he made the same point, and made it better, by taking an old soapy story (*All That Heaven Allows* crosses-pollinated with *Imitation of Life* — and clearly Haynes owes

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as much to Fassbinder as to Sirk) and then transplanting it into a thoroughly modern style and setting. Why could the point not just as well be made a slightly different, yet slightly more daring, way: by transporting an old story *along with the old style* into a modern setting? While it is well photographed (Ed Lachman), well designed (Mark Friedberg), well costumed (Sandy Powell), and well acted (Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert), the film has a dollhouse quality that stiffens it, flattens it, squeezes the life out of it. Perhaps there's significance in the fact that Haynes's name-making first film, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*, was enacted entirely with Barbie dolls. What had seemed at the time a budgetary limitation might be a bigger limitation. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA, FROM 2/7)

Final Destination 2 — A premonition again cheats Death, and Death again sets out to recoup his losses. Slapsticky shocker, with carefully and callously constructed chain reactions leading to ludicrously gruesome demises. Very little in between. With Ali Larter, A.J. Cook, Michael Landes; directed by David R. Kelly. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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Gangs of New York — Martin Scorsese's long-delayed, and just plain long, survey of Irish gangs in lower Manhattan during the time of the Civil War, Boss Tweed, and all that, beginning and ending in major blood baths, with minor blood rinses and sloshes in between. (It's not hard to see why the interecine discord in the New York melting pot was thought unsuitable for post-9/11 entertainment: "It wasn't a city, really," the lowborn narrator grandly philosophizes. "It was more a furnace where *someday* a city might be forged.") The wonder of it is that it's not more compelling. Indisputably, it has a lot going for it. It gives Scorsese, for a start, a new avenue down which to pursue his lifelong interest in thugs, specifically thugs of a different ethnicity (but same church), with such colorful group identities as the Dead Rabbits, the Plug-Uglies, the Slaughterhouses, the Little Forty Thieves, the Broadway Twisters, etc. It has history; it has sets; it has costumes (the Mad Hatter look was in vogue); it has flavorfully antique language; and it has a daring portrayal by Daniel Day-Lewis of a one-eyed underworld kingpin known as "The Butcher," who looks and acts like someone who would tie Pearl White to a train track and twirl the tip of his mustache while doing it. (Leonardo DiCaprio shrivels alongside him, in spite of his pumped-up new physique.) Yet in all

these things the film has more a feeling of musty research than of pulsing life, and as a tale of revenge it seems static and monotonous. And please don't bring up *Hamlet* for precedent: the Prince of Denmark was not an eyewitness to his father's murder, and he at least had the presence of mind to hash over his hesitation, and for all the flavor of the language here (from a trio of heavyweight screenwriters, Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, Kenneth Lonergan), it isn't Shakespeare by a long shot. With Cameron Diaz, Jim Broadbent, Henry Thomas, John C. Reilly, Brendan

Gleeson, Liam Neeson. 2002.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Good Fellas — A strong contender as Martin Scorsese's most negligible, most dispensable, most redundant movie. Here we go again: the subjective tracking shot through a nightclub, the stack of goldie-olddies to be gone through on the soundtrack, the tortuously repetitive dialogue ("fuckin'" this and "fuckin'" that). Yes,

there's a new device to be tried out, too: the intermittent freeze-frame for comic-ironic punctuation — well, not exactly a new device: a New Wave device. Scorsese tosses in so *many* tricks that some of them will look new simply because they look out of place. But the real problem with the movie — beyond its untimeliness, its extreme tardiness, in the tramp-tramp-tramp of "demystifying" portraits of the Mob — is that too much of the essential information is gotten across through the protagonist's narration (with additional narration chipped in by his Jewish girlfriend and later wife), so

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that Scorsese is reduced to a mere illustrator, even a mere time-killing doodler. To be sure, a highly capable illustrator (helped immeasurably by colorful portrayals from De Niro, Pesci, Sorvino, and company), but never so incapacitated a movie man. The script, boiled down from a true-life, as-told-to book about a half-Irish Mafia informant, boiled down therefrom to an episodic and piecemeal mush, is not a proper movie script at all. With Ray Liotta and Lorraine Bracco. 1990.
★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/9, 4 P.M.)

The Hidden Fortress — Kurosawa’s first use of the wide screen, and his ingeniousness with images of that shape becomes apparent fairly soon — say about the first or second shot. The storyline, if not the images alone, pulls you in, and along, with a folk-tale kind of enchantment, and it makes room for what must surely be the meatiest female role in Kurosawa’s entire output — a doughty

princess disguising herself in servant’s clothing and travelling through hostile territory under the protection of a loyal samurai. Toshiro Mifune, Minoru Chiaki, and Kamatari Fujiwara. 1958.
★★★★★ (KEN, 2/9 AND 10)

High and Low — Out of an Ed McBain 87th Precinct novel, Akira Kurosawa has fashioned a formula kidnapping melodrama that, elaborated to two-and-a-half hours, manages to engage all his burning moral concerns, undimmed, as well as all his ingenuity as an action director unsurpassed on the wide-screen. Kurosawa makes good use of McBain’s knowledge of familial police operations, the pep talks, teamwork, joshing, etc. But besides that, he shows an excruciating appreciation of the ironies and ambiguities in the conflict between the Haves and the Have-Nots (the High and the Low, if you will) that isn’t quite equalled in American detective fiction — McBain, McGivern, MacDonald, Macdonald, McAnyone — maybe in Dostoevski or Dickens. The plot is laid out in precise and evocative arenas (the haughty hilltop mansion occupied by the kidnap victims

and, far below, the sleazy, neon-lit Ginza strip haunted by the psychopathic kidnapper); it is continually tricky and surprising (an early twist, for instance: the abducted boy turns out, after the first ransom demand, to be not the son of the rich shoe manufacturer but the son of the chauffeur); and it is faultlessly paced and timed (the mounting tensions of almost an hour of claustrophobic, stage-like drama inside the mansion are explosively released in a frantic scene aboard a rattling express train; the kidnapper, halfway through, finally makes a slithery, unpredictable entrance, sighted first as a reflection in a pool of water and followed along narrow streets, stairs, halls, to a tiny room where he gloats over his newspaper notices; and the clues and revelations, ferreted out only with difficulty and patience, are met by oddly appealing outbursts of trumpets on the soundtrack and, on one special occasion, by a splash of pink on the black-and-white film stock). Toshiro Mifune is fine, strong, restrained, as the shoe man; but he takes second place to Tatsuya Nakadai as the humble, humane policeman in charge of the case. Nakadai’s reactions — his eyes bug out unnaturally, like a strangulation victim, and his chin

drops to his chest, when the kidnapper, under surveillance, incredibly bumps into Mifune in front of a shoe-store window — serve as a sort of mirror or model for audience reactions. His supporting performance is the epitome of unselfish sideline-sitting. 1963.
★★★★★ (KEN, 2/11 THROUGH 13)

The Hours — No disrespect is meant in describing this as a consummate “women’s picture.” But inasmuch as the major-studio women’s picture is practically a thing of the past, it will have to be a high-toned, high-flown one with illustrious literary connections. Two such connections, to be exact, the first to the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Michael Cunningham on which the film is based, and the second to Virginia Woolf, who is a principal character in it, battling madness in her rural sanctuary while composing her day-in-the-life novel, *Mrs. Dalloway*. The two other principal characters in this three-ring circus are latter-generation Mrs. Dalloways, one of them a post-WWII Los Angeles housewife and mother who is in the process of actually reading the book and acting on it (the

danger of fiction!), and the other a present-day New York literary editor who most certainly has read it in the past and has been nicknamed “Mrs. Dalloway” (her forename is Clarissa, but there’s more to it than that) by her AIDS-afflicted former lover. Each of these, in common with the titular Mrs. Dalloway, has an “occasion” to prepare for, a husband’s birthday and an ex-lover’s poetry prize, respectively. And the action in each time zone, following the pattern of the Woolf novel, is concentrated in one day: “A woman’s whole life in a single day,” muses the author herself. Suicide is a prominent theme, a prominent option, in all three zones, as well as in Woolf’s novel: “Someone has to die,” the author again explicates, “that the rest of us should value life more.” Implicit in the structure — the parallel lives in chronological strata — is a ringing testimonial to the universality and immortality of literature in general, and (resistant though some might be to the appointed representative) Virginia Woolf in particular, as well as a testimonial to the sisterhood of women of all ages and eras. And the omniscience of the point of view, the loftiness of the perch, comes with an uncommon complement of other attributes

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Shanghai Knights; How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days; Final Destination 2; Biker Boyz; The Recruit; Confessions of a Dangerous Mind; Just Married; Antwone Fisher; Catch Me If You Can; The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers; Darkness Falls; National Security; Chicago; Kangaroo Jack; The Hours

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)

Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:55) 8:15; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 3:55) 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. (12:00, 2:00, 3:55) 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:00, 2:00, 3:55) 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:45) 8:00; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri. (1:35, 3:45) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; Sat. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 6:00, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45) 6:00, 8:10; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri. (1:10, 3:10) 6:15, 8:10, 10:05; Sat. (11:15, 1:10, 3:10) 6:15, 8:10, 10:05; Sun. (11:15, 1:10, 3:10) 6:15, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:10) 6:15, 8:10; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri. (1:25, 3:25) 6:30, 8:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:25, 3:25) 6:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:25) 6:30, 8:30; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:55) 8:15

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)

The Hidden Fortress (1958) (Not Rated) Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Mon. 5:00, 8:00; **High and Low** (Not Rated) Tue.-Thu. 4:30, 9:10; **Rashomon** (Not Rated) Tue.-Thu. 7:15; **Stray Dog** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 4:50, 9:30; **Throne of Blood** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:15; Sat. 2:35, 7:15

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)

Far from Heaven (PG-13) Fri. (4:10) 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 4:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 9:45; **Frida** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; **Love Liza** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Wed. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 10:05; **The Quiet American** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:50) 7:20; **Talk to Her** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

La Dolce Vita, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 p.m.; **The Bicycle Thief**, Friday, 1:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated)

Fri. 8:00; **Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon. 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:30; **Ultimate X** (PG) Fri. 9:15; Sat. 6:00; Sun. 10:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:10) 7:10, 10:15; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 7:05, 9:55; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:40) 7:00, 10:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:00; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:20, 10:10; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10; **A Guy Thing** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 5:05) 10:25; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20) 7:05; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:15, 4:00, 4:40) 7:15, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 10:05; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:00) 7:50; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:25, 4:15) 7:10, 7:40, 9:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:45, 2:20, 3:50) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (5:00)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)

Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:20; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50) 5:50; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:25; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:25, 10:00; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:25) 8:25; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:05, 2:10, 2:40, 4:45, 5:15) 7:20, 7:50, 10:25; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:05, 5:15) 7:25, 9:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 5:05) 10:25; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40)

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)

About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:10, 9:50; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:40, 7:40; Sun. (1:10) 4:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:30) 8:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:35; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:45) 4:50, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (1:40) 4:10, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:10) 7:35, 9:40; **The Hours** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (1:50) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 2:15) 5:00, 5:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:30; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:20, 5:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:30) 7:30, 8:10, 10:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:05, 7:10, 9:45; Sun. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05,

of the divine: compassion, clemency, absolution. Nowhere are these called so actively into play as when, at the end, two of the parallel lives turn out to be not strictly parallel but converging, and two powerhouse actresses — Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore — sit down for a cross-generational tête-à-tête that has all the electricity and intensity, if none of the animosity, of a heavyweight championship fight. If, when the dust settles, the movie can be said to be, like so many others, “life-affirming,” it is important to add immediately that the affirmation is so tortured, so skeptical, so qualified as to give it, for a change, real meaning and impact. With Nicole Kidman (behind a distracting putty nose in the part of Mrs. Woolf), Ed Harris, John C. Reilly, Stephen Dillane, Miranda Richardson, Toni Collette, Allison Janney, Jeff Daniels, Claire Danes; directed by Stephen Daldry. 2002.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days — The hot-shot ad exec will win the big diamond account if he can first win the private bet



Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Wed. 5:00; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 7:45, 10:00; Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 10:00; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennewy Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Shanghai Knights; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days**; **Deliver Us from Eva**; **Final Destination 2**; **Biker Boyz**; **The Recruit**; **Darkness Falls**; **Kangaroo Jack**; **National Security**; **A Guy Thing**; **Just Married**; **Antwone Fisher**; **Chicago**; **About Schmidt**; **Catch Me If You Can**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers**; **Gangs of New York**; **Maid in Manhattan**

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:35; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30) 7:05; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:35) 10:40; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:10, 4:30) 6:45, 9:45; **Gangs of New York** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35) 7:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:25, 2:40, 3:40, 5:15) 6:55, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 7:20, 10:00; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 6:50, 9:55; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:45) 8:00; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:10, 4:25) 6:40, 9:50; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 4:00, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05, 10:25; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 12:50, 3:05, 4:05) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:25

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 7:15; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 10:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 5:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392)

Shanghai Knights; **Kangaroo Jack**

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)

Biker Boyz (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:25, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:45) 8:05; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:30) 4:30, 6:30,

that he can make any woman fall in love with him in ten days. But his competition for the account knows that the chosen woman is writing a first-person magazine article on how to ruin a relationship in that same amount of time. Fun, no? Well, no. (Despite the maniacal energy brought to it by Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson.) It is both completely nonsensical and, if you have seen enough bad movies, completely predictable. With Adam Goldberg, Michael Michele, Shalom Harlow, and Bebe Neuwirth; directed by Donald Petrie. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/7)

Just Married — Myopic, borderline xenophobic romantic comedy about a couple of blissfully self-obsessed young Americans — Ashton Kutcher, a name that sticks in your teeth if not in your memory, and Brittany Murphy and her upturned nose and her upturned lip — on a European



8:20, 9:20; Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 4:30, 6:30, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:50, 4:50) 6:50, 8:40; **Deliver Us from Eva** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:55) 8:15; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:10) 4:15, 6:10, 8:10, 9:15; Sun. (12:05, 2:10) 4:15, 6:10, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 2:50, 4:45) 6:45, 8:40; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:50) 8:10; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:05) 4:10, 6:15, 8:20, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:05) 4:10, 6:15, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:45, 4:50) 6:50, 8:45; **National Security** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:35) 4:35, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; Sun. (12:35, 2:35) 4:35, 6:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 2:45, 4:45) 6:45, 8:40; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:15, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:50) 8:10; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 8:05

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Chicago (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri. 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. 11:15, 1:30, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri. 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 4:15, 7:15; **Kangaroo Jack** (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **The Recruit** (PG-13) Fri. 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. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
About Schmidt (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:15) 7:05, 9:35; **Biker Boyz** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:20; Sat. (2:10) 4:55, 10:20; Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 9:55; **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:20) 8:15; **Chicago** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **Darkness Falls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:25) 5:25, 7:25, 9:20; Sun. (1:25, 3:25) 5:25, 7:25, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:25, 5:25) 7:25, 9:15; **Final Destination 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:40, 3:45) 5:50, 7:45, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:45, 5:50) 7:45, 9:40; **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45; **Just Married** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:30; Sun. (1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:20, 9:20; **Kan-**

“honeymoon from hell.” Directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Kangaroo Jack — Marsupial comedy with Jerry O’Connell, Anthony Anderson, and Estella Warren, directed by David McNally. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers — Another three hours on the journey of a thousand miles, with pretty much the entire third hour given over to a single indecisive battle. (And now: “The battle for Middle-earth is scrounged to begin.”) The viewer who did not scrounge up the video of Part One for a refresher, or who has



garoo Jack (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 2:50) 5:00, 7:10, 9:15; Sun. (12:40, 2:50) 5:00, 7:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:10, 5:10) 7:10, 9:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55) 4:30, 8:15; Sun. (12:55) 4:30, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:30) 8:05 **Old School** (R) Sneak Preview Sat. 7:50; **The Recruit** (PG-13) (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:55, 10:05; **Shanghai Knights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:10

POWAY

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not committed the Tolkien books to memory, might have some difficulty getting his bearings. More simply, the storytelling is terrible. (Yeah, sure, the technology is terrific.) Every now and then someone, usually Viggo Mortensen or Orlando Bloom, will give a decent impression of being a legendary hero in a timeless landscape, but the point and purpose remain vague generalities. And the subhead of Part Two notwithstanding, it will be futile to search for 9/11 prophecy beyond (once again) the vaguest generality: “So much death! What can men do against such reckless hate?” With Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Bernard Hill; written and directed by Peter Jackson. 2002.

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Calendar MOVIES

My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Self-anointed “Frump Girl” meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he’s not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage (“My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder”), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the “personal” angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; VOGUE)

National Security — Bickersome mixed-race buddy action-comedy, whose action is little distinguishable from the action in many noncomedies. Steve Zahn, with bristly hair and mustache of equal length, and the general demeanor of a man trying to bench-press 300 lbs., manages to stay in character, or near it, while Martin Lawrence stays nearer the mike on a concert stage. Cars and vans crash through glass doors, fences, barrels of water, port-a-potties — six, seven, eight times, always in slow-motion. Bullets ping, chip, splash, shatter, splinter — six, seven, eight *hundred* times. Pay for this line of work must be significantly higher than for the assembly of Big Macs, but job satisfaction must not. Directed by Dennis Dugan. 2003.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9)

The Pianist — The true survival tale of Wladyslaw Szpilman is the most basic, most elemental, most elementary Holocaust film since *Schindler’s List*, right down to a recitation of the “If you prick us” speech from *The Merchant of Venice*. Episodic, anecdotal, rich in detail as well as in brutality, absurdity, degradation, and horror, it covers the arrival of Nazism in Poland, the establishment of the Warsaw ghetto, the embarkation of the trains to the camps, the uprising and its quelling, and the eventual collapse into chaos, all from the point of view of the Jewish protagonist (Adrien Brody), who, after the roundup of his family and his retreat into hiding, enjoys a ringside seat on some of these events from an upper-story “safe house,” before he is rooted out in a frighteningly staged assault on the apartment building. It has been well

chronicled how the Polish-born director, Roman Polanski, was himself cut off from his family under similar circumstances in his boyhood; and the commitment he brings to the subject is plain to see. One respectfully wants to suggest, however, that it is only through our cultural puritanism that this will be seen as a finer job of filmmaking than *The Ninth Gate* (to name the director’s most recent), and that his inerascable early experiences have no doubt informed all of Polanski’s best work, albeit less literally. Or in other words, more artfully. With Thomas Kretschmann, Emilia Fox, Frank Finlay. 2002.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Quai des Orfèvres — Postwar *film noir* from the country that gave us the term. (Originally released in the U.S. as *Jenny Lamour*.) The final plot twist reveals nothing so much as the essential trashiness of the project, yet the atmosphere of damp nocturnal streets and seedy backstage show business and European sexual frankness is strong enough to be practically *smelled*, and the workings of the jaws of fate do indeed draw you deep into *noir* before spitting you out into the trash bin. Indelible characterization by Louis Jouvet of the unprepossessing, plodding, scrupulous, slightly crippled policeman, who enters the film late and completely takes it over: a sort of Gallic Walter Huston, with a big solid bony dignified head encasing a crafty intellect. Suzy Delair, Bernard Blier, Simone Renant; directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot. 1947.

★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/6)

The Quiet American — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Caine, Brendan Fraser, and Do Thi Hai Yen; directed by Phillip Noyce.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/7)

Rabbit-Proof Fence — Factual folk tale of three little half-caste girls who in the early 1930s, by authority of the Aborigines Act, were taken from their home and transported 1200 miles away to an “assimilation” camp, whence they promptly escaped and set out homeward on foot, using the titular structure — “the longest fence in the world” — as their road map. The assimilation policy, scandalously on the books into the 1970s, is no doubt deplorable, and as a dramatic subject, in consequence, it inspires easy indignation and self-satisfaction, as well as such dog-eared images as the mother running tearfully alongside, and then collapsing in the dust, of the vehicle spiriting away her children. And Kenneth Branagh, as the prissy pen-pusher in charge

of enforcing the policy, all too plainly relishes his blandly villainous lines: “In spite of himself, the native must be helped.” (Director Phillip Noyce’s subsequently shot but almost simultaneously released *The Quiet American*, from the Graham Greene novel, ventures into grayer morality.) The trek itself makes an acceptable if unexciting adventure story, with the girls going through a variety of terrains and helpers. And the appended documentary footage of two of the real girls as old women administers a guaranteed heart-tug. With Everlyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Laura Monaghan, and Davil Gulpill. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Rashomon — A pregnant parable on truth and the eye of the beholder. The construction is neat, tight, and schematic (four conflicting points of view on a mysterious forest killing), whereas Kurosawa’s treatment is full-blown (torrential rains, hysterical performances) and long-drawn-out. Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyo, Takashi Shimura. 1952.

★★★ (KEN, 2/11 THROUGH 13)

The Recruit — Reviewed this issue. With Colin Farrell, Al Pacino, and Bridget Moynahan; directed by Roger Donaldson.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Shanghai Knights — Sequel to *Shanghai Noon*, reteaming Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson, directed by David Dobkin.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/7)

Sling Blade — Billy Bob Thornton’s Karl — a borderline moron released from a mental institution twenty-five years after murdering his mother and her lover — is a striking portrait, difficult to recognize as the same man who, for instance, was once the bullying cardsharp faced down by an unarmed Wyatt Earp in *Tombstone*: “Are you gonna do something, or are you just gonna stand there and bleed?” That man. The makeover is top to bottom. To begin with, there’s the neo-Medieval bowl haircut and the unchanging costume of gray shirt buttoned up to the neck and blue pants stopping a couple of inches short of the ankle. Then there’s the pugnaciously outthrust chin and the lips drawn taut into a chimplike grin. And then there’s the Southern drawl lowered an octave or two so

as to sound something like Froggy of the “Our Gang” comedies after his pubertal voice-change, something like a dubbed Italian muscleman grunting with the effort to topple a pillar or roll a boulder, something like the grinding gears of an eighteen-wheel semi on a steep downgrade. This frightful growl is punctuated at intervals with a throat-clearing “mmm-hmm” or, less affirmatively, more ruminatively, a mere “mmm.” All of which is quite fascinatingly and entertainingly original, but at the same time is too much of a stunt to be taken entirely seriously. The humor and pathos around this character (e.g., his habit of standing outside a door without either entering or knocking, just waiting to be found there) are really pretty easy to come by; and Thornton, who also wrote and directed, comes by them in bucketfuls. The central situation — the befriending of Karl by a young boy whose single mother is victimized by an abusive lover — is dripping with sentimentality. The writing often sounds a lot like overwriting — stilted and literary. The directing, even more often, looks a lot like underdirecting — a dimly illuminated image and a disinterested camera disposed toward time-saving and money-saving long takes. Still, a sufficiently likable little movie, notwithstanding the two-and-a-quarter-hour duration that taxes the boundaries of littleness. With Lucas Black, Natalie Canerday, John Ritter, Dwight Yoakam. 1997.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/7 THROUGH 13)

Stop Making Sense — A concert movie and nothing more, and as narrowly focussed a one as ever was: little of the live audience, nothing of the backstage, only the on-stage. In fairness, the movie (directed by Jonathan Demme) is probably better to look at than most concert movies, and the concert (staged by David Byrne) is probably better to look at than most mere concerts. But in the long run, neither the staging of the concert nor the filming of it, nor both those efforts put together, is inventive enough or distracting enough to take center-stage from the music. And it can easily seem a very long run indeed, with too much of the music stuck in the general area of dental-drill-punctuated-by-indecipherable-cries-from-the-patient. To say that enjoyment of the Talking Heads’ music will be a help to enjoyment of their movie would be to understate comically. To say a strict prerequisite would perhaps get nearer the case. 1984.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 2/7 AND 8, MIDNIGHT)

Stray Dog — Kurosawa’s postwar *policier* unites elements of Italian neo-realism and the American semi-documentary vogue of the time, making it a valuable historical record (the delightful baseball footage goes on longer than strictly necessary to set the scene) as well as a compelling thriller. The young Toshiro Mifune plays a rookie cop who, to his shame and guilt, loses his gun to a felon, and must track it down in a drenching heatwave with the help of his wise old partner, Takashi Shimura. 1949.

★★★★ (KEN, 2/7 AND 8)

Talk to Her — Almodóvar in awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cunningham’s novel, *The Hours*, can be spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have *killed* to be the filmmaker who brought it to the screen.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, and a comatose dancer who embodies the Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director’s non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, *Femmes Fatales*.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone. Javier Cámara, Darío Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, Geraldine Chaplin. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Throne of Blood — Kurosawa’s harsh, strenuous, intensely physical rendition of a Shakespeare classic. The tragedy of Macbeth is located amidst cats-and-dogs forest rainfall, impenetrable fog banks, and wind storms sweeping across dusty hills; and it is given an unforgettable, hair-raising finale in which Toshiro Mifune’s carefully padded body absorbs a hailstorm of arrows shot from just off-screen by expert archers. 1962.

★★★★ (KEN, 2/7 AND 8)

Trouble in Paradise — Two congenial jewel thieves of opposite sexes and a mouth-watering millionairess (mouth-watering not just for her millions) form a romantic and larcenous triangle in what’s supposed to be Depression-era Europe. But the breathlessly sustained levels of artifice, insouciance, and cold-blooded wit carry it into a world all its own. Or all Lubitsch’s own. They also carry it into an unassailable place in the canon of High Camp. Written by Samson Raphaelson; with Herbert Marshall, Miriam Hopkins, Kay Francis, Edward Everett Horton, and Charles Ruggles. 1932.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/13, 7 P.M.)

25th Hour — Pretentious, heart-on-sleeve New York movie pointedly set post-9/11: the blue beacons of light that stand where the Twin Towers once stood; the clean-up operations in the pit below the windows of one of the main characters; the Osama bin Laden wanted posters; the firefighter shrine at an Irish pub; the “In Memoriam” list of the fallen from one FDNY unit in the closing credits; the lugubrious score by jazz trumpeter Terence Blanchard (every individual musician, from the entire cello section to the Uilleann piper, credited by name); and the Bruce Springsteen ballad for exit music. Little of this has anything directly to do with the last night on the town of a busted drug dealer (Edward Norton) who must report to prison at first light. Though it contains some of Spike Lee’s most assured direction, the movie also features some terrible embarrassments, some fatuous dialogue, some improvisational aggravations, and a non-sequitur rap number by the protagonist’s mirror image (yes, his reflection in a mirror): “Fuck this whole city and everyone in it!” The total package does not, to say the least, hang together. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper, Rosario Dawson, Anna Paquin, Brian Cox, and footballer Tony Siragusa as a Ukrainian mobster. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Two Weeks Notice — Two cuties, Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant, battling to a draw (i.e., happily ever after), in the roles of an “environmental warrior” and a “philandering robber baron,” more prosaically a community-activist attorney and a Trump-like urban developer. The glowing photography by Laszlo Kovacs has greater gravity: way beyond cute, really quite gorgeous. With Alicia Witt, Dana Ivey, Robert Klein; written and directed by Marc Lawrence. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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CHILD CARE WORKER needed for overnight position for residential treatment center in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Fax resume attention Matt at 619-656-1429 or call Crystal at 619-397-6956.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for adolescent residential treatment center located in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT Counselors to work in a therapeutic setting with SED Children. \$9/hour. Merit raises, benefits. 619-421-6900. Fax New Alternatives, Inc., attention: Terry, 619-421-7742.

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CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, Lakeside. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0164. Apply, weekdays, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

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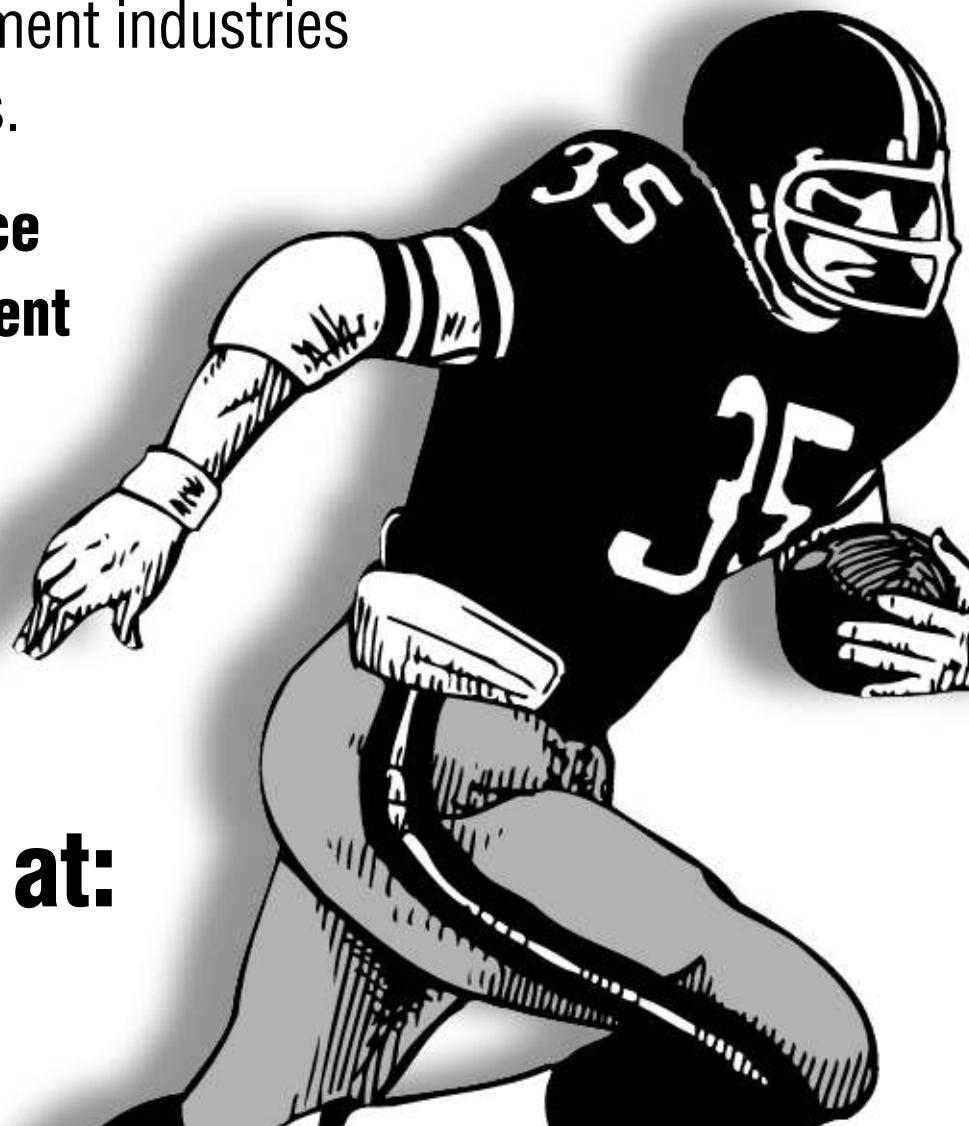
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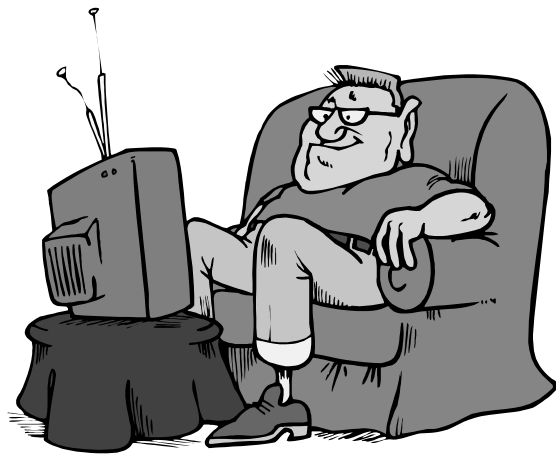
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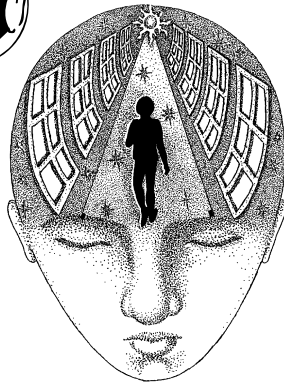
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- Rough problem to face?
- Voting booth hanger-on?
- Advice
- Rulers in un palais
- One who sits cross-legged, maybe
- Where birds fly in the fall
- _____ Romeo
- Wheedle
- "Blues Suite" choreographer
- "Rachel and Ross know Phoebe on both NBC and TBS!"
- "_____ dreaming?"
- Reduce
- Reduces the fare?
- Long-horned animals of northern Africa
- "The Spy Who Came In From the Cold" author
- Apple throwaway
- Necklace item
- Antonym's antonym: Abbr.
- "I just saw a great science program on PBS!"
- Opposite of "Yum!"
- Unnatural, in a way
- "A Christmas Carol" cries
- They help prevent respiratory infections
- Brand of light beer
- Blue hue
- Archer's ability
- _____ Bo (trendy exercise system)
- "Looks like it's Alyssa Milano on the WB tonight!"
- Welcome one's guests, maybe
- Tennessee's state flower
- When Macbeth meets his fate
- Kind of toast
- Gin flavor
- _____ -Ball
- Hill top
- New York tickertape honorees, 1962, '69 and '86
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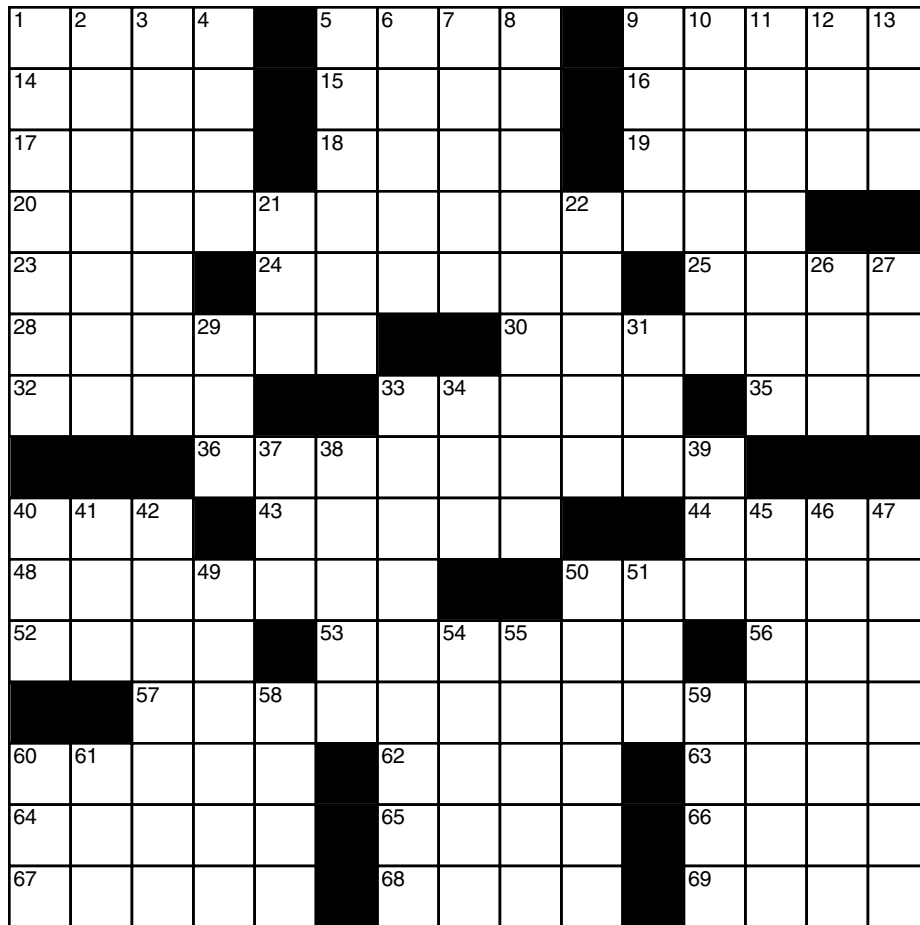
Down

- Language in the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Peter Falk won three Emmys playing him
- More swell, so to speak
- He sold his birthright to Jacob
- Bikes
- _____ it (goes by foot)
- Seaweed substances
- New Orleans jazz

- "This _____ outrage!"
- "Haven't a clue"
- Celestial objects
- Beehive State native
- Your, of yore
- It may have a big head
- First month in Madrid
- Audition, with "out"
- One of 100 in D.C.
- Marks a box
- XXXI times V
- It doesn't offer a good outlook
- Bard's "before"
- Classic A.P. rival
- Kind of opposite
- Tummy muscles
- "Make _____ double"
- Serving with vin
- _____ under (give in)
- Boston Massacre victim
- Crispus
- Give hope to
- Record protectors
- Mumbai masters
- Liqueur flavorers
- Vegas' _____ Grand
- Haggard of country music
- Pinhead
- Pre-med course: Abbr.
- Impertinent talk
- Channel for Charlie Chaplin fans
- Sunday address: Abbr.

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- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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Of the 65 entrants, 62 were correct. The winners are:

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- Annalou Tirol, *San Diego*
- McQuay, *San Diego*
- Fred Pagtakhan, *San Diego*
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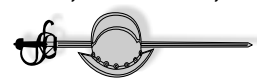
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ACTIVE, BALANCED, sensitive, Miata driving woman, seeks honest, tall, athletic man that's secure, outgoing and not afraid of commitment. Let's laugh, communicate, experience life together! (2/19) ☎50416

ANYONE WITH GOOD MIDWEST values? Smart, beautiful, fun, 35, duke basketball fan, looking for intelligent down-to-earth, very attractive, 30-40 single guy. Anyone? (2/19) ☎50405

CHARMING DECORATOR, 40, smart, petite, health conscious, blue eyes. Seeking active, executive boyfriend. Let's bike, sightsee, opera, hold hands, make plans. (2/19) ☎50414

SEXY BLACK FEMALE, 33 years, looking for much older man, over 65 for fun. Must be giving. (2/19) ☎50421

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ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE, white female, 52, seeks black gentleman, 52-58, for long relationship. Enjoys music, movies, outings, home. Seeking honest, caring, monogamous relationship. We can share. (2/12) ☎50387

CARLSBAD, ADVENTUROUS, attractive brunette, 41, 5'6", professional, enjoys biking, walks, running, blading, snow skiing, movies, fine dining, social drinking, nonsmoker, seeking someone with same interests. (2/12) ☎50366

I'M TALL, SLENDER, 38, active, attractive, successful, employed, homeowner. And you're my Mr. Right if you're the same or better. Love Western swing and dancing! (2/12) ☎50348

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SLEEPLESS IN SAN DIEGO, Seeking soul mate. Me: very young, mid 50s, attractive, physically fit, active, European born/educated, multilingual. You: successful, degreed professional, 54-68. (2/19) ☎50431

SASSY BUT CLASSY! Attractive hispanic, educated, affectionate female. Looking for fit, professional, Caucasian/Hispanic male, 31-38, good sense of humor and likes to travel. (2/12) ☎50364

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, educated, athletic, intelligent, petite, European with a lot of business ideas. Seeking successful, monogamous, rich, well dressed, funny gentleman for good relationship. 45-55. (2/19) ☎50426

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, sexy, smart, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, friendship, sportive, spiritual/nonreligious, no previous kids, 35-48, 5'9"+. No republicans. (2/12) ☎50390

MR. RIGHT: MALE, 31-36, has integrity, is an open, honest, down-to-earth, romantic, communicator, sense of humor, ready for new relationship. Nonsmoker, light/nondrinker. (2/12) ☎50368

VOLUPTUOUS, ATTRACTIVE redhead, 35, seeks single, 30s-40s male professional to share great blues and good wine. Must enjoy dancing (or be willing to try!)(2/12) ☎50380

AFRICAN AMERICAN professional, 40s, 5'10"+, athletic, educated, sincere, sought by petite, fit Caucasian female, young 50s, for fun, friendship, romance. Healthy lifestyle/fitness important. (2/19) ☎50430

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SEEKING NICE MAN FOR beautiful black lady. No children, no bad habits, kind, handsome, 38, older to share some special times with. Seeking a friend. (2/12) ☎50357

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, slender, educated, successful lady seeks similar.

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LOVE, NOT WAR! Peacenik, 48, 5'9", natural, free spirited, son 14, seeks under 50ish, comely, easygoing, balanced, intellectual Leftist, marching, Dog Beach, treks, blues, poetry. (2/19) ☎50415

CUTE, FUN, TALL BLONDE, 45, fit, nonsmoker, enjoys workouts, reading, conversation, movies, music. Looking for nonsmoker, fit, smart, funny, honest, for exclusive relationship. (2/19) ☎50429

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK FEMALE seeks male for shared moments in time. Prefer interracial relationship with tall, nonsmoker, must be honest, flexible and have multiple interests. (2/12) ☎50349

CHINA DOLL, tall, slender, widow, 45, down to earth, healthcare professional, like movies, dancing, travel. You: patient, humorous, and 45-60. Call, help me with English. (2/12) ☎50391

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, intelligent and shapely. Enjoys dancing and live music. Seeks a handsome and successful white male, who enjoys dancing the night away. (2/12) ☎50365

LOVING, KIND, SWEET, christian, passionate, affectionate, movie, travel, easygoing, outgoing, beach camping, 21-32, nonsmoker, music, honestly. Seeking long term relationship, cuddling, romance, casual dating, attractive. (2/19) ☎50412

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POLISH LITHUANIAN, girl-next door, 50, seeks gentleman companion. Am fit, healthy, upbeat, attractive, kind. Am Jewish. Income/age unimportant. I love pie, ice cream. (2/19) ☎50402

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OLDER WOMAN SEEKING younger man for a relationship. I am 40, considered very attractive, fit, blonde/blue. Please be handsome, fit, romantic. No games. (2/12) ☎50389

53 YEAR-OLD LADY, hoping to meet a gentleman with a sense of humor. Must be open-minded, family oriented and financially stable. South Bay. (2/12) ☎50360

PRETTY, BLONDE, greenish blue eyes. I'm 44 years old and I enjoy sports, the beach, the gym. Seeking nonsmoker, easygoing man between ages of 42-50. (2/12) ☎50347

ME: SWEET, ATTRACTIVE, smart, 30ish, fun, loving, working single mom. Loves sand dunes, waterskiing. You: honest, fun, nonsmoking sweetie, fit, financially secure man. Friends first. (2/12) ☎50354

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PRETTY WOMAN, blonde, green eyes, curvaceous, educated in Europe, professional, intelligent, fun, sexy. Seeking tall, successful, wealthy, honest gentleman for longer time relationship, 48-58. (2/12) ☎50393

ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, petite, 51. Beatie Maniac. Love dancing, movies, dining out, animals. Need man with integrity. Prefer 50ish, christian, nonsmoker, strong, healthy, financially secure. (2/12) ☎50344

SEXY, FULL FIGURED goddess, 41, blonde, 5'10", attractive, fun, enthusiastic, goal oriented, sense of humor, enjoy diverse activities. Looking for someone to enjoy life with. (2/12) ☎50369

CREATE A GREAT LIFE with feminine, sweet, sexy, smart, fit, fun, entrepreneur, artist, homeowner, 47, blonde, blue, 5'4", 120lbs., childless, nonsmoker, seeking great man, 44-55. (2/19) ☎50400

GEM! YOU: KIND, sensitive, caring, a kind heart? Me: 49, blonde, blue, registered nurse, master's, I've got my stuff together. Looking for life-long partner. (2/12) ☎20372

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, mom, 5'7", 145lbs., blonde/brown, fit, easygoing, caring. Seeking honest, affectionate, fit, handsome, communicative, easygoing. Good sense of humor, nonsmoker, no drugs/games. (2/12) ☎50353

AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE, living in Rancho Bernardo. If you like dancing, long walks, dining out, movies, travel, sit-

ting by a fire, sharing conversation. Contact me. (2/19) ☎69248

BE MY VALENTINE, 2/14/03. Very attractive, black female seeks race unimportant, 50 years and over. Interested, please call me. Sincere, honest apply. (2/12) ☎50345

ACTIVE, ATHLETIC, SWEET and sensitive, yet slender, sleek and sensual. Brunette seeks handsome, fit, financially secure man, over 5'10", for laughing, loving and committed relationship. (2/12) ☎50356

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially stable, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (2/19) ☎50425

SPIRITUAL, BEAUTIFUL, new thought, 33, thin, outgoing, loving blonde, never want kids, desires relationship with nonsmoker, into personal growth, 37 maximum, prosperous, great Latino looks. (2/12) ☎50382

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING blonde, blue eyes, 5'8", good figure, 41. Single, white female seeks single, white man, early 50s, 5'10"-6'4". Dates, possible long term relationship. (2/12) ☎50358

YOU ARE INTELLIGENT with personal style, who likes music, hiking, learning. Black woman, 41, seeking fun and possible, relationship with healthy, youngish nonsmoker. Race unimportant. (2/19) ☎50396

ATTENTION: Gentleman, 60-80. Classy, youthful, semiretired lady, 5'1", strawberry blonde, happy with life, physically/emotionally healthy. Seeking companionship for cultural activities, dining, walks, quiet times. (2/12) ☎50388

LOVE COMES IN MANY colors/packages. 50-year-old African/American woman. Pretty, active, well built. You: Any race or age. No married/attached men. (2/19) ☎50409

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 32, 5'5", athletic build, intelligent, independent, sexy, financially secure, part-time mother, seeks attractive, intelligent, confident, active gentleman, 30-45, to enjoy San Diego. (2/19) ☎50408

SENSATIONAL, SEXY, MORE. Energetic, spirited, romantic, compassionate, successful woman, seeking sensitive, loyal man; to share commitment, excitement, romance. Let's embrace the journey and experience life! (2/19) ☎50422

INTELLIGENT, HONEST, sensual, 54, 5'2", curvy, long blonde/blue, seeks sincere, confident, degreed, strong, successful, over 5'8", special man for our best relationship ever! (2/19) ☎50419

FRIENDLY, ENERGETIC, romantic. I am a 38 year-old, black woman. I'm 5'4", 135lbs. I am looking for someone who is funny, romantic and passionate! (2/19) ☎50427

LOVER OF LIFE, with simple pleasures, 70, lady to make your dreams come true. Is it a time for us? Take a chance, I'm adventurous. (2/19) ☎50398

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TALL, SPUNKY, unpretentious, independent, who likes music, hiking, learning, cycling, healthy lifestyle. Seeking tall, fit, upbeat, 55+ gentleman to share love, laughter and adventure. (2/12) ☎50375

CURVACEOUS, ATTRACTIVE blonde, great legs, 125lbs., 5'3", selective, exciting, traditional. Seeking lifetime playmate, 55+, 165lbs., nonsmoker, emotionally/financially secure, sincere, active, healthy, humorous, theater, travels. (2/19) ☎50406

CHRISTIAN, fun, loving, cute, redhead, 5'3", 120lbs. Looking for good humored man, between 55-65. Would have in common: personal relationship with the lord, love music, health, sports, traveling. (2/19) ☎50424

SINGLE, WHITE WOMAN, healthy, looking for an attractive, white man. I'm interested in movies, keeping fit. I like the outdoors/entertainment. I'm looking for honesty! (2/12) ☎50392

ENGINEER, Ph.D., KIND hearted, healthy, young and good-looking 45. Looking for man (43-50) with similar quality to be friend and possible long-term relationship. (2/12) ☎50371

WOMAN OF COLOR, need white male to spice up your life. If something is missing, you need me. Financially secure, age 49-65. Let's do it! (2/19) ☎50411

ATTRACTIVE, ALMOST 56, outgoing, registered nurse, widow, employed. Seeking available, employed man, 56-66, nonsmoking, no kids. We like the arts, movies, music, good restaurants. Relationship. (2/12) ☎50362

US: SEXY COUPLE. Attractive, 40s, tall, professional, fit, humor, loyal, music, movies, travel, romantic, positive, assertive, fun, healthy, theatre, dining, quality, affectionate, communicative, laugh, conservative. (2/12) ☎50351

WHITE, 47, FULL FIGURED hippie chick in Escondido looking for good-looking man to date and have fun with over wine and dinner. Possibly more. (2/12) ☎50367

LONELY? ME TOO. This really cute, 5'6", 130lbs., African American seeks Hispanic/white cutie, 5'8"+, under 40ish, confident, fit, social, happy, affectionate, wanting companionship, love. (2/12) ☎50386

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

GENTLEMAN WIDOWER, very active, healthy, positive, upbeat attitude, nonsmoker, 84, seeks retired, unencumbered lady counterpart, free to travel, for friendship/companionship, romantic, long-term relationship. (2/19) ☎69227

I AM MAN, 48 YEARS. Honest, I am lovely man, sweet. No drugs, smoking, drinking. Like dancing, work at beach. Moved here 2 weeks ago. (2/12) ☎69198

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huggy bear, cute, intelligent, warm heart. You: 31-45, 5'6"+, ready. (2/12) ☎69205

YOU: ASIAN, 20-31, who is nice, honest, loving and a free spirit. Me: 31, preschool teacher who likes football, soccer, beach, family and working out. (2/12) ☎69148

MALE, 36, CAUCASIAN, 5'11", athletic, passionate, caring, honest, nonsmoker, light drinker, romantic, sincerely looking for someone for long-term relationship with trust, love, honesty, respect. (2/12) ☎69169

PLUMPER WOMAN DESIRED, 40ish-60ish, prefer unencumbered Caucasian, Latina or native American for romantic friendship. I'm 46, Caucasian, 5'11", neat appearance. Being articulate, cerebral counts. (2/12) ☎69180

NORTH COUNTY. AVERAGE white male, 51, nonsmoking/drugs. Into Unitarian Universal Church and 12 step. Looking forward to the New Year and meeting you. (2/12) ☎69179

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (2/12) ☎69155

LOOKING FOR LOVE. Single male, 45, 6'4", is seeking female, 30-49. Must be sophisticated, outgoing, romantic, sexy, beaches. Read this ad and call. Let's meet. (2/12) ☎69163

SEEKING FRIENDS FIRST relationship, must be fun and outgoing and not flakey. Enjoys beach and other fun activities, kids OK. (2/19) ☎69242

ROMANTIC, ITALIAN professional, 40s, handsome, intelligent, youthful look, fun, fit, varied interests. Seeking 35-45, attractive, trim, intelligent, affectionate woman looking for legendary romance. Race open. (2/19) ☎69267

HANDSOME: 41, 5'7", Caucasian, healthy, honest, sensitive, romantic, sincere, athletic, adventurous. Home and business owner. seeking a soul mate for long-term relationship, 28-37. Encinitas. (2/12) ☎69151

OVER HERE! White male, 39, 5'10", fit, MBA, friendly, athletic. Seeking fun, easy-going woman, 27-37, for relationship.

Must be willing to laugh at my jokes. (2/19) ☎69264

YOUR WISHES, MY DESIRE. Strikingly handsome, 6'1", 47, 185lbs., emotionally/financially secure, trainable. Seeking tall, assertive, mature, sublime woman to love, honor, respect and obey. (2/19) ☎69217

WITH AN EYE TO CHILDREN: Caucasian professional, homeowner with pool. Full, natural, blond hair, green eyes, good mind, trim, handsome, athletic. Want to have children. (2/12) ☎69202

FUN LOVING, COOL, WITTY and a plain old jerk at times, always an adventure as well as a laughathon. Interested? (2/19) ☎69231

MONKEY BOY SEEKS monkey girl for monkey business. Me curious George, you curious georgette? Let's get junglicious and hit the bush. 40-ish, fit, funny. (2/19) ☎69256

SEEKING 30-SOMETHING, attractive female, more on the quiet side, a librarian? I work with University students, enjoy Landmark films, swimming, reading. Let's talk. (2/12) ☎69183

ATTRACTIVE, RELIGIOUS, science woman wanted that's a church musician like me. Organist, choir director, comes from a good family, no drugs, no children, sincere, kind. (2/19) ☎69214

LET'S FIND EACH OTHER. Honest, warm, fun, dark haired, 40, with toddler, seeks beautiful, smart, secure, thin, available companion. Travel, sports, laughter, nonsmoker, under 35. (2/12) ☎69144

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LET'S MEET FOR DRINKS. Single, white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., blond hair, hazel eyes. Must like barbecues, frisbee, dogs, rock and roll. (2/12) ☎69168

GOOD LOOKING, SMART, stable, suc-cessful, unencumbered, nice guy, ap-proximately 6', 180lbs., 45, seeks slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term re-lationship. (2/12) ☎69157

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GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, honest, home-owner, handyman, 59, nonsmoker, not gorgeous but OK. Willing to get to know me; to share life's simple pleas-ures. (2/12) ☎69145

SEXY, MATURE, OLDER WOMAN sought by tall, attractive, white male, 51. I'm lov-ing, caring, financially/emotionally se-cure, easygoing, unencumbered, very af-fectionate, warm and romantic. (2/19) ☎69254

LONELY MEDICAL DOCTOR, 44, 6'1", 200lbs., with small child, seeks upbeat, professional woman, 29-39, for happy

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CHRISTIAN, RECOVERING alcoholic, 44, gentle, kindhearted, affectionate, open, trustworthy, reflective not shallow. Like reading, personal growth, scripture, healthy cooking, nature. Seeking Christ-ian woman, similar interests. (2/19) ☎69224

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BIG FOOT, BIG HEART, big smile, big feet (size 15), broad shoulders, spiritual, pro-fessional, straight edge, thoughtful, veg-gie, outdoorsy, dependable. Where are you? (2/12) ☎69165

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WE'RE BOTH HONEST, ambitious, sweet, active, bright, responsible, sincere, fun, practical, patient, understanding, unen-cumbered, traditional, slenderish, Cau-casian. Tall, 41 seeking 29-34 for friend-ship, commitment, family. (2/19) ☎69218

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ATTRACTIVE, BIG HEARTED animal lover, 34, seeks kind, natural. I'm happy, intelli-gent, playful, progressive, spiritual, pro-fessional, straight edge, thoughtful, veg-gie, outdoorsy, dependable. Where are you? (2/12) ☎69165

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HISPANIC TEDDY BEAR, 31, seeks hon-est, caring, affectionate, nonsmoking, white/Hispanic female, 18-36. Loves movies, dancing, being silly, exercise and loves to laugh and more. (2/19) ☎69259

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INTELLIGENT, OUTGOING, athletic, black gentleman. Seeking friendship of 1 spe-cial lady for long term happiness. Let's meet and share smiles and pleasant con-versation. E-mail me. (2/19) ☎69241

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OUTSTANDING MALE, 37, handsome, sincere, affectionate, loving, funny, mus-cular/fit, professional, 5'10", 175lbs., blonde/blue, seeks attractive younger, healthy, fit, open-minded female for re-lationship. (2/19) ☎69233

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BOYSHLY CUTE CUDDLER, handsome, sweet, attentive, romantic, sensitive, 45, wants to please you, desires voluptuous, nurturing, sensual woman for monoga-mous, long term relationship. Age open. (2/12) ☎69207

LATINO MAN, WHITE, 5'7", 48, 170lbs., educated, honest, learning English, non-smoker, hard worker, romantic, good character/personality. Seeking woman for long-term relationship. Attractive, honest. (2/19) ☎69220

HANDSOME, 51 YEARS OLD, white male, nonsmoker, financially/emotionally se-cure, 6'2", physically fit. You: slim, 5'5"-5'9", nonsmoker, 31-51, San Diego area, physically fit, emotionally secure, travel, skiing, dating, companionship, relation-ship. (2/12) ☎69209

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, suc-cessful executive, 50s, centered, spiri-tual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit, profes-sional lady, 35-55. (2/19) ☎69240

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ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 48, 6', 180lbs., athletic, professional, biking, hiking, tennis, dancing, foreign films, arts, comedy clubs, jazz. Seeking African female, 32-52, attractive, athletic, cool, relationship. (2/12) ☎69167

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HARDWORKING, EAST COAST, Jewish guy. Seeking Jewish woman with family values. Loves to travel, enjoys spontaneous adventure, getaways. I'm looking for a lover, a friend. (2/12) ☎69200

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerable, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (2/19) ☎69238

BE MY VALENTINE, 5'10", 180lbs., very young 42, athletic, attractive, successful, adventurous, romantic, honest, intelligent, silly, goofy, loves beach, outdoors, travelling. You: fit, attractive, happy. (2/19) ☎69265

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ATTRACTIVE, CHARMING, cat lover from midwest, 42, seeks adventurous, creative and confident woman with open heart and mind, to share love of travel and music. (2/19) ☎69235

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PEOPLE TELL ME I'M good man. 50s, nonsmoker, attractive, bright, solvent, honest, caring, southern professional. Seeking 40s, single white, curvaceous, slender, humorous, affectionate, positive, healthy. (2/12) ☎69156

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MEDICAL DOCTOR, 39, FIT, affectionate, humorous, likes ballroom dancing, painting, playing piano. Looking for petite, cute, sweet woman, 25-35, for long-term relationship. (2/12) ☎69191

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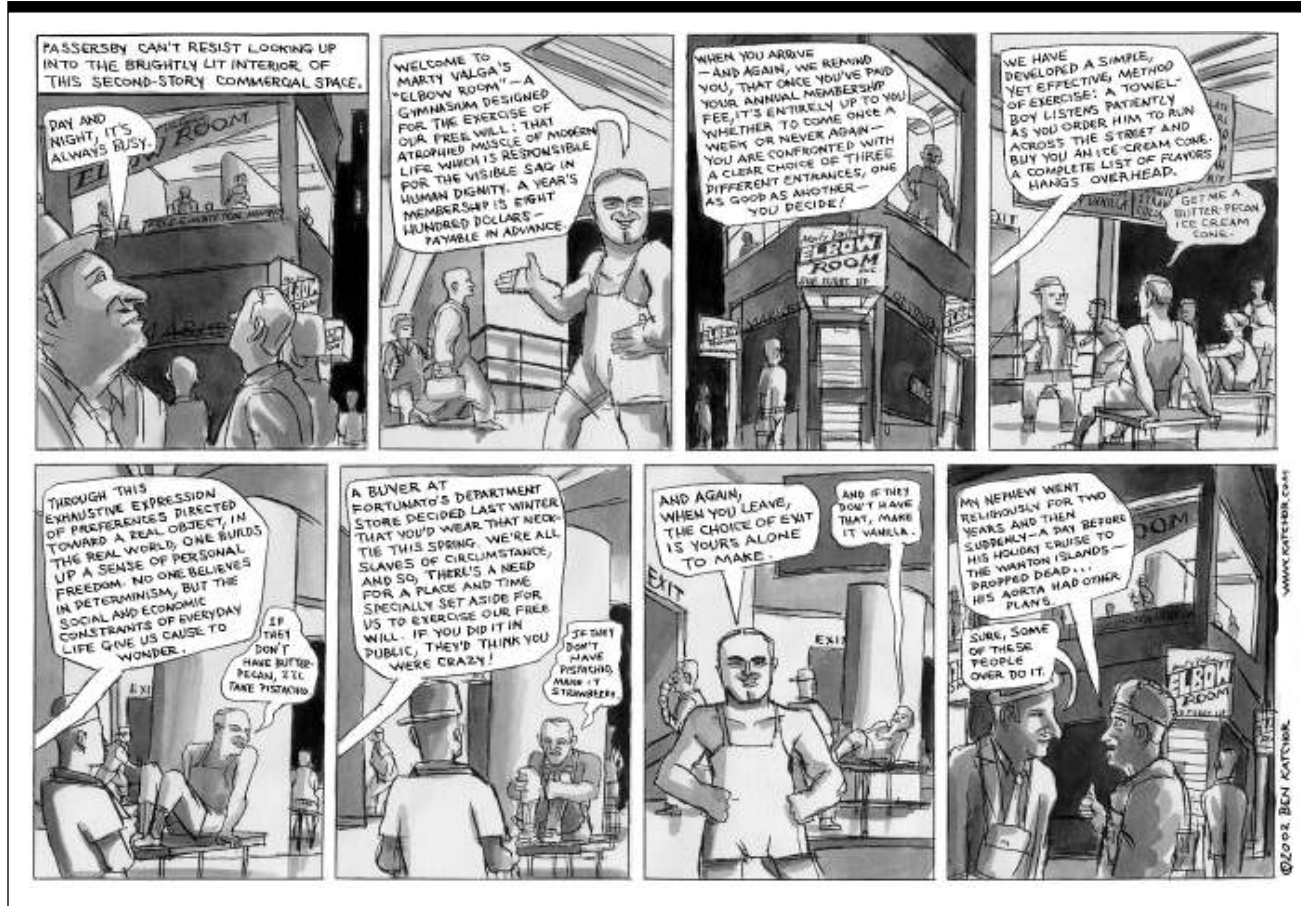
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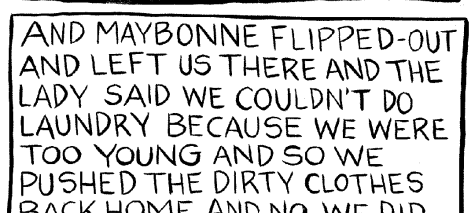
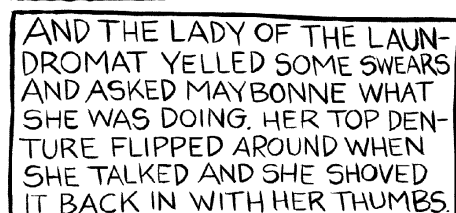
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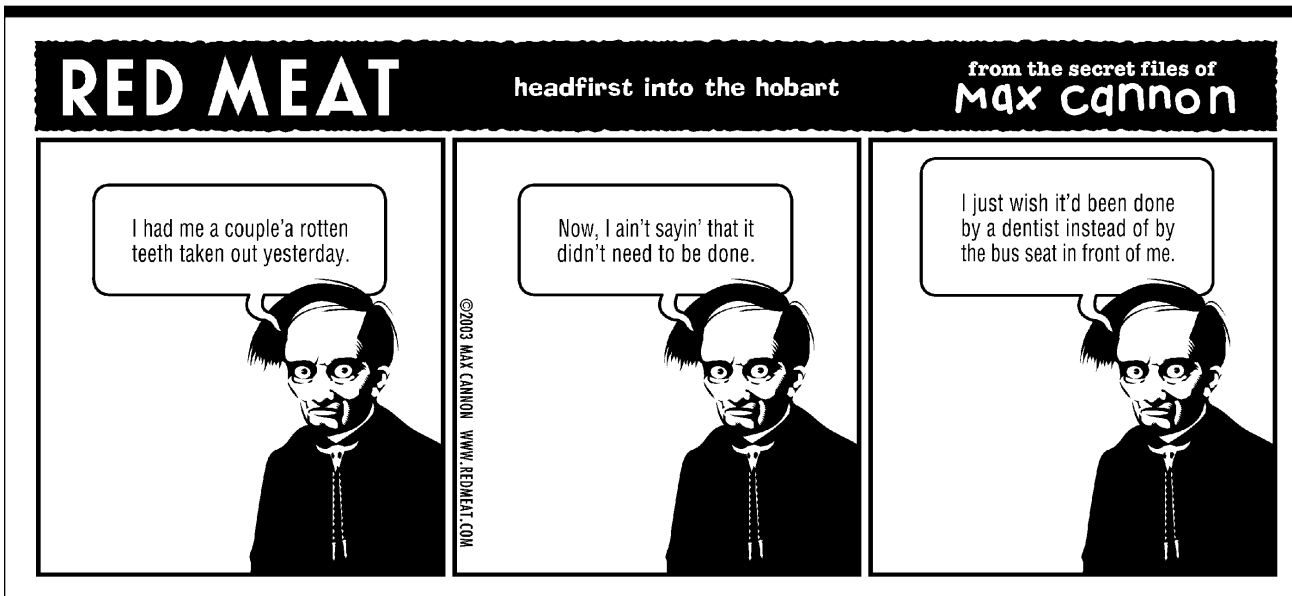
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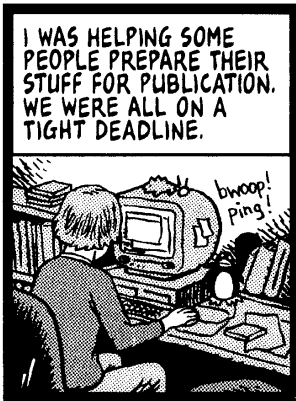
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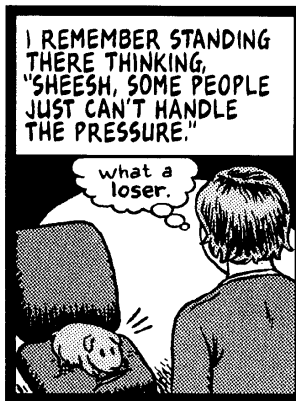
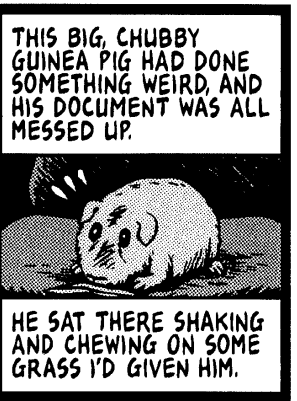
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PACIFIC BEACH. \$600. Female to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Quiet, fireplace, parking, laundry, clean, new carpet/paint. No smoking/pets. Available now. 858-581-3100.

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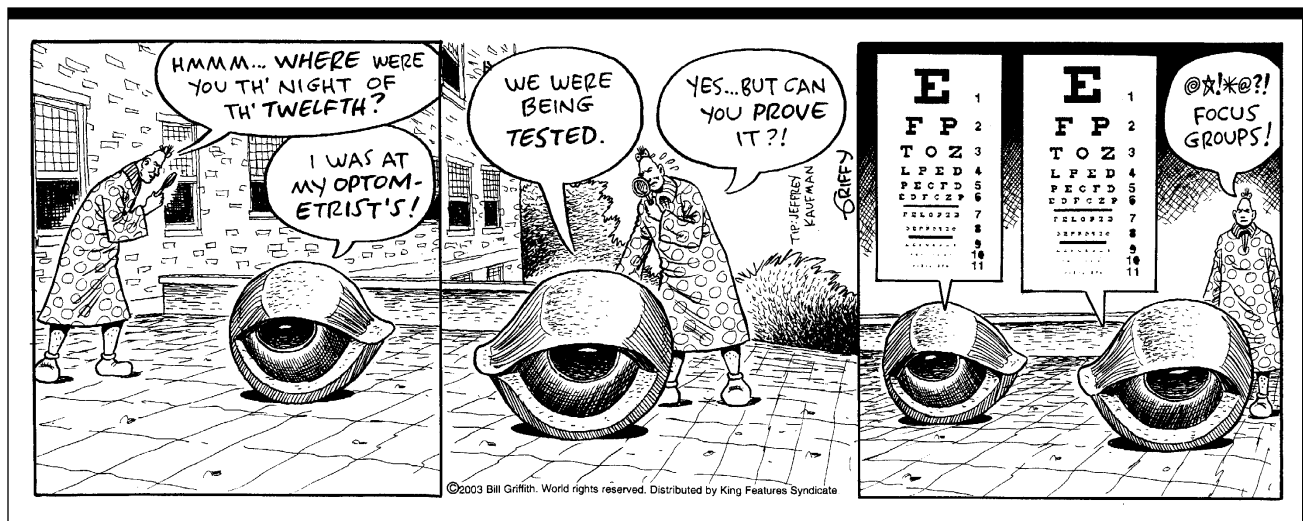
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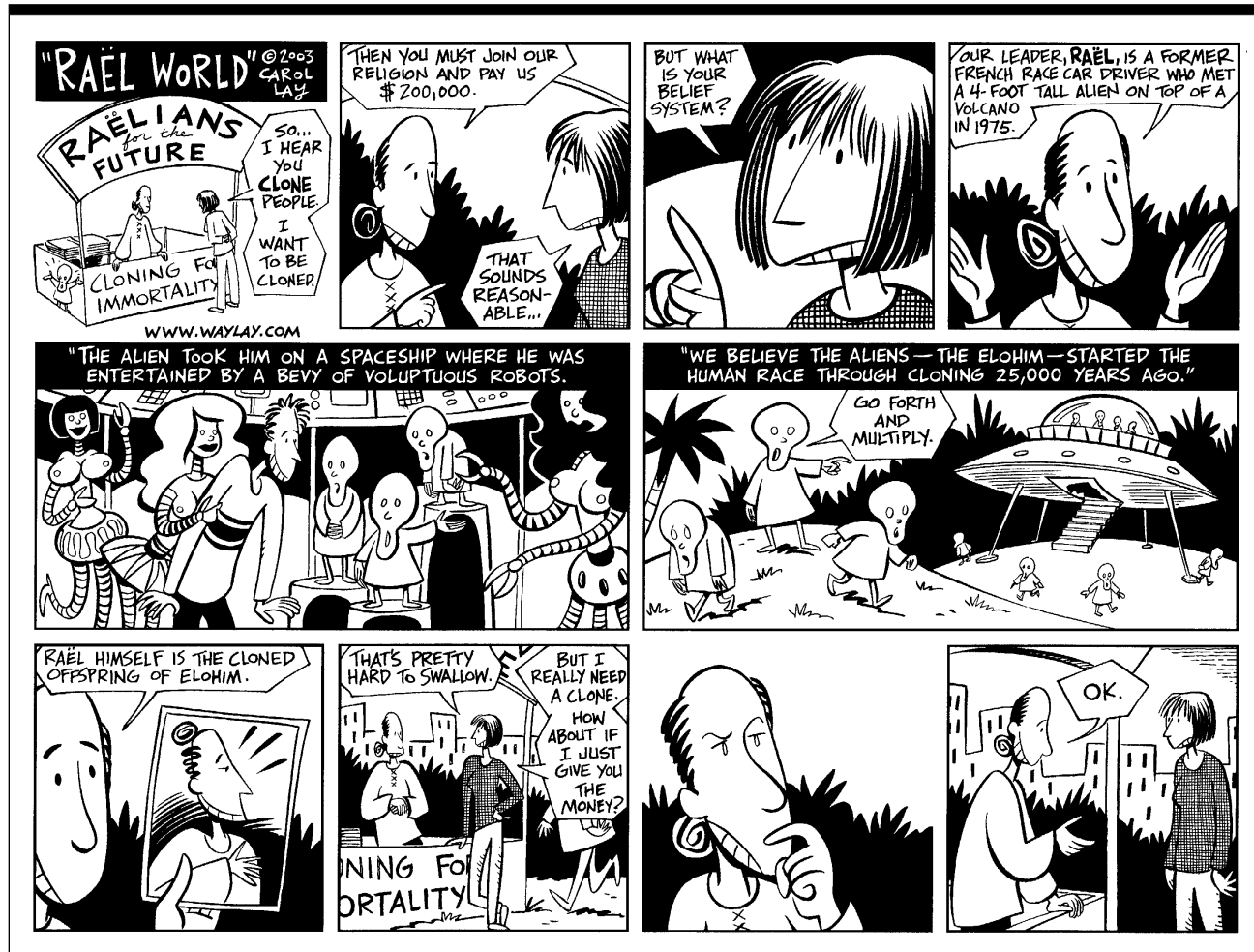
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MIRA MESA. \$1350. 2 bedroom townhome with private balcony, park and pool. Close to Miramar college, market place and freeway. No pets. 619-449-9599.

MIRA MESA. \$1375. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard, family room. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

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MISSION BEACH. Bayfront condo, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, furnished. \$2500/month. Available now until May 31st. Cable, water included. Garage parking. 858-488-8145.

MISSION BEACH. \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Recently remodeled. 1 off-street parking space. 1 block to the beach and bay. 807 Venice Court. Available approximately 2/10/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1150. 801 San Jose Court #2 and #3. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs apartments. Hardwood floors. 1 block to the beach and bay. #2 and #3 available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, units in duplex. Furnished. Off-street parking. Patio. 821 Isthmus. Available now! K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom downstairs unit with garage. Steps from the beach and bay. Recently remodeled. 810 Nautic Court. Available approximately 3/5/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom downstairs apartment. Off-street parking. Steps to the beach and the bay. 734 Island Court. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1195. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 block from beach. Parking. No pets. 3255 Mission Boulevard. 619-230-9005.

MISSION BEACH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 parking spaces. Laundry, dishwasher. Secured building. 100 feet from bay. 3630 Bayside Lane. 619-888-6604.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1200. Studio. On the sand. Fantastic views. From Coronado Island to La Jolla. Steps to restaurants. Rarely available. Year-round lease. Hardwood floors. 705 Zanzibar Court. 858-488-1726.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1/2 car garage, beach side, bright units. Must see! Steps to beach. Available. 720 Rockaway Court. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, near beach, parking, bright unit, yard, great location. No pets. 750 Island Ct. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, beachfront property, tiled living area, 1 parking, split level, deck. No pets. 3261-1A Ocean front Walk. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom apartment, steps to beach or bay, bright unit, laundry, parking. No pets. Must see. 3588 Mission Boulevard. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1750-\$2250. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large bedrooms, balcony, dishwasher, breakfast bar, steps from the beach, garage, laundry. 2954-3 & 5 Mission Boulevard. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Steps to beach. SDGE included. Barbecue area. No pets. 715-10 Santa Barbara Place. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH/BAYFRONT. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit with bayfront view. Parking, laundry. 3284 Bayside Walk. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1700. Clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo partially furnished. Ocean views. 1 parking space. Pets OK. 6 month lease. 3769 Oceanfront Walk. 619-665-9076.

MISSION BEACH. \$850. Sturdy, free-standing studio house. Could be used for office or residence. Parking, laundry, great location, near beach (across from Catamaran Hotel). 4050 Mission. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$1195. Sunny 1 bedroom cottage/duplex. 2 private patios. Parking, appliances, laundry. Super location. Steps to beach. 737 Wavecrest. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$1750. Sunny, bright 2 bed 1 bath charmer. All redone. Hardwood floors. Steps to sand. All appliances. Laundry. Parking. 712D Santa Rita. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$795. Studio apartment. No pets. 1 building from beach. Appliance, carpet, quiet, 1 parking. 719-1/2 San Fernando Place. Agent, 858-453-6115.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$835. Small studio condo. No pets. Nice view, near beach, quiet. Carpet, appliance, 1 parking garage. 2999 Mission Boulevard #304. 858-453-6115.

MISSION BEACH. \$1800/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath furnished house with garage. Available through June 30. Front patio, walk to ocean. Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$2450 year round! 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2-car garage. Guest parking. Fireplace. Deck. Upper unit. No pets/smoking. 858-488-0767.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. Stunning spacious 1 bedroom. New deco bathroom. Huge custom closets and storage. Balcony, laundry, covered parking. Non-smoking building. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

MISSION HILLS. \$1195. Secluded patio duplex. Italian tile floors throughout. No carpeting. New granite kitchen and bath. Covered parking, laundry. Cat OK. Non-smoking building. 619-299-4769.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1100. 2 bedroom apartment. Quiet, near market, bank and bus line. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS. \$900. Large 1 bedroom, quiet complex, balcony, walk-in closets, dishwasher, private garage, on-site laundry. 3282 Reynard Way. Call for appointment. 619-286-9568.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$845. 1 bedroom. Quiet, pool, recreation room and barbecue. Dishwasher, on-site laundry, covered parking. No pets. EOH, 619-299-8746.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$875. View, 1 bed, 1 bath, parking, laundry, freeway access, G-plex, close restaurants. No pets. 3633 Columbia at Chalmers. 619-295-7113.

MISSION HILLS. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus garage. Washer and dryer, fireplace, central heat and air, granite counters and ceramic tile. 619-296-2787.

MISSION HILLS. \$1295. 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest house/separate entrance and private courtyard. Very new with skylights, gas fireplace, gas stove and central air/heat. Includes water/cable. 619-574-9800.

MISSION HILLS,SOUTH. \$1075. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new everything, hardwood floors, walk-in closets, harbor view, utilities, water, satellite, laundry included. No pets. 619-692-1975.

MISSION HILLS. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, Washer/dryer in unit. Amenities. Minutes/downtown, airport. Air conditioning. Parking. No pets. 3549 Reynard Way. 619-464-1652.

MISSION HILLS. \$1325. \$1100 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Like new. Parking, laundry, garage, fireplace, second floor, balcony. Nonsmoking. 4077 Goldfinch Street. 619-295-0548; 858-483-2351.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Extra large. New carpet. Bright. Peaceful. Beautiful patio. Parking. Laundry. Great area to live. 1 cat OK. 3330 Reynard Way. 619-295-7570.

MISSION HILLS. Panoramic views of city, harbor, ocean, Mexico. Luxury 2 master bedrooms and baths. Sun decks, fireplace, laundry, 4-car parking. \$2295. 1769 Guy Street. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment. Top floor, parking, pool. Spectacular view. Very bright. No pets. 1767 Torrance #313. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 plus 1/2 bath apartment. Large units. Dishwasher, large deck, tile bathrooms, stove, refrigerator, parking, laundry. No

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MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Victorian home. 3750 Pioneer Place. Quiet street, large rooms, deck, driveway, washer/dryer. No smoking/dogs. 858-452-4864.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful newer controlled access building near UCSD Medical Center. Gated parking. Laundry. No pets. 4022 Albatross. Manager, 619-293-0373.

MISSION HILLS. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 full bath condo. Elegant. Spacious. Balcony. Skylights. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. Security. Parking. Appliances. Storage. Near downtown. Call 619-338-8393; 619-233-5367.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with balcony. Laundry, carport parking. No pets. 3673 Keating Street. Manager, 619-255-0537.

MISSION HILLS. Studio. Walk to everything. Small vintage building with charm and character, on-site laundry. Sorry, no pets. 619-296-2787.

MISSION HILLS. 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$800-\$1100. Pool. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Close to downtown and shopping. 3505 Reynard. www.sunriseliving.com, 619-683-9239.

MISSION HILLS. Triplex. Two 2 bedroom units. Garage, fireplace, wood floors, new paint. One cat OK. 4059 Front Street, \$1400. 4057 Front, \$1300. 760-945-3090.

MISSION HILLS. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with deck. Pet on approval. 3544 Curlew Street. 619-640-7530.

MISSION VALLEY. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Disabled unit with two entrances. View. Secure gate. Near Qualcomm Stadium and trolley. 619-284-0171.

MISSION VALLEY. Brand new! The Promenade, Mission Valley's newest apartment community, is also its most unique. Enjoy an Esplanade with shops and restaurants, plus a pool, spa and fitness center. Catch the trolley to work at your own station. 2185 Station Village Way, promenadeliving.com or call 619-293-3888. www.sdreader.com/rent/2016.

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MISSION VALLEY/Silver Terrace. Studios. \$695. Bright and airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). www.info101.net. 619-294-4376.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. Spacious 2 bedroom apartments. Pool, playground, laundry room. Close to shopping and transportation. Great value. \$1025. Ana, 619-229-9741.

MISSION VALLEY. Call for move-in special! \$99 deposit special! 1 and 2 bedrooms available now. 4 tennis courts. Lap pool, spa. Basketball court. Central air conditioning. Private patios/balconies. Fitness, recreation centers. Washer/dryer in units. Cats accepted. Club River Run, 10041 Rio San Diego Drive. 888-221-2109. www.sdreader.com/rent/2022.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Covered parking. Hilltop location with view, laundry. Clean and attractive. No pets. 858-349-8125; 858-459-6640.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. fully refurbished. Pool, hot tub, and covered parking. No pets or smoking. Available March 1. 619-807-1726.

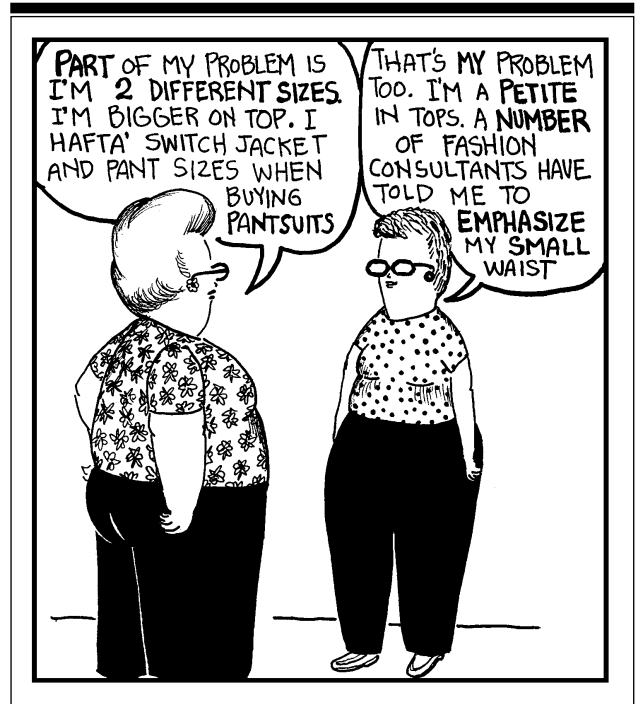
MISSION VALLEY. Stonecrest. \$2000. 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath house, appliances, security system, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. Community pools, tennis, exercise room, fitness classes included. No pets or smoking. 858-336-3618.

MISSION VALLEY. 1/2 off first month's rent! Large 2 bedrooms, 1 baths from \$975, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths from \$1175. Close to everything! Intercom system, pool, spa, sauna, fitness center, central air/heat, balcony/patio, garage, parking, laundry. Mission Pacific Apartments. 4424 44th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com, Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

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MISSION VALLEY/SDSU. Kaiser Hospital area. 1 bedroom condo with view on top floor in security complex. \$850/month. Call 619-840-2415, agent, or cooper@adnc.com.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, Mission Village, 1621 Hotel Circle South, top floor, vaulted ceiling, balcony, fireplace, parking, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. No pets. No smoke. Deposit. 858-273-2862.

MISSION VALLEY. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Top unit, overlooks pool, air conditioning, dishwasher, extra storage, reserved parking, tennis, laundry, etc. Cat OK. 5900 Rancho Mission Road. 760-717-5343.

MISSION VALLEY/FASHION VALLEY. \$900. \$900 deposit. 1 bedroom condo, free cable, new appliances, patio, gated complex, pool, jacuzzi, gym. 6780 Friars Road. 619-296-9141.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1400. Unfurnished condo, Hye Park, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-car attached garage, pool, deck, air conditioning. ASPM. 858-565-6420.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, newer carpet and vinyl. New appliances. Gated entry, carport parking with storage. Call 619-295-3114.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo near stadium. Upstairs, balcony, fireplace, air conditioning, washer/dryer, 2-car carport. Clean. \$1000 deposit. 619-749-9888.

MISSION VALLEY/Hotel Circle. \$770. Top floor studio condo. Pool, spa, sauna, gym, tennis. Includes cable and gas. No pets. Available 2/12. 619-316-6996.

MISSION VALLEY. Studio condo, \$800. Mint condition and ready to move in, pets \$50 month extra, parking, pool. 8027-E Caminito de Pizza. Lee, 619-778-8888.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome, 2-car attached garage. View! Vaulted ceilings, all appliances, washer/dryer, patio, very nice! \$2100. 858-720-9604.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Skylights, fireplace, 2-

car garage. Available immediately. 4625 Texas Street. 619-237-7611.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1175. 10400 Caminito Cuervo #241. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1100 square feet. Dishwasher, off-street parking, laundry. Available 2/10/03. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis, laundry, parking. Close to trolley. Available 2/15. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, garage, new carpet, fresh paint, washer dryer hookups, pool. 619-296-2787.

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MT. HELIX. Large 4 bedroom house, pool, spa. No pets. 9302 Mesa Vista. Available now. Call 858-483-5111.

NATIONAL CITY. \$695/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.

NATIONAL CITY. \$825. Deposit \$700. Laundry on site, off-street parking, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 424 East Division #B. 619-666-5294.

NATIONAL CITY. Large upgraded 2-story, 2 bedroom, 1 bath and remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated, parking, laundry, 900-910 Manchester. 619-243-4000 x0.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$925. 2 bedroom upstairs unit, hardwood floors, laundry, off-street parking, 1/2 block to new park. Pets considered. Available. 619-230-0998.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$975, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lovely gated building with quiet courtyard, underground parking, elevator, laundry facility, air, dishwasher, microwave. No pets. 4526 Illinois Street. 619-280-3867.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1000. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment near Adams. Small quiet complex. Parking, laundry. Upgraded decor. Squeaky clean! No pets! Nonsmoking. 4622 Hamilton. 858-454-2024.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1800 square feet. Fenced yard, 2-car parking. Great location. 4338 Cherokee Avenue. Available March 1. 619-276-2582.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. 1 bedroom condo. Air conditioning, fireplace, all appliances, vaulted ceilings with skylight, walk-in closet, gated, upstairs unit, off-street parking. No smoking/pets. Available 3/1. 619-884-2949.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Studio apartment/cottage. Recently remodeled. Available approximately 4/4/03. 4982 Hawley Boulevard. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. From \$895. Unique 1 bedroom apartments. Newly renovated. Rich designer colors, hardwood floors, Berber carpet, laundry. Small pet considered. 619-269-0333.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. New carpet, laundry, gated, parking. Quiet. 3744 Ward Road. Agent, 619-295-1100; www.cetron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$665. 1 bedroom. New paint, new carpet, laundry, parking, huge closets. Cat OK. 4527 39th Street #5. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850-\$1150. 1, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. New paint/carpet/tile floor. All amenities. Air. Fireplace. Laundry facilities. Patio. Garage available. 858-453-0010.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800. Pride of Normal Heights! Extremely large and clean, 1 bed, 1 bath, with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet and storage closet. Private fenced patio. New paint, refrigerator and new stove. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-5. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$975. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hookups. Fireplace in quiet gated complex. No pets. 4638 Ohio Street. www.jesselproperties.com, 619-282-3583 or evenings and weekends. 619-255-8389.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1695. Secluded 3 bedroom, 2 bath with office. 1400 square feet, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Ceiling fans, fenced yard. No Section 8. 5058 East Mountain View. 619-200-1812.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. 2 bedroom. Spacious, very nice, quiet, gated community. 4530 40th Street. 619-284-8575.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1399. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer in unit, cable included, garage, hardwood floors, barbecue, no pets. 4428 Arizona Street #7. 619-846-9869.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$910. Upper, modern 2 bedroom. Vaulted ceilings, washer/dryer, fireplace, 1-car garage. No pets please. 4452 37th. Centre City Property Management. 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1095. Condo-like modern lower 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Air conditioning, patio. No pets please. 4425 Illinois. Centre City Property Management. 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking and laundry. Available now. 4840 West Mountain View Dr. 619-255-2308.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1200. Pride of Normal Heights! Totally remodeled, ex-

treinely large 2 bed, 2 bath, with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet, storage closet and pantry. Private fenced patio. New paint, new carpet and new tile flooring. Refrigerator, dishwasher and new stove. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-5. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/City Heights. \$775. Extremely clean with carpet, ceramic tile floor, 1 bed, 1 bath, refrigerator, stove, in small, friendly building. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block above El Cajon Boulevard on Felton Street with easy access to bus line and I-805. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. Quint 1 bedroom, downstairs. Fireplace, parking, laundry, bar style kitchen, gated entry, access to Interstates 8 and 805. No pets. Available now. 4621 32nd Street. 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795/UP. Heart of antique row. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, custom paint, newer appliances. Fully renovated historic building. Must see! 619-325-3700.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Garden setting. Upstairs end unit. Air conditioning. Gated. Laundry. Parking. No pets. 4724 32nd Street. 619-584-7790.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, dining L, new carpet and paint, in quiet small complex. Laundry, off street parking, no pets, no smoke. 3030 Monroe. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1450+ utilities. Adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, hardwood floors, breakfast nook, garage, no pets, nonsmoking. Great location. 4525 Utah Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with built-in bookcases. Quiet, well-managed complex, controlled access. Garden courtyard. Laundry. No pets. Near trendy Adams Avenue. 4626 Bancroft. Manager, 619-280-6050.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1495. Cozy, quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman home, new kitchen/bath, fireplace, laundry hookups, deck. Pets OK. 4862 Hawley. Available now. 619-621-0050.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. Clean, airy, 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper. Stove, fans, berber, parking. Near coffee houses, buses. Open weekend, 11am-1pm, 4564 35th Street. 858-272-8841.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1950 plus deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, completely remodeled house. Hardwood floors throughout, ceramic kitchen tile and new landscaping. Pets welcome, 6-month lease. Move-in discount off 1st months rent. 4928 34th Street. 619-708-7610.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Cozy, cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. 3225 1/2 Adams Avenue. \$795 plus deposit. 619-708-7610.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. Deposit \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 4653 32nd Street #6. 619-843-7827.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Recently renovated 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated courtyard with pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Near Adams. 4637 34th Street. Sandra, 619-563-1310.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. Nice remodeled 1 bedroom, new paint, ceramic tile, laundry, security building. 4695 Bancroft, near Adams. 619-291-1662.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom cottage. Single story, rear. Fresh paint, new appliances. Pets on approval. 4608 1/2 Felton. Cogan Properties 619-283-2144.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695-\$725. 1 bedrooms. Charming units with new carpeting. Cottage with garage or apartment with parking available. No pets. Call agent, 619-296-3189.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated, laundry on site, off-street parking. No pets allowed. \$500 deposit. 4566 Ohio Street. 619-243-4000 x0.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. 1 bedroom upper corner unit. Wood floors! Includes 1-car detached garage. Must see! 4532-4538 Boundary. Cogan Properties 619-283-2144.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$645. 1 bedroom apartment. Very clean. Large closets. Parking space. Laundry facilities. No

pets. 4334 35th Street. Call manager for appointment, 619-563-8744.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1200. 4418 36th Street #3. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with garage, washer/dryer. 619-640-7530.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Spacious 1 bedroom, \$725 and 2 bedroom, \$925. No pets. Available now. 4670 34th Street, units 3 and 1. Call 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Spacious 1 bedroom, downstairs, quiet, laundry, parking. Access to Interstates 8 and 805. Close to all. No pets. Available now. 4639 Bancroft #4. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$1125. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 4541 Texas Street, #1. Available now. Call agent, 619-286-1503, x121

NORTH PARK. \$896. Large, sunny 2 bedroom, 1 bath, patio, new interior, vertical blinds, dishwasher, disposal, carport. Laundry room. No pets. 4225 Florida. 619-491-1548.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus office. Fireplace. Hardwood floors. Yard. Laundry. Quiet neighborhood. 3580 Arizona Street. 619-297-8155.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Studio, \$595. Unique/charming, circa 1925 brick building, hardwood floors, large deck. Near North Park Theater on University Avenue. 619-293-3118 x5; 619-298-1493.

NORTH PARK. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. New kitchen. New landscaping/flooring. Off-street parking. Storage. Laundry hookups. 3217 Vancouver. Rear access. Agent, 619-260-1368.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$1100. Large, 2 bedroom, appliances, verticals, patio, split-level courtyard, underground parking, on-site laundry, access entry. Quiet. No pets. 619-886-3147.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs duplex. Newer kitchen. Bright interior. Laundry. 2 parking spaces. Near 805/University. No pets. 3803 Wabash. 858-539-0044.

NORTH PARK/CITY HEIGHTS. \$500. Studio in private garden setting. Totally renovated. Laundry. 3781 37th Street #2. Agent, 619-236-1186.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1100. 2 bedroom duplex, off street parking, private yard, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, pet OK. 858-272-8406.

NORTH PARK. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2 balconies, French doors, fireplace, walk-in closet, assigned parking, \$1300 deposit. Available 3/1. Work, 619-278-4237, Heather.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, lower unit, new interior, bright, clean, gated complex, carport, no pets. Available now. 4020 Louisiana Street. 858-232-7586.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special! \$250 off 1st month! 1 bedroom, \$775. Quiet complex, pool, laundry, upstairs, gated entry. 619-295-4583.

NORTH PARK. \$1275. Two bedroom, 1 bath, 1200 square feet. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, fireplace. Nonsmoking. 2nd bath/central air to be added. Good credit. 619-291-2338.

NORTH PARK. \$775. 3919 Mississippi Street #1. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in a small, secured complex. Laundry on site, garage included. No pets. Available approximately 3/7/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

NORTH PARK. \$1000. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Separate dining room. New tile. Hardwood floors. 4370 Illinois. Taking applications. 619-299-4298; 619-464-7346.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$775. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice gated complex, intercom, pool, laundry facilities. No pets. Near all. Available 2/8. 3722 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

NORTH PARK house for rent. \$1400, including water, 6-month lease. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fenced yard. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. Pets negotiable. Plenty of parking. 619-322-3288

NORTH PARK. \$1850. Beautiful Craftsman, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors, fireplace, dining room, breakfast nook, fenced yard, washer/dryer. No pets. 3323 Thorn Street. 760-754-3143.

NORTH PARK. \$685. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Small, quiet property. Downstairs, blinds, refrigerator, new stove. Coin laundry. No pets. 4127 33rd Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK. \$800. Nice 1 bedroom condo. Quiet, small complex. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, carport, spa. No pets.

Available 2/12. 2044 Robinson Avenue #B. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, garage and one space, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, gated, cozy complex. 03/01. 619-298-9357.

NORTH PARK. \$895. 1 bedroom cottage in garden complex. Laundry, hardwood floors, tile kitchen, blinds. Cat OK. 4070-1/2 Hamilton Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$1495. 3 bedroom house. Garage, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, fireplace, dishwasher. 2428 Monroe Avenue. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. On-site parking and laundry. Available now. 4553 Texas Street #8. Agent, 619-295-1100; www.cetron.com.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, parking, small pet OK on approval. Available 2/21. 3859 Swift Avenue, behind house at 3861. www.cetron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom north of Adams. Parking, laundry, new carpet and blinds, roomy interior. 4754 32nd Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath private patio, lower unit. New paint, carpet, refrigerator, Stove, verticals. Conveniently located. Laundry. 619-980-6290.

NORTH PARK. \$1375. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with garage, hardwood floors, new appliances. 4342 Iowa Street, San Diego 92104. David, 619-666-1565.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry on site. Stove. Refrigerator. Garden courtyard. Hardwood floors. Walk-in closet. Small complex. 3736 Villa Terrace. Available now. Near Morley Field. 619-222-8177.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Newly remodeled, new appliances, 2 carports. 900 square feet, washer/dryer hookup. Must see. 4365 Wilson. 619-665-2149.

NORTH PARK. \$1125. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, fireplace, patio, gated complex. Prime location. No pets/smoking. \$1000 deposit. Credit check. 619-497-1160.

NORTH PARK. \$1395. Unfurnished home, adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large yard with gardener, newer carpet, no pets. ASPM. 858-565-6420.

NORTH PARK. \$795-\$825. Large 1 bedrooms available now, ask about incentives, \$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. Good credit required! 4133 Kansas Street. Viewing by appointment only. Call between 8am-6pm. 619-640-0112.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Security gated. Laundry. Parking. Quiet. No pets. Near all. 4261 Swift Avenue. Manager #15. 619-255-0695; 619-257-0038.

NORTH PARK. \$650. Detached studio with fenced yard, appliances, wood floors, alloy parking. Pets welcome. 2945 Kalmia. Available 3/1. 858-642-8584 or 619-300-6379.

NORTH PARK. \$1350, including utilities. Duplex remodel! Top floor house apartment. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New wood floors/kitchen, washer/dryer, dishwasher, garage, extra storage space, Small pet OK. 2865 Lincoln Avenue. 760-275-7240.

NORTH PARK. \$600. Studio bungalow, ceiling fan, gated entry. Quiet complex. 4055 Hamilton Street. Call 619-298-4474.

NORTH PARK. \$900/month, \$900 deposit. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 parking spaces. Gated, new appliances, paint and carpet. No pets. 4352 Cherokee. 619-409-9919.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs, all new. Quiet, laundry, parking. No pets. Close to I-805. Available now. 4344 Ohio. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment. Completely refurbished including ceramic tile floors, ceiling fans, mirrored closet doors, new appliances. On-site laundry. Close to Morley Field, 3740 Pershing Ave. Agent, 619-725-3648; 619-846-6615.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking. Laundry. No pets. Available now. 4162 Alabama Street. Monica, 619-255-4841.

NORTH PARK. \$685. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Fresh carpet/paint. Quiet.

Laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. Deposit \$700. 858-458-9462.

NORTH PARK. \$1495. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful 1927 Craftsman. Fireplace. Gumwood built-ins in living room/dining room. Gleaming hardwood floors. Laundry room with washer/dryer. Central heat/air conditioner. Quiet. 1200 square feet. Gardener included. South of University. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Huge, upstairs 1 bedroom in gated building. Dining room. Great light. Lots of storage. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Charming, secluded 1 bedroom cottage, newly remodeled, fenced yard. Pet negotiable. 3733 Cherokee Avenue. 619-698-6911.

NORTH PARK. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, nice home. Hardwood floors, fireplace, gated yard, garage, storage, washer/dryer. Quiet. Near all. Available now. 619-640-5626.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Cute 1930s cottage, garden complex, hardwood floors, recent remodel in kitchen/bath, 1 block from Adams Street. 619-669-4912.

NORTH PARK. \$1275. Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath remodeled house. Yard, private parking space. Will consider small pet. Available now. 4042 34th Street. Mitch, 619-665-9497.

NORTH PARK. \$1295. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

NORTH PARK. \$825. Upper bright 2 bedroom. New carpet/blinds. Laundry room. Near bus. No pets please. 4124 Texas Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800. Behind front house. Lower 2 bedroom. New carpet/blinds. Birds OK. 4382 35th. Near bus. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Air conditioning. Security building. Laundry on premises. Off-street parking. No dogs. Great location! Must see! 619-907-0458.

NORTH PARK. \$995. House, 1 bedroom, in quiet Saint Augustine area, private lushly landscaped yard with gardener, attached garage, newly refurbished interior and exterior, wood floors, new appliances, laundry hookups. No smoking, no pets. 619-624-0644.

NORTH PARK. \$1395. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, condo. Wood laminate floors. Large garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Available around 3/1. 4436 Arizona Street. 858-492-8745.

NORTH PARK/Morley Field. \$1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Parking for 2. Washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher, patio. New decor, squeaky clean, quiet. No pets/smoking. Available 3/7. 3767 Villa Terrace. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Large 1 bedroom, all new, upstairs, quiet. No pets. Close to Interstate 8. 4361 Ohio Street. Available now. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Great 1 bedroom apartment. Dishwasher, laundry, parking. 4169 Alabama. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1025. Charming 1 bedroom in 4-plex. Double car garage. Near Morley field. 2636 Myrtle. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit, lots of windows, lots of cupboards and closets. No dogs. Assigned parking. On-site laundry. www.fliot.com. Call Patty, 619-280-5461.

NORTH PARK. \$745. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Carpet. Newer appliances. Lots of storage space. 4031-C Hamilton Street. Available February. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Courtyard community. Fresh paint, like new carpet. Ceramic tile. Laundry on site. 4450 Boundary Street. Please call 619-660-8777.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Lots of light. Like new carpet. Fresh paint. New vinyl, new blinds. Microwave. Cool older building with laundry on site. If you want something in North Park that's a little different, come by. No dogs. Available now. 4508 Illinois Street. 619-563-1215.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath near North Park business district. Beautiful carpet. Like new appliances. Blinds. Ceramic tile kitchen. Laundry on site. 10-unit building with upgraded modern features but old North Park charm. 3153 Lincoln Avenue. 619-298-4256.

NORTH PARK. \$1100/month. Elegant and quiet 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, fireplace, storage area. All new appliances, carpet and paint. 619-281-0093.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Close to park, barbecue area, quiet complex, spacious, bright. Sorry, no pets. Available now. 4153 Idaho Street. www.cal-prop.com. 858-483-3534.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming, upstairs duplex. Spacious. Refrigerator. Private. No pets. 2821 Lincoln Avenue. 619-597-6100 X322.

NORTH PARK. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, washer/dryer, ceramic tile, underground parking, jacuzzi, gated community. 3649 Louisiana Street #206. Ask for Deborah, 619-733-7652.

NORTH PARK. \$825/month. 1 bedroom Victorian classic apartment. New paint. Private foyer entry. Clean, quiet, only 4 units. 6 blocks east of Balboa Park. Available now. 619-426-3699 or 619-427-0700.

NORTH PARK. \$1500. House. Pets on approval. 2 bedrooms, plus bonus room. Fireplace. Private fenced yard. Victorian cottage. Near shops and market. 6 blocks East Balboa Park. Available 2/15. 619-426-3699 or 619-427-0700.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom. \$950. Walk to Hillcrest. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Small pets allowed. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. 3924-1/2 Mississippi. 619-291-5555. www.utoipiamanagement.com.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 3236 Herman Avenue #1, #3. Clean, recently upgraded 1 bedrooms. Off street parking. Near all. On site laundry. Cat OK with additional deposit. Karen, 619-574-6909.

NORTH PARK. \$750 rent. \$500 Deposit. 1 bedroom triplex with view, deck, new carpet. No pets. At 3814 Pershing Avenue. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$700. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. No pets. At 3033-1/2 Monroe Avenue. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$1250 rent. \$700 deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bathroom house. No pets. At 3818 Pershing Avenue. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$800. Extra large 1-bedroom apartment located in small, gated community with on-site laundry. Beautifully landscaped! 4370 Hamilton Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Clean 1-bedroom apartment located in gated community with new carpet and paint, on-site laundry and off-street parking. 4371 Swift Avenue. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath available 2/15/03. 3666 Louisiana Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$815. Deposit \$400. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, underground parking. 3928 Illinois Street. 619-843-0796.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 4036 Oregon Street. Call 619-298-4036.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Deposit \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with refrigerator, dishwasher, patio, underground parking. 4155 Georgia. 619-297-7662.

NORTH PARK. \$770. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with

square feet. Available now. Call Gail, 619-994-4245.

OCEAN BEACH. \$950. At beach, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New appliances, carpets, completely updated. 1 off-street parking. No pets. \$900 deposit. 6-month lease. 619-222-1795.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$800. Cozy studio cottage. Great ocean views. Newly remodeled. Private patio and parking. No pets. \$900 deposit. 858-576-2813.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Patio, 1 parking spot, cats OK. 4668 Larkspur Street. 619-523-9195.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry on site. Steps to the cliffs. No pets. 4946 Del Mar Avenue. Available approximately 2/7/03. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. \$2250. 3 bedroom. Ocean view. Washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher, balcony, parking. Steps to beach. 619-222-0152.

OCEAN BEACH. \$950. All utilities; gas, electricity, water, laundry included. 1 bedroom house. Custom kitchen with breakfast bar and new floor. Fenced patio, front, rear yards. Immaculate. Exceptionally nice. Newly painted. Nonsmoking! No pets. Available approximately 2/15. Drive by 4629 Larkspur. Shown by appointment only. 619-223-1990.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, hardwood floors, breakfast nook, laundry hookup, just painted, newer cabinets/appliances. Private backyard patio. Walk to beach/shops. Cat OK. 4796 Niagara. 619-758-9793.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Upstairs with deck. No pets please. 4819 Santa Cruz. 619-501-6782.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Upstairs. Dishwasher, parking, laundry. No pets please. 4944 Narragansett. 619-223-2988.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Steps to the beach, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Low fee. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775-\$1150. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms. So close to the beach. Private yard or balcony. Laundry, parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1200. Deposit \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice upstairs unit. Close to ocean. Ocean view. Laundry on site. 2 parking spaces. No pets. 4837 Brighton Street, Unit D. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

OCEAN BEACH. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 3 bath house, 1800 square feet, 2 master suites, walk-in closets, fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, gardener, views, recent upgrades, off street parking. Available 3/5. 619-222-2137.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1350-\$1400. Elevator. Laundry. All appliances. Gated, private. Underground parking. No pets. Available now. 619-223-1353.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom apartment. Near Robb Field. Laundry, off-street parking, verticals. No pets. 4419 Montalvo. 619-523-0763.

OCEAN BEACH. \$825. 1 bedroom attached cottage. Parking. No pets! 4808-1/2 Santa Monica Avenue. Sunset Pacific Realty, Agent, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1045. 2 bedroom, 2 bath downstairs apartment. Laundry. No pets! 4241 Voltaire Street #5. Sunset Pacific Realty, Agent, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment with balcony. Completely refurbished! No pets! 4964 Saratoga Avenue #5. Sunset Pacific Realty, Agent, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors. Laundry in unit. Deck, yard. 4341 Banning Street. Sunset Pacific Realty, Agent, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs apartment. Parking. Laundry. No pets! 4836 Cape May #5. Sunset Pacific Realty, Agent, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. Large 1 bedroom downstairs apartment. Parking. Laundry. No pets! 4922 Santa Cruz #3. Sunset Pacific Realty, Agent, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. \$950. Charming 1-bedroom, freshly painted with new blinds, built-in bookcase and Berber carpet. Quiet, professional complex features tropical courtyard, pool, barbecue, laundry and assigned parking. Only 1/4 block to ocean! 5075 Narragansett Avenue. Visit www.sandiegoapartments.com. Call 619-223-3854.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$1495. Great 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. 1000 square feet. Dishwasher, washer/dryer hookup. Garage. View. No pets. 1656 Sunset Cliff. McKeen Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

OCEAN BEACH. Cottage/condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1/2 block to the beach, yard, two story, off-street parking. \$1500/month. Call Brenner, 858-565-7300.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1495. 2 bedroom across from golf course. Wood floors, fireplace, parking. 1339 28th Street. McKeen

Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1225. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. 1000 square feet. Close to ocean. Off-street parking. No pets. 4953 West Point Loma. 619-223-2347.

OCEAN BEACH. \$2000. Del Mar Avenue. Hillside. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath beach cottage, stainless steel appliances, oak floors, tropical yard, deck, spa, garage, washer/dryer, barbecue. Call Point Properties 619-222-9463.

OCEAN BEACH. \$800. 1 bedroom. Heating. Parking. Clean. Small courtyard. Good location. No pets. 619-997-5435.

OCEAN BEACH. Rent \$895. Deposit \$895 for each unit. Newly renovated. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 3 blocks from Ocean Beach pier. Vaulted ceilings. Off-street parking. On-site laundry room. No pets. 4835 Saratoga Avenue. Units #1 and #7. Available now. Contact Herb at, 619-838-1595.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$1025-\$1100. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 or 2 bath, in well maintained, small, gated complex. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 4649 Voltaire Street. Manager, 619-225-2304.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit with balcony. Walk to beach! Washer/dryer hookup, coin laundry. 5090 Lotus Street. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. \$500 move-in allowance. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1-1/2 blocks to beach, laundry. No pets. 5049-1/2 Longbranch. 858-483-0084.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with gated parking, granite counters, dishwasher. Completely refurbished. Pets considered. \$1400. 619-733-1583.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Washer/dryer hookups, large rooms, small fenced yard, private parking, storage. 2378 Soto Street. 619-226-2082.

OCEAN BEACH. Beautiful beachfront ocean view, spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Serene security garden building. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. Garages available. Furnished or unfurnished. 5085 Saratoga. \$950-\$1500. 619-224-1748; 619-501-5553.

OCEAN BEACH. \$650. Small studio apartment. No pets. Paid electricity. Quiet. Appliance, carpet, near beach, share parking. 5037 Narragansett Avenue #4. Agent, 858-453-6115.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom gated building. Upgraded 1/2 block to beach. Vacant, stove, refrigerator, carpets. No pets please. 5064-1/2 Santa Monica avenue. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

OCEAN BEACH. Clean, bright, upstairs studio. Block to beach! Skylight. Gas appliances. Balcony. Laundry, Parking. Shared deck. No pets. \$745. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

OCEAN BEACH. Clean, bright, upstairs 1 bedroom apartment. 3 blocks to ocean and Pier. Laundry facilities. Parking space. No pets. 4873 Niagara Avenue. \$795. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

OCEAN BEACH. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit. New carpet, paint, stone tiles in kitchen and bathroom. Private backyard with fountain. Two blocks from Newport. 4 blocks to beach. Great location! Pets considered. Private laundry. Available 2/7. \$1350. 619-226-2157.

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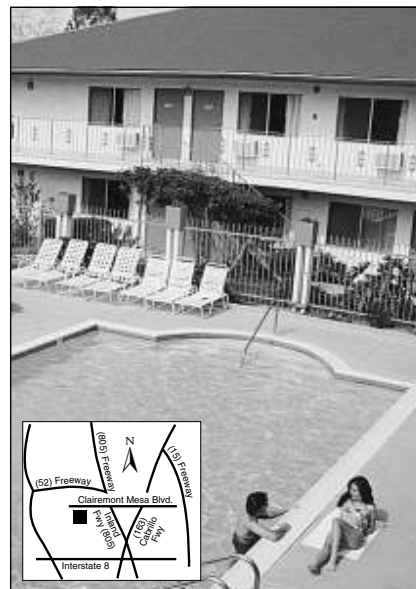


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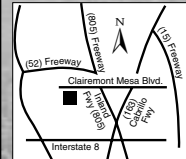
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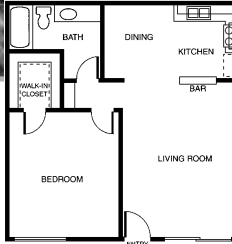
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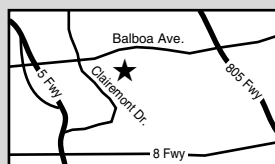
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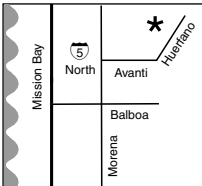
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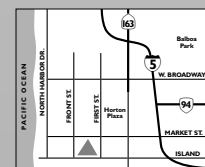
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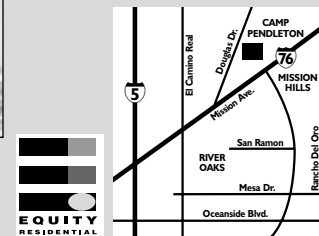


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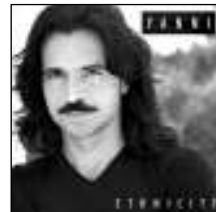
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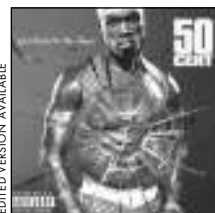
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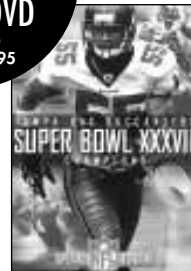
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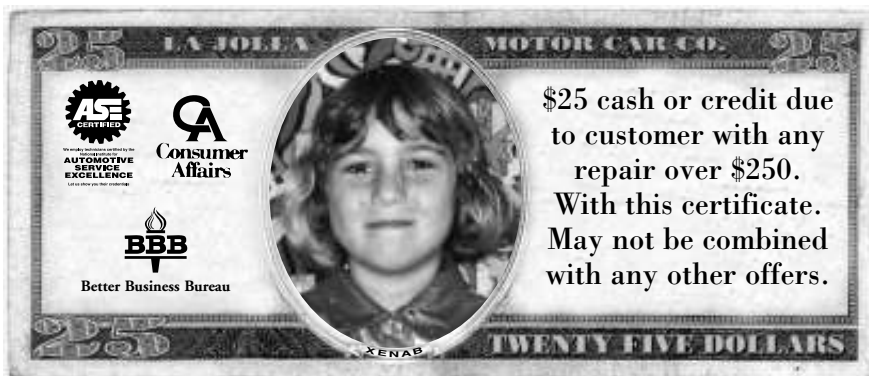
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BED, oak pier wall king bed includes mirrors, lights, storage, 6-drawer pedestal base and armoire, \$500. Leather sofa, has 2 recliners, \$250. 619-670-3065.

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LEAD STORIES

— A Montana district court judge ruled in January that for a homicide suspect with apparent multiple personalities, exercise of a Miranda right by one of them carries over to all the others. Tessa Haley lawyered up when police sought to question her about the stabbing death of her roommate, and though police questioning ceased, Haley transformed into “Martha” and spontaneously confessed to the crime, according to officers. Judge Thomas Honzel ruled that Martha’s statements could not be used against Haley (although Haley is still free under existing law to argue that she is not responsible for Martha’s crime).

— Among the fashions introduced at the seasonal shows in Milan, Italy, in January was British designer Vivienne Westwood’s “Man” collection, featuring male-only items with frilly cuffs and sleeves and bonnet-like scarves, along with tight, knit sweater sets and jumpers worn over male models’ fake breasts. Westwood (a pioneer of punk clothing in the 1970s) said her design had something to do with “how men are so attached to the breast of their mother, a symbol of eternal warmth.”

Readers’ Choice

— Michael Brown, 33, was arrested in Marked Tree, Ark., in January and charged with burglarizing the lobby of the Marked Tree Bank after security cameras caught him hauling away a clock radio, a CD player and a handful of Dum-Dum suckers, which the bank has on hand for customers’ children. The next morning, according to the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, police followed a trail of Dum-Dum wrappers down Frisco Street, across the railroad tracks, and into the mobile home park where Brown lives.

Latest Cutting-Edge Research

— A study by psychology professor Barry Jones (Glasgow University) found that men and women who have had three beers perceive people of the opposite sex as 25 percent more attractive than they did before they started drinking (August). And, writing in the *Journal of Clothing, Science and Technology*, a Southampton University (England) physicist found that many women wear the wrong-size bra because retailers commit a

math error known as “spurious rounding” when converting bust and rib-cage size to bra size (December). And studies at Jikei University (Tokyo) found that people who employed seven rules for good health (e.g., adequate sleep, no smoking) had about 6 percent higher blood pressure than people who were not so concerned about their health (October).

Latest Rights

— Australian Supreme Court Justice Barry O’Keefe rejected the challenge of a drug-possession suspect in November that his rights had been violated during his arrest. Contrary to the suspect’s contention, O’Keefe said that when Rocky the police dog nuzzled the suspect’s crotch, it was merely a “social gesture” that dogs habitually do, rather than an indecent assault.

— In November, convicted Hawthorne, Calif., rapist Jaime Garcia Padilla, 42, lost his state appeals court case in which he had argued that his girlfriend had unlawfully seized his sperm for testing. The girlfriend’s sister had claimed that it was Padilla who had awakened her at night and raped her in the dark, and Padilla’s girlfriend needed to find out if Padilla was the one. She had consensual sex with Padilla and turned in his sperm to authorities, and it was indeed matched to both women. California’s 2nd District Court of Appeals ruled that Padilla, not having “express[ed] any further interest” in his semen at the time that he ejaculated with the girlfriend, “basically lost all possessory interest in [it],” and cited *Roe v. Wade* as legal authority.

— A family court judge in White Cloud, Mich., ruled in November for Kristin Hanslovsky, who in a child-custody dispute had tried to prevent her ex-husband, Jonathan Fowler (a member of the Native American Church of the Morning Star), from letting their four-year-old son use peyote in ceremonies at the church. Fowler said the four-year-old should decide for himself if he wanted to use peyote, which Fowler credited with helping to overcome his own alcoholism and to “come into contact with God.”

— The town of Recklingshausen, Germany (near Cologne), which operates a zoo, found out in November that it could not summarily fire its zookeeper, even though it had caught him barbecuing and eating seven of his animals (five

Tibetan mountain chickens and two sheep from Cameroons). After a labor court hearing, the town was forced to comply with German law and give the zookeeper six months’ severance pay.

— New York City criminal court judge Gerald Harris ruled in October that drug suspect Vincent Cooper’s rights were violated when a police officer pinched his cheeks, causing four bags of marijuana to fall out. The arresting officer had asked Cooper what he was doing in a notorious drug neighborhood, and when Cooper allegedly mumbled an answer, the officer attempted to clear Cooper’s mouth so he could understand him.

People Different From Us

— The *Boston Globe* profiled homeless philosopher Donald Keaney, 61, in December, describing his Walden-like existence in the woods near Brookline, Mass. Keaney lives under a plastic tarp, warmed by several heavy blankets, but the rest of his possessions consist of about 10 years’ worth of newspapers (*New York Times*, *New York Daily News*, *New York Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Investors Business Daily*, *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald*) that are methodically filed and sealed in plastic bags and strewn around the ground as if they were chairs and tables. Keaney, a political conservative, also attends protests, lectures and concerts, and, by the way, has long been the beneficiary of a trust fund which he has chosen so far to ignore. “Living in the woods, you can see life is very tragic,” he told the *Globe*. “I don’t know if I’m a misanthrope, but [people] have a lot of limitations.”

Unclear on the Concept

— Police in New Britain, Conn., confiscated a 50-foot-long pile of stolen items in November, the result of a ritual scavenger hunt of the Canettes, New Britain High School’s all-girl marching band drill team. According to *The Hartford Courant*, police, parents and school personnel were flabbergasted that 42 normally law-abiding girls could wantonly steal so many items in a single evening, but the girls apparently sincerely had a hard time believing that they had done anything wrong. Said one girl, who helped pull a mailbox out of the ground: “I just thought it was a cus-

tom ... kind of like a camaraderie thing [and] if the seniors said it was OK and they were in charge, then it was OK.”

Update

— Florida, after a 4-3 decision of the state supreme court in January, became the latest state to rule that a man who initially agrees to pay child support until age 21 cannot shed that obligation just because he subsequently proves by DNA testing that he could not be the kid’s father. Cathy Anderson had told police officer Michael Anderson twice that she was sure the kid was his, after which he agreed to pay \$8,000 a year in support, but after the DNA test, he claimed that her assurance constituted “fraud,” a claim that the Supreme Court thus rejected.

Also, in the Last Month ...

— Officials in Rankin Inlet, on the north shore of Hudson Bay in Canada’s Northwest Territories, began installation of an artificial ice rink because rising temperatures in the last three decades have reduced hockey season from nine months to five. And a female murder victim was identified (even though her body had been dismembered) when the coroner checked the serial numbers on her breast implants (Nottinghamshire, England). And the town council of Bend, Ore., formally prohibited spitting and defecating on its transit buses, as well as riders who emanate “a grossly repulsive odor.”

Undignified Deaths

— A man acting as a tree-sitter (to discourage logging operations) in woods south of San Jose, Calif., fell out of the tree and was killed (October). And a 55-year-old man fell to his death from a hotel railing as he was reaching for documents that were being blown away by the wind (Cebu, Philippines, October). And a 72-year-old man accidentally fell to his death from a cliff at Buck’s Pocket State Park in Alabama as he thrust into the air the ashes of his recently deceased son (October).

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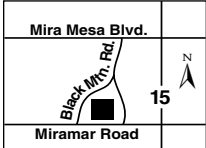


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There's a reason people on TV look better than you and I. Personal trainers. Last Sunday night, my husband Jack and I sat on the couch and stared at the television. I tried to watch the ten o'clock news. Jack flipped from station to station. At one point, he paused long enough on VH-1 to catch a segment about rock stars and their workout habits. After a montage of Janet Jackson videos highlighting Janet's fabulous midsection, Janet's personal trainer demonstrated Janet's abdominal workout with a model. The model did eight different kinds of tummy crunches, one of which involved hanging from a bar and slowly lowering your legs. "This is when Janet really starts to hate me," the trainer chuckled. "But she loves the results."

I turned to Jack. He and I

started a new diet and exercise program at the beginning of the year. In three weeks, without working out, Jack lost 15 pounds. In the same time, walking nearly every day, I lost 7 pounds. "I could have fabulous abs, too," I told Jack. "If I had a personal trainer. And a nanny to watch the kids all the time so I could work out three or four hours a day."

Jack laughed.

The next day as I set out for an afternoon walk, I thought, "I do have a personal trainer. Actually, it's a team. I call them Johnny and Ben."

In the stroller in front of me, my two youngest children turned around. "Where are we going?" four-year-old Johnny asked. Johnny perched on a platform behind the stroller seat. Holding onto the side handles, he looked like someone setting out on a dogsled ride.

"We're going to the park by the lake," I answered.

"Goin' to a park," Ben, who is two, crowed from the stroller's seat.

I pushed the stroller up our cul-de-sac and out onto the main street. The afternoon sun broke through some high clouds. By the time I'd reached the trail that leads to the lake, maybe three blocks from our house, sweat began to seep through my shirt. "You're working hard, Mommy," Johnny said.

"Yes, I am," I agreed. Calculating in my head, I told Johnny, "You and Ben together weigh 80 pounds. The stroller weighs about 5 pounds. So, I'm pushing 85 pounds up this hill."

"Is 85 pounds a lot?" Johnny asked.

"A lot?" Ben echoed.

"It feels like a lot right now," I panted.

I crossed another street and pushed the boys the remaining half mile to the lake. The last 50 yards before we reached the park, the path rose steeply up a grade. "Hop off, buddy," I told Johnny. "You can walk up the big hill."

"Gravity sure is strong," Johnny said. During our walk, we had discussed the way gravity holds everything down. "It's making my legs tired walking up this hill."

"Mine, too," I said.

When we reached the park, I unstrapped Ben and lifted him out of the stroller. For the next half hour, he and Johnny climbed on the make-believe train, took turns sliding down the slide, and clambered on the rocks near the fountain.

Around 2:30, I announced, "Time to go. We need to get home so we can pick up the girls at school." My daughters Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy get out of school at 3:30.

Ben climbed back into his seat, and Johnny stepped onto the platform. "Ready to go?" I asked.

"Yeah, Mommy," Johnny said. As we walked toward the path, Johnny added, "Go fast down the hill."

"Go fas-s-s-s," Ben agreed.

I trotted down the hill. Ben began to laugh. He gulped air, and the wind blew his coppery red hair in waves around his head. "Go fas-s-s!" he shouted when he wasn't laughing. "Go

fas-s-s!"

"Go faster, Mommy!" Johnny shouted too.

I ran along as fast as I could. Weighing 25 pounds more than I probably should, I shambled down the path like a hippo out of water. I worried about my knees. When I started to gasp for air, I slowed to a walk. Ben and Johnny turned around in the stroller and looked back accusingly. "Why are you walking, Mommy?" Johnny asked.

"Because...I can't...breathe," I managed to answer. "I'm just...an old mom."

Ben remained unconvinced. "Go fas-s-s, Mommy!" he hollered.

I broke into a trot. Ben leaned to the side. The stroller careened toward the path's edge. Pulling with my arms, I steered the stroller hard back toward the center of the path. "Great," I thought. "I'm getting an upper-body workout, too."

The stroller seemed to grow heavier. "Faster, Mommy!" Johnny yelled. I felt as though gravity were growing stronger. I looked up at the front of the stroller to see Ben with the bottom of his foot pressed firmly against the stroller's front tire.

"Don't press down on the tire," I told Ben. "You're making it harder for Mommy to push."

Ben laughed and pressed harder. I pushed harder. "Fas-s-s-ser, Mommy, fas-s-ser!" Ben hollered. If he were being interviewed, he would have chuckled, "This is when Mommy starts to hate me. But she loves the results."

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