

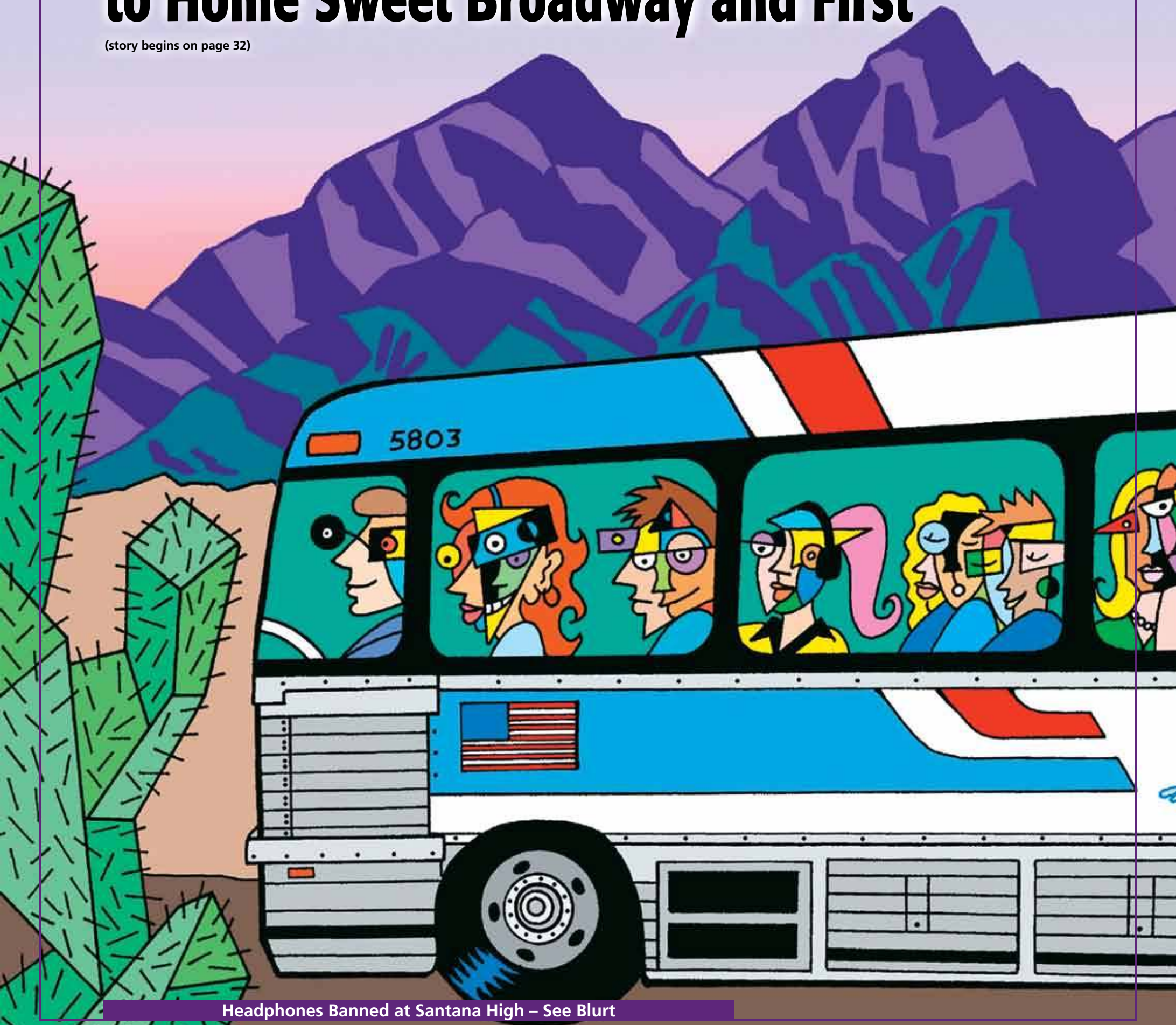
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Perfect Capture

Your "T.G.I.F." story of December 2 was right on and solid. Brizzolara captured perfectly the stuff that goes down on 16th/17th and Commercial Street, especially the part about the laughter you hear in locked-down mental wards. A great short story.

Junior

Cruel Sweeps

The Reader of November 24 carried a cartoon about Mayor Murphy, the SDPD, and homeless people. The SDPD has failed to curb crime in the 92101 area, as their sole attention is directed at involuntarily hungry, homeless men, women, and children. No matter who is chief, the SDPD homeless sweeps keep going on. Luxury housing with HUD monies goes to the superwealthy in their condos. Old Baghdad doesn't have any homeless persons on its streets because we are saving democracy for them with our own youths' blood. Mayor Murphy and the city council are the finest that money can buy.

Art Salzberg
Downtown

Correction

The December 2 issue of the Reader contained the erroneous statement that Buddy Miles was the original drummer of the Jimi Hendrix Experience. Miles was the drummer of Hendrix's subsequent band, Band of Gypsies.

Character Study

I've been so caught up in the recent elections, national and local, that I haven't had time to respond to your provocative story about Karl Keller and the English Department at San Diego State ("Wild Nights," October 21). I studied English at both Stanford University and at San Diego State in the '60s. Stanford had better ambiance, but the

teaching at San Diego State in those blocky low-ceilinged classrooms was immeasurably better. I was thrilled to hear Kingsley Widmer quoted in your article about Karl Keller. Is that handsome, literate man still alive and gracing the English language? I still remember the way he paced toward the windows in his Philosophy of Literature class, looking to a distant corner of the ceiling as he made his incisive remarks.

Looking back — with Judith Moore's assistance — I remember a collection of true characters who were English professors at State. For example, while I labored to write about Milton's *Paradise Lost* during a final exam, I remember being interrupted by a voice blaring out of an intercom mounted near the ceiling — "This is God speaking." It was Charles Culotta, our instructor, playing a prank on us.

I loved Jay Gellens's graduate Shakespeare seminar so much that I told my younger brother to take a class from him. Professors were allowed to smoke in class in those days. My brother told me that one day Gellens absentmindedly dropped a lit cigarette into a pocket in his tweed jacket. It continued to burn; he continued to lecture until one brave student spoke up, "Professor Gellens, I think your coat is on fire."

Students in the '60s and early '70s were close to their professors at State in a way that is perhaps not possible now. I hear graduates of the departments of Religious Studies and Anthropology speak of their teachers as intimate friends who shaped their lives. I know that my poetry mentor, Rick DeMarinis, made the writer's life irresistibly attractive. I am very grateful.

As a lover of poetry, I regularly read your "Poetry" feature. I was dismayed by Thomas Lux's misogynistic poem published several months ago. The poem, which I'm paraphrasing, was like a recipe for a witch's cauldron — mix two ounces of shame into a lard of despair, etc. The premise had a certain energy which intrigued me. Where was all this "rendering" going? Lux ended by making his gooey substance — which included

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Alleged rogues and scoundrels

It turns out that San Diego Unified schools chief **Alan Bersin** managed to have that cozy dinner



Postrio restaurant

with the district's three incoming board members last week after all. The locale was San Francisco's posh Postrio restaurant, where chefs **Mitchell** and **Steven Rosenthal** whip up high-priced gourmet



John de Beck

fare. After incumbent board member **John de Beck** questioned the propriety of dining in private and suggested inviting along some reporters, he was dropped from the guest list and kept in the dark about the event. Bersin reportedly paid for the food, and the board members chipped in for

their own wine ... Indicted political consultant **Larry Remer** says things have gotten so bad that he needs contributions for a newly formed legal-defense fund. "From a business perspective, the '04 cycle is a complete loss," he told backers in a recent e-mail. "This cycle you could have shot a cannon off in my office and not worried about hitting anyone.... In a very real way, we are all in this together; and, just as it is a mitzvah to help your neighbor in a time of need, there should be no shame in asking for aid when it is needed."

Live by the sword In the days of yore, when a newspaperman quit his job after a row with the boss, the poor ink-stained wretch would pack up his meager belongings and trudge silently into the night, most often never to be heard from again. Then came the Internet, making Everyman an instant cyber-publisher. Such an example presented itself last week in the form of **James O. Goldsborough**, 66, a left-leaning *Union-Tribune* columnist originally hired by **Neil Morgan** when he was editor of the late *San Diego Tribune*. (Morgan was sacked by the *U-T* last spring.) For years, Goldsborough opined weekly about national and international politics, staying away from local controversies such as those surrounding the *U-T*'s beloved Padres and Chargers stadiums and the bloated downtown convention center. "Although I never found anything particularly wrong with Qualcomm Stadium, until I visited PNC Park I had no idea how perfect a ballpark could be," he wrote in an October 2001 piece comparing the redevelopment wonders of Pittsburgh to the backwardness of San Diego. "The real contrast is in attitude. Even as Pittsburgh adjusts from its former life as America's steel capital, a combination of government, business, education, and philanthropy keeps it moving ahead. Unlike San Diego, Pittsburgh has always been governed by progres-

sives and has the advantage of being financially well endowed.... A dentist told me this summer that half of San Diego's dentists are former Navy dentists. Like others raised elsewhere, they have loyalties elsewhere." Then last Wednesday word came via the website of *Editor & Publisher* magazine that Goldsborough had abruptly walked out of the newsroom after *U-T* publisher **David Copley** spiked one of his columns. According to *E&P*, Goldsborough said the offending column had talked about the large number of Jews who had voted for Kerry over Bush. "The publisher said it might be offensive. To whom? That's the question. The column is not offensive to Jews. Maybe to Bush," Goldsborough was quoted as saying. "I don't think I'm 'liberal,' but I'm certainly not pro-Bush, and I think this was payback." After bashing the paper a bit more, he added, "My own e-mail is five to one for my column. The newsroom prefers to run the [letters] that are critical, but that's not the community's view." The *U-T* waited until Friday to acknowledge the departure, urging readers to make do with its stable of syndicated liberal *New York Times* columnists while waiting for Goldsborough's promised replacement. Meanwhile, back in cyberspace, reaction was mixed. "I rarely get my news from the local media or television anymore," sniffed a contributor to the San Diego Urban newsgroup. "I get other media viewpoints from all over the nation and the world through Google News."

Out of court The campaign manager of county supervisor **Ron Roberts's** failed mayoral bid, **Lisa Ross-Woolson**, has cut a deal with the state's Fair Political Practices Commission to settle charges against her arising from 1997 city-council campaigns in San Marcos and Perris. Ross-Woolson "participated in a money-laundering scheme executed by her friend and employer, **Colin Flaherty**, by making five campaign contributions on behalf of Flaherty without disclosing to



Ron Roberts

the recipients of the contributions that Flaherty was the true source of the contributions," according to the FPPC. She "then compounded her unlawful conduct by making statements to Commission investigators, denying that she had been reimbursed for her campaign contributions.

Respondent had been engaged in a number of financial transactions with Flaherty during this time period. However, after re-examining the actual records regarding the reimbursements, Respondent recanted her prior statements, acknowledged that the reimbursements were for those campaign contributions, and cooperated in resolving this matter." According to the FPPC, Flaherty was laundering the money for Barratt American Homes. Under the settlement, set for approval at today's FPPC meeting in Sacramento, Ross-Woolson will pay a \$7500 fine.

— Matt Potter

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Dubious Entanglements

By Don Bauder

It's great to have an internationally recognized name — except when it gets dragged through the mud. Consider economist Arthur

B. Laffer, a resident of Rancho Santa Fe. He is considered the father of supply-side economics. As a member of President Reagan's Economic Policy Board, he was recognized as the primary force behind the tax cuts of the 1980s.

According to legend, the so-called supply-side revolution began in late 1974, in a Washington, D.C., restaurant, when Laffer sketched on a napkin what became known as the Laffer Curve. It postulated that as taxes rise, government revenue increases, but at a certain point, revenue decreases because taxes are so high that people don't work as hard. In a March 29, 1999, *Time Magazine* cover story on "The Century's Greatest Minds," the Laffer Curve was cited as one of "a few of the advances that powered this extraordinary century."

Almost all economists stick to economics. Not Laffer. Through his La Jolla-based Laffer Associates, he invests in speculative companies. "I love this," he enthuses. His name gets used to tout these enterprises. But when they turn out to be

stinkers, the Laffer name gets besmirched. He has not always used good judgment in such involvements.

In late November, entrepreneurs who had wooed



Arthur Laffer

investors into a now-bankrupt company decided to settle a lawsuit filed by investors who had plunked more than \$3 million into the enterprise. The San Diego company, Qualmag, was attempting to develop a batteryless power supply capable of operating on static energy. The founder, Hassan Yarpezhkan, had recruited a

family of San Diego physicians — Darush Mohyi and Nasrin, Hamid, and Majid Mani — to fund the venture. They are Iranians, as is Yarpezhkan.

Yarpezhkan has a track record. Earlier, he had sold a company to San Diego's Maxwell Technologies.

Laffer was recruited to join Qualmag's board. He got 450,000 shares for a penny apiece. Yarpezhkan got his 26.5 million shares for two cents each. As is typical in such ventures, the pair would have raked in millions if the company had gone public and succeeded, as it told potential investors it was capable of doing.

After it was clear that the company would flop, the Manis and Mohyi brought a superior-court suit against Yarpezhkan, Laffer, Qualmag, and Qualmag's accounting firm, Matranga & Correia (which has since split up). The suit, handled by attorneys Vincent Bartolotta, Jr., and Karen Frostrom, charged fraud and deceit, negligent misrepresentation, securities fraud, and civil conspiracy, among other things.

A trial went on for eight weeks. On November 23, right after the jury announced it had reached a ver-

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Christmas Monster

By Joe Deegan

“One time I wondered,” says Ana Valdivia (her maiden name), “with the hours my husband was putting in, if maybe he was having an affair. But we laughed when he said, ‘I’d be too tired. Not that I’m interested, but only to let you know. Where would I find the time?’”

I am sitting with Valdivia on her 51st birthday, three days after Thanksgiving. She has come from having lunch with her father and sisters. Her husband is working his management job at a Kearny Mesa retail store. He is lucky that today he had to be at work only by 10:00 a.m.

But he won’t get off until 11:30 tonight. And Valdivia will be there to pick him up. The couple has one car now that their older one was stolen

for 12 years.”

I am receiving an account of the couple’s most recent “black Friday,” so named for the day after Thanksgiving when supposedly many retail stores’ balance sheets move, for the year’s first time, out of the red and into the black. For retailers the money-maker event starts on Wednesday night.

On that night this year, “My husband was scheduled to be off at about 7:00 p.m.,” says Valdivia. “Knowing him and how things set up, I figured it would turn out to be 8:00. When I called to check on how he was doing, he said he needed me to come up and take some things to

1:45 in the morning.

“What they were doing,” Valdivia goes on, “was setting everything up for the day after Thanksgiving. We got home at about 2:00, crashed about 2:30, and were up again at 6:00 so my husband could be back in the store to let the janitors out and the loss-prevention team in. I guess they do the backup tape then, too. Loss prevention is there to make sure nothing gets stolen in the transition. It’s a trust issue but good policy nevertheless.

“In addition, that’s when they place barriers around the doors so that when they come in Friday morning they don’t have to step over all the people to get to the front door and unlock,” says Valdivia. “What I heard happened this year was that as soon as the barriers came down at 5:00 a.m., people charged the doors. At 8:00 or 9:00 Thanksgiving evening, they’re already sitting around the edges of the building in lawn

figure it’s too great an opportunity to miss. My sister-in-law went down to the San Ysidro outlet center on the same day, and she said it took her almost five hours to get into the lot and find a parking place.”

The whole period from Thanksgiving to the middle of January “is very hard to take,” says Valdivia. “I call it the Christmas monster. They’re constantly making sure everything gets restocked, sales signs are up, and so on. It goes until after new inventory comes in when the holiday season’s over. At that time they’re replacing and counting things. They want to verify that the numbers all square. Finally, I get to see my husband again, the guy I know instead of the robot.

“I know it sounds like I’m complaining. Still, I’m very glad my husband has his job. There is a roof over our heads; food is in the refrigerator and gas in the tank. And



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Westfield Shopping Town, Mission Valley

human body.”

Her husband’s back is “killing him,” says Valdivia. “He’s a tall man, and now has bad knees because he’s on concrete all day long. I try to get him out of the building for lunch. We were sitting at a Panda Express in Vons one

ing in company dress, you need to not be rude. He’s such a sweet guy anyway, so he went ahead and gave her all the information. She was feeling pretty comfortable. I was waiting for her to start picking off his plate.”

Last Christmas Eve Valdivia went with her husband to deliver a chair after-hours to customers in Poway. It had not arrived in the store on time from an Anaheim warehouse. “The people came down in a golf cart to let us through their guarded gate,” says Valdivia. “We drove up, and they came and took the chair out. The lady was very nice. She made us some cookies, which was very nice, and she gave me a big hug. The man was kind of cold, but he tipped my husband \$20. We made it home about 11:30 that night — starving.”

I ask Valdivia why her husband doesn’t get out of retail. “He does have lots of experience training people in customer service, and he’s beautiful with people. But at 56, to go out someplace else, the pickings are pretty slim.” Valdivia does not have complaints about his pay nor does she blame any particular ogres in the company for all the stress he goes through. “It’s the business,” she says. “All the companies do the same thing.

“The day after Christmas is insane. The return lines are out the door and around the building. And on days like that, when I call him from the parking lot to get him out for

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Ana Valdivia

several years ago. Valdivia’s husband has been working in retail for over 40 years and as a manager for 30. “He started when he was a kid,” she says. “He hired me at the Warehouse when he was a manager there. We’ve been mar-

Kinko’s to make sale signs. The time he could leave became 9:30, then 11:00. At midnight I bundled up in the car because I didn’t want to go back to our place in Chula Vista. I fell asleep, fortunately, and when he got out, it was

chairs and sleeping bags and blankets.

“You’ve never seen that?” asks Valdivia, who finds my surprise strange. “Every year there are a number of sales. Prices are marked down so low that I guess these people

we’ve got our family and our house. You can’t ask for more than that. But it’s amazing how depressing things can get,” says Valdivia with a sigh and shoulders that suddenly sag, “how tired you can be, and how dragging it is on the

day and, because he’s a familiar face, somebody decided to sit with us while we were eating,” she says, laughing. “The woman started asking him questions about what was on sale and whether he knew if the store had this or that. Be-

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dict, the defendants and their insurance company decided to settle for \$3.2 million, or the amount that the doctors had originally invested. The jury then came back with a

judgment of only \$2 million and also ruled in favor of the defendants in a cross-complaint against Hamid Mani for breach of contract. "It was academic, because it was already settled," says Edward Chapin, who represented

Yarpezhskan.

The suit charged that Yarpezhskan and Laffer made misrepresentations that induced the doctors to invest. In March of 2001, according to the suit, Laffer told the doctors that Qualmag had

enough contracts to assure profitability in 2002, had no competitors, and would be a safe investment. Laffer repeated the alleged misrepresentations during 2001 and 2002, "lulling the plaintiffs into a false sense of security,"

the suit said.

Laffer's "prestige was one of the things that helped win them [the doctors] over," says Bartolotta.

"I had not met them [the doctors] when they invested,"

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rejoins Laffer. "I was not a key person." Among several things, Laffer says he never claimed that the company had enough contracts to be profitable in 2002.

"Dr. Laffer's defense was that he did not make any of these misrepresentations, and the jury agreed with that," says Chapin. He says company misrepresentations were few. Yarpeshkan admitted that he was in error in stating that he had several patents. "He jumped the gun a couple of times on what was a patent pending. Other than that, the information that was related was accurate as far as we are concerned."

Bartolotta strongly disagrees. Among many things, he says, company touts, including Laffer, overstated the company's innovations and financial strength and neglected to state many risks of the investment. According to Bartolotta, defendants say they always stressed that the products were in development, and financial success was not guaranteed.

Qualmag's former accounting firm of Matranga & Correia, charged with helping to develop false information used to recruit investors, was "essentially vindicated," says the former firm's attorney, Robert Semmer.

"I thought it [Qualmag] was a really good company," says Laffer. "I am just amazed the suit wasn't settled two years earlier. All the legal bills made no sense. This is not a crooked case. It is a sad case."

But Laffer *has* been involved in some cases that turned out to be crooked. The most egregious was in 1990. Laffer was paid \$5000 to tout an Orange County multilevel-marketing company named FundAmerica. He lauded it in a video presentation that lured people into the scheme. The idea was that members would get a discount on various products and services. But members would be paid to recruit other members — hence, it got to be known as the "Yuppie Pyramid."

In spring of that year, I went to Laffer's office to in-

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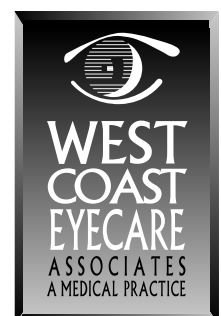
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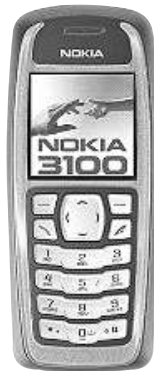
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interview FundAmerica's head, Robert T. Edwards. He used the word "pyramid" to describe the enterprise. I began doing research on Edwards. The San Diego office of the attorney general was doing the same. Then I had quadruple bypass surgery. I was in the early recovery stages when I learned that the state of Florida charged FundAmerica with operating an illegal pyramid scheme. I went back to the story. Laffer immediately resigned, saying he had been betrayed.

Florida announced that there was an active warrant for Edwards's arrest in England. Scotland Yard had been looking for him. Edwards had earlier run pyramids in Canada and Australia, said Florida prosecutors. Shortly, Texas and California declared that FundAmerica was an illegal, endless-chain pyramid. The company went into bankruptcy. Investors eventually got \$13 million as a result of a securities/racketeering lawsuit.

In the 1990s, Laffer invested in a pizza chain named Mountain Mike's. He got in through Blaine Quick of Rancho Santa Fe. Another investor was former San Diegoan Richard Silberman, a friend of Quick's. In 1990, Silberman had been convicted of helping launder \$300,000 from a government agent posing as a front for Colombian drug traffickers. After getting out of prison in 1993, Silberman invested and also put two children of Susan Golding — his former spouse and then San Diego mayor — into the deal. Other investors included Seth Flam and Dr. Sol Lizerbram of FPA Medical Management, a onetime Wall Street darling that later plunged ingloriously into bankruptcy. Mountain Mike's was sold to a company named Jreck and then into another fast-food chain with acute dyspepsia named Ultimate Franchise Systems. "Jreck was a wreck," laughed Laffer at the time.

On March 4, 2002, *Forbes* magazine ran a lengthy investigative story with this opening paragraph: "How do respectable names like Deloitte & Touche and Arthur Laffer get tangled up with a seedy outfit like Casmyn Corp.?" The company mined

for gold in such places as Zambia and Zimbabwe. Deloitte was the accounting firm. Laffer was on the board, along with the late Baron Edmund de Rothschild. The baron "was the one who told me these guys were great,"

says Laffer. "He had a huge estate outside of London."

However, as *Forbes* related, the company collapsed in scandal, and the chief executive officer vamoosed. "I got out. I complained that it was not managed in a proper

fashion," says Laffer.

"I am involved in tons of things [including] investing in emerging companies," says Laffer. "Some have problems." Indeed. And those problems have not helped Laffer's reputation. ■

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lunch, he answers the phone, and I can hear screaming in the background," says Valdivia. "I've asked him, 'Are

they screaming at you?' 'Yes, I'll have to call you back later,' he said and hung up."

During a visit to a mall in Mission Valley, I ask clerks in Robinsons-May and Bed Bath & Beyond how customers treat them. They said

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that many customers do get irritable, but most of them remain polite. One woman, however, said an obviously perturbed man made her nervous with his glares. It caused her to start putting his purchase into another cus-

tomers' bag. "He called me a stupid bitch," she said, "and stormed off without me getting it into a bag at all."

But Christmas season gives a financial boost to many part-time retail employees. A clerk in Robinsons-

May told me she's happy with an extra 17 hours she has gotten on the floor this year. She gets only 20 hours per week during the rest of the year.

"Managers and assistant managers — the upper level — get hit hardest," according

to Valdivia. "If you're on salary, they own you and can keep you at the store for as long as they want." She says her husband was on salary at the Warehouse for 25 years. "The fact that now the Warehouse has to close a lot

of stores in the San Diego area is just deserts," she adds. "They were very nasty to their management. In Las Vegas they've been taken to court for requiring management to do carpentry and painting, things out of the job

description.

"In his current store, my husband is paid hourly," says Valdivia. "He still puts in long hours, but usually at this time of year only. They do pay year-end bonuses based on profits. But when they have big sales, the profits stay low, and so do the bonuses."

Valdivia relishes the thought of being on the other end of Christmas business. "I would love to go shopping with my husband and pick things out together. It's not going to happen until after he retires, if the business doesn't kill him first," she says. "When Christmas comes now, I don't even want to go into stores. I tell everybody, 'I'll buy you guys dinner. I'm not into gifts anymore. And I got so frustrated that I had to do something for me. So I used fireplace tongs — I'm that short — to hang lights. I turn them on every night."

"This year I'm taking the bull by the horns," says Valdivia, "and getting a little more involved with my church, because they go Christmas caroling and have such a positive attitude about it all. But people in malls are off the deep end. You talk about the Christmas spirit; if you want to see the Christmas spirit that's out there, try to find a parking space at the mall and accidentally cut someone off. There are so many worse things going on in this world to get upset about than somebody squeezing into a parking place you anticipated getting into. The way people treat each other is amazing, and it's all so they can get their stuff, get it wrapped, give it to someone else, and say, 'Look at me. Aren't I great? I love you. Here.'"

I ask how many times she's gotten to spend her birthday with her husband. A long pause follows as tears well up in Valdivia's brown eyes. Then she laughs loudly and says, "I think it was five years ago."

"Last year," she says, "I threw my own 50th birthday party at a restaurant. It fell on Black Friday. Both my family and his family came. At 1:00 in the morning, he came into the bar. It was a little anticlimactic, but it was great to see that he still wanted to catch it. Normally he's so beat up that he'll call and say, 'Honey, I'll see you at home.'"

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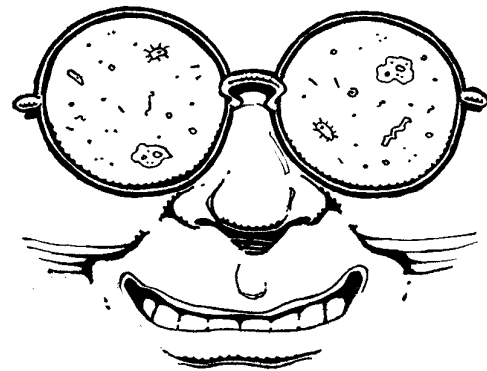


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Hi Matt:

I was out golfing on a sunny day and I noticed my eyes have these little marks in them, like you're looking through a microscope at little amoebas. They move around but don't change shape. The doctor says it's normal. But I'm not one who gets good information from doctors. What are they, and do you think UFOs or ghosts can be explained by these eye amoebas?

— Putting and Pondering, Clairemont

Grandma Alice recently developed an eye thingy shaped like Mickey Mouse. It morphs into a four-leafed clover occasionally, but mostly it's Mickey. We're sure it's a corporate curse — payback for years of dissing Disney. And we're always amazed at the number of sane but cheap people who present their ailing parts via e-mail to me and the elves for diagnosis. Ma Alice is conducting a feasibility study of hosting our own medical insurance PayPal system. If someone goes to the doctor's office, gets an answer, and still insists on turning to Matthew Alice Wisdomporium and Collision Repair, well, it's obviously a trend we can't buck.

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Dear Matthew Alice:

I remember hearing on the news once that in one of those Southern states some men had been charged with attempted murder for hiring a hit man to kill a judge. The hit man was a voodoo practitioner who was supposed to kill the judge by sticking pins into doll or whatever it is that voodooists do. I never heard anything further about this case. I had looked forward to extensive media coverage. Can you find out what happened in this case?

— CC, Vista

Another great moment in litigation. It all started early in 1989, when a Mississippi circuit court judge sentenced John Ivy to 40 years in the state pen at Parchman for robbery. That gave John plenty of time to devise the perfect revenge.

John's brother Leroy happened to know the judge's housekeeper, so they set up a three-way phone call with the lady and asked her to get a picture of her boss and a lock of his hair. The Ivys' plan was to send these to a voodoo practitioner in New Orleans, who would then use the articles to put a curse on the judge. To no one's surprise (except the Ivys', apparently), the housekeeper alerted the judge, then set up a rendezvous with Leroy, handed over the goods, and the Tupelo police snapped the cuffs on him. Both brothers were charged with conspiracy to murder.

Leroy's attorney claimed it was a waste of taxpayers' money to prosecute someone for soliciting a death by voodoo. The DA countered by saying the Ivys' plan was no different from hiring a hit man who couldn't shoot straight; it's not the efficacy of the method, it's the intent of the plotters that matters in conspiracy. The law was on the side of the state. According to Leroy's Tupelo attorney, the brothers pleaded guilty to conspiracy one day before the trial began. In exchange, Leroy's sentence was suspended and he received probation. John's bright idea will cost him a few more years in Parchman.

Matthew Alice:

I see more and more potatoes for sale these days that have green in the skin. I thought these were poisonous, so why are they left on the shelves?

— M. Weldon, National City

A bin of green spuds might be disquieting but not cause for an all-points toxic-waste alert. When potatoes are exposed to light (and cold), chlorophyll and an alkaloid, solanine, collect below the skin. It means the taters have languished for a while under less than ideal conditions. Solanine in quantity is unhealthy, but at worst, Dr. Doctor says, you'll be left with a bitter, sharp, peppery taste in your mouth and maybe a little nausea. According to a potato specialist at UC-Davis, one potato hybrid that did not turn green when exposed to light was deemed unsuitable for the popular market. One less indicator for the consumer of a long-stored spud, was the reasoning. Green-skinned potatoes are legal to sell; peel them before you cook them and you'll never know the difference.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

One Of A Kind

When it comes to football, high schools in California are separated by size: the largest high schools compete in Division I, the smallest in Division IV.

Next Tuesday at Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego area high schools will play their championship games. The Division IV game kicks off at 10:00 a.m., followed by Division III finalists, on to the Division II championship, finishing with Division I at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are 11 bucks. Bring lots of toys, food, drink, cellular phones, music, perhaps a cot, blankets, pillows, and one or two TVs.

I am partial to Division IV football because on that level, it's still pure sport. This year's Division IV championship game features — from Blythe, California — the Palo Verde High School Yellowjackets (930 students and 10-1) going up against San Diego's own, the Santa Fe Christian Eagles (340 students and 11-1).

Santa Fe Christian's head coach is an unusual man. I think — and would bet a paycheck — there's not another like him coaching football at any high school in the United States. Meet Brian Sipe, Grossmont High School alumnus, San Diego State quarterback. "I was there in '69, '70, and '71, then I was drafted by the Cleveland Browns and played professionally for 14 years." I should mention, since he didn't, that Sipe was the NFL's MVP in 1980. A real-deal star.

We talked Sunday night. I wanted to know, with that résumé, how he came to coach Division IV football.

"When I retired from football I fell into a partnership with an architect and a contractor, and we started designing and building homes here in San Diego. Been doing that happily for 15 years, still am. I thought I'd put football completely behind me. I didn't know; God threw me a curve ball.

"My daughter was in school over there. The head coach asked me to come out and help with quarterbacks. I put him off for a long time. Finally, I came over toward the end of the 2000 season. There were some talented boys on the team who were coming back the next year. I knew we were going to have a pretty good team. At the end of that season the head coach retired, so I threw my hat in the ring.

"I thought we'd be pretty good, but I was unprepared for the fast start and how

determined that team was. We ran the table, went 12 and 0, ended up number one in the state. We won at Qualcomm in 2001, we were beat in the semifinals in 2002, and then we came back and won last year.

"Most people make the mistake of thinking that if you played football in the NFL, you're qualified to coach and qualified to lead boys. And that's just not the case. I had absolutely no coaching experience. I was a lousy coach; football came so naturally to me I never listened to my coaches.

"So, I had to learn right along with the kids, and I've been doing that for four years. My learning curve has been as steep as the one the kids climb.

"I had to look at the sport through different eyes when I became a coach. But I call all the offensive plays, and I run the game. So, in some respects, during the game, I feel like I'm still quarterbacking. I'm not the guy who's passing the ball, but I'm calling all the plays, I'm evaluating the defenses and orchestrating things. I love that.

"In terms of coaching, high school is a different game. By the time you get to be a pro athlete, everyone comes out of the same mold, or they wouldn't be there. But high school, some kid will be 5' 7", 135 pounds as a freshman, and you have no idea what he's going to look like four years later.

"I tell the boys if they're not getting play time they're hurting the team. It's their job to fight for play time. The more boys who contribute, the better chance we have to win.

"They're [Palo Verde] an unknown to us. This will be a great game. I drove down to El Centro with some of my coaches and watched them beat Horizon. I was impressed with what I saw. They've got a great group of supporters. It was a real happening for them. I know they'll turn out for that game in Qualcomm.

"The other thing I want to tell you, whether it's Palo Verde or Santa Fe Christian, this is the pinnacle of sports for most of these boys. I can assure you, when the players are introduced and run out onto that field, in their minds that stadium is full and it's the Super Bowl. They've got that big scoreboard lit up, instant replay, their names are up there, television — oh, man, it's a high schooler's dream."

The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 14 (Home Team in CAPS)

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NEW ENGLAND	11		43 ½	Cincinnati
BUFFALO	10 ½		37	Cleveland
BALTIMORE	9 ½		33 ½	N. Y. Giants
GREEN BAY	9 ½		45 ½	Detroit
MINNESOTA	6		51	Seattle
ATLANTA	7 ½		45 ½	Oakland
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Founded locally: 1964
Senior pastor: Rabbi Martin S. Lawson
Congregation size: 1400
Staff size: 15
Sunday school enrollment: 165
Annual budget: would not discuss
Weekly giving: would not discuss
Singles program: no
Dress: dressy
Diversity: white
Worship: Friday varies (6 or 7 p.m.); Saturday,
10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
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"In Reform Judaism there is no one doctrine. It is up to the individual to make this decision to what he or she believes. Individual choice is the hallmark of Reform Judaism," Rabbi Martin Lawson told me.

The roots of Reform Judaism are traced to the Enlightenment in the 1800s. As Jews were given access to public schools, the Torah was viewed under modern interpretation and criticism. Traditional clothing, circumcision, keeping kosher, and other Jewish laws no longer governed how Reform Judaism expressed its beliefs.

"There is a movement to bring many of these traditional elements back into the service. The old style of Reform was trying to assimilate and become part of the American community and not be too Jewish. Today, there is a reexamination of these old traditional patterns," said Rabbi Lawson. "At our services, you will find many people wearing a *tallit* or *kepah*."

At the Shabbat service I attended, two-thirds of the men chose to wear a *kepah*, also called a *yarmulke*. *Yarmulkes* are provided for visitors at the entrance to the sanctuary. The *kepah* or *yarmulke* is a skullcap worn on the head during religious prayers and services. Orthodox Jewish males wear a *yarmulke* at all times. A *tallit*, also pronounced *tallis*, is a rectangular-shaped prayer shawl worn for prayers.

"We are not wearing them for the same reason as an Orthodox Jew would, but we are reinvesting them with new meaning," explained Lawson. "Wearing these items is about people finding meaning on their own. People look back and examine the ancient texts and try to bring new meaning to these rituals."

I asked Rabbi Lawson about the differences between Reform and Orthodox Judaism. "One of the differences with Orthodox Jews is the status of women," Lawson replied. "Men and women sit together in a Reform congregation. In an Orthodox congregation, they are separated. The separation boils down to women menstruating. In the Orthodox tradition, a woman is unclean during that time when she has her period. You don't want to walk around and ask every woman, 'Do you have your period today?' So they make a blanket thing of isolating women from men. Also,

there is the sexual connotation. Women are considered provocateurs of men.

"Reform Judaism says that women and men are equal. We have women rabbis, women cantors, and women educators. The same thing would apply to gays and lesbians or bisexual people. We don't accept the biblical teaching about homosexuality. Our congregation was the first in San Diego to march in the Pride Parade, and we've done it every year since."

Rabbi Lawson summarized the differences between Orthodox and Reform Jews saying, "Orthodox Judaism is based on Jewish law and adhering to that. Reform Jews believe those teachings are a guidance not a governance to how we live. They guide us, and we make decisions based on them. So we don't just throw them out."

The evening was dark as I arrived for the 6 p.m. Friday service. Inside the sanctuary, pillars wrapped in golden metal support the peaked ceiling. An altar stands in the center of the sanctuary. It is from this altar that the Torah is read. A large stained-glass window illuminated by light depicts a scroll covered with Hebrew writing.

I counted just over 80 people, which was close to capacity for the intimate sanctuary. The congregation, primarily an older group, wore suits and dressy attire.

The Shabbat service followed the *Gates of Prayer*, a gender-sensitive book written for Reform Judaism. The service was conducted in Hebrew, but English was included in the readings when Lawson spoke to the worshippers. Rabbi Lawson led the a cappella singing in Hebrew. Through the evening, various men and women stepped forward to read portions from the *Gates of Prayer* and from the Torah. Often, the congregation would stand and sing, read a response or a prayer.

Rabbi Lawson shared historical stories, quotes, and poems from a variety of sources. These sources included scholars, poets, Jewish mystics, Kabbalists and other rabbis.

The teachings were informational, providing insight into the meaning of words and language used throughout the service. The service ended with the Kiddush, when the congregation moved to the back of the room to partake of wine and bread.

As always, I asked Rabbi Lawson, "What happens to a person after they die?"

"There is a wide range of what people believe about life after death. These vary from 'When you are dead, you're dead'; some believe the soul lives on; others even believe in a bodily resurrection. I believe in some kind of existence after death. I don't think it is physical. You are reunited with God, the source of life. There is no hell or heaven in Jewish thought. You do have to stand for judgment. I taught an entire semester's course on this issue, so I can't really answer it. It would take me hours to explain it.

"Our focus in Judaism is not on life after death. The focus is on here and now. To quote a prophet, it is 'To do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with God.'"

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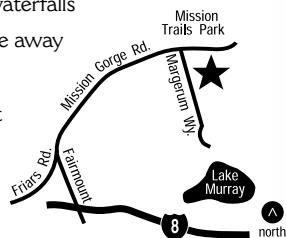
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Dear Saffron,

Our friend Paul's wife ran off and abandoned him and their two kids. After a while she came back and they got divorced and then she left for good. Paul was so depressed by the breakup that he couldn't bring himself to deal with it. He didn't even get a lawyer, though his wife sure did, and she got a big settlement out of him — fat monthly checks for alimony and child support. Paul just hung his head and didn't contest anything. A big chunk of what Paul is paying in alimony was supposedly going to pay his ex-wife's rent. He has the kids half the time and she has them the other half. Paul just found out from his kids that his ex has been living with another man almost from the moment they got divorced. She lied in court saying she was planning to live alone and she's been lying ever since. She swore the kids to secrecy, but of course little kids can't keep anything to themselves. Paul confronted her and she admitted she's been pretending she was living alone when in fact she moved into her boyfriend's apartment a while ago. Paul is still in a weird funk. When he found out he'd been had, he got pissed but he still won't do a thing about it. His friends all think he should drag his ex-wife's sorry butt back into court and make her tell the judge the truth. Then maybe the settlement could be renegotiated so he isn't getting ripped off so bad. She's got both him and her boyfriend paying her rent! Is that fair? What can we do to get our friend to wake up and do something about this stupid situation?

THE UNITED PALS OF PAUL

Dear United Pals,

Paul will wake up when he's ready. This could be soon, in a year, or never. You can offer to help him find a great cheap lawyer (if there is such a thing). An appeal to his fatherly instincts might work: "Look, Paul, negotiate a more equitable alimony agreement based on financial reality and start putting the money you save away for your kids' college educations." You can tell him he seems paralyzed and you want him to go see a shrink so that he can snap out of it and begin to live again. But none of this will happen until Paul clears the fog from his brain and melts the icicles in his heart and decides to act. Hang in there with him and keep trying.

Dear Saffron,

My husband and my mother rub each other the wrong way, though neither of them would admit it. They're civil to each other — they don't get into fights — but they do not

enjoy each other's company and disagree on almost everything. I get stuck in the middle. A few months ago my mother started inviting my husband to sporting events. She's a widow and loves to attend Padres games, Chargers games, and Aztecs games. My husband feels he has to accept these invitations but doesn't have any fun. I could not figure out why my mother was suddenly keen on going to games with him. My brother finally told me that she thinks she's doing me a favor! I have a two-year-old and four-year-old twins, and she told him it gives me valuable time for myself after I put the kids to bed on nights she takes my husband out. I might get a little "me" time then, but it's so not worth it. For the next three days I have to listen to my husband and my mother whine (separately) about what a lousy time they had. I don't wish to hurt Mom's feelings, but I do want the invitations to stop. I'm sick of hearing them both complain. Advice?

BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE IN CARDIFF

Dear Between,

You have choices. You could tell Mom that your bro told you about her sweet scheme to let you have some quiet time (and you're so touched!), but unfortunately the plan has backfired. It's more work, not less, for you when the kids' dad is out for the night since he's not there to help you herd the troops into bed so you'd appreciate it if she went to ball games with other friends. Or ask your husband to say he's sorry but he's getting too busy to go to games with her. Maybe they'd both be relieved. Or, if you're the kind of woman who likes to take it on the chin, you could just tell the truth, with great kindness, and see what happens.

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Every year at Christmas my kids are bombarded with store advertisements and commercials. Though I can't do much about the marketing machine, I can counterbalance the marketing monster by encouraging my children to do charitable deeds. In the past, we've delivered meals around downtown to homeless people, the kids popping homemade cards into each bag. They work around the house to make a few dollars to send to poor families in Haiti and buy Christmas gifts to send to an orphanage in Tijuana. This year I decided the Kellys would send Christmas cheer to soldiers away from home during the holidays.

My search led me to Carolyn Blashek, founder of Operation Gratitude.

"After September 11th, I tried to join the military myself, but I was way too old," explained Blashek. "Still, I wanted in some way to show support for the military, but I discovered there are very few ways of doing that as a civilian. I started volunteering at our local USO, and one day I met a soldier who was going back over to the war zone. He said to me, 'You know, I just buried my mother, my wife left me years ago, and my only child died as an infant. I really have nobody, and I'm going back over there. I don't think I'll make it back this time, but it really doesn't matter because nobody would even notice.' That really got to me. And I started thinking, what is it that gives somebody the courage and the strength to get through the horrors of war. It occurred to me that it is really a belief that someone cares about them and wants them to get home. So I felt that I had to do something to show the troops that people cared about them. Being a mother, my first thought was, 'Oh I have to send food and warmth and just words of encouragement.' What I learned fairly quickly though was that following the anthrax scare, you could no longer send a package or a letter addressed to no particular soldier. Now you had to actually have a specific name and address to send it to. I didn't know anybody personally, so I started networking and got a few names. I sent my first four packages on the day the war broke out in Iraq. In every package I sent, I'd include a letter saying, 'If you know anyone else who would like to receive one, please e-mail me.' And slowly it just mushroomed. At the same time, people all over the community wanted to do something to show support and there were these massive collection drives. But they didn't know what to do with it all. There was no place to give it to. So within a few weeks of the war breaking out, my living room was filled with donated items."

In August 2003, Blashek moved the operation out of her living room and into the local USO, and for their first holiday

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drive, over Veteran's Day weekend, they sent out 7000 packages. Over the next summer, "Our Patriotic Drive kicked off over the Memorial Day weekend to get packages to the troops for July 4th. We sent out almost 13,000 packages. Now we are in our second holiday drive and we have already sent out over 18,000 [packages]. My hope is to do at least another 7,000 to 10,000 by the end of the year."

Where do you ship to?

"We will send to anyone who is in a deployment situation," she replied. "We go to Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Korea, Guantanamo Bay, ships throughout the Gulf. The majority of the names now are given to us by command leaders in the field."

Judging from thank-you notes, Blashek says servicemen who receive the packages "are struck by the fact that they are receiving stuff from total strangers, that people who don't know them are taking the time out of their schedules, taking money out of their pockets to make an effort to say thank you. Some of the most moving letters we

receive are when somebody writes that they had been on a very difficult mission, gone for a few days. When they

came back to their tent, just drained, and wondering how they were going to face the next day, and they looked and there was an Operation Gratitude package on their cot and it just totally perked them up."

What goods do they want?

"Individually packaged snack foods that are easily pocketed: beef jerky, trail mix, dried fruit, or energy bars. Only commercially packaged foods can be sent. Also entertainment items: DVDs, CDs, decks of cards, phone cards, little handheld games. During the holidays, we try to send several holiday cards for them to be able to send back to their loved ones."

Blashek doesn't send books or magazines because of their weight, but "we like to send comic books. We also send Beanie Babies, either for the troops to keep for fun or for them to give to the local kids as a way of establishing a rapport."

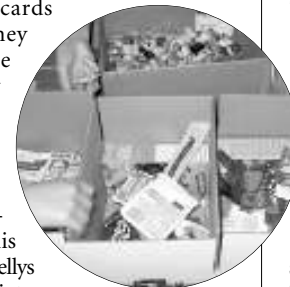
What can't you send?

"No pornography, no pork products, because it is a Muslim country; no alcohol and no overtly religious materials," answered Blashek. She also discourages toiletries because "they're heavy, the troops can get them there, and they are not that fun."

"The hallmark of our packages," Blashek continues, "is the personal letters that we include from kids from all over the country. Teachers will have their students write letters or parents will have their kids write letters and send them to us. We screen them and include some in each package. Based on the responses we get from the troops, those mean the most."

Blashek says the troops often write back to the kids.

Donations and letters sent to Blashek, which must be unwrapped and not enveloped, can be sent to 16444 Refugio Road, Encino, California 91436. More information can be obtained at www.operationgratitude.com.



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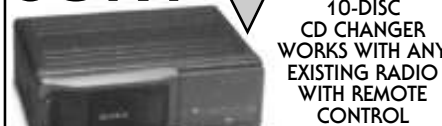


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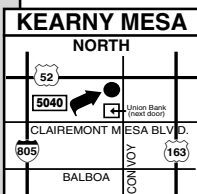
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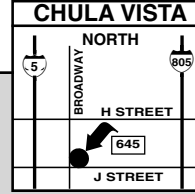
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

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— **CLASSIFIEDS,** Jean Navarro, December 12, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"Apocalypse At Last," Duncan Shepherd's long-awaited review, which appeared in the November 29 *Reader*, once again demonstrates his clannish and misinformed view of American film. *Apocalypse Now* is unquestionably the best American film of 1979 and the most powerful film yet to deal with the Vietnam War. It is also one of the classic war films of this century. I am not alone in this opinion; several national publications and state publications have also stated as much. Shepherd's view undercuts the four years of labor and \$30 million put into the film, as if this automatically disqualifies it from proper consideration.

— **LETTERS: "APOCALIPS,"** Tom Condelles, December 13, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

I had experienced many of them in my eleven-year history of life, but I knew there was something beyond these gestures of love which I witnessed each day. I began to study how the famous ones did it on television. Romeo and Juliet, Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara, and Mike and Carol Brady. They did it with such elegance, passion, and most importantly, length. All of mine had lacked any sense of dignity. They were short, meaningless pecks that seemed to only come my way when the bottle did.

So began the search for my first real kiss. I'm in the sixth grade now and practically a grown man. I attend Montgomery Middle School, which is my only source to this intriguing being, known as the female. School opens, and I find myself attracted to this girl named Beth. Within a few weeks I ask her "to go with me."

— **"A FIRST KISS,"** Kevin Alexander, December 13, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

He stands almost alone, a man accused by his colleagues of greed, opportunism, and selfishness. But National City councilman Fred Pruitt is letting the innuendos roll off his back. "Nothing could be further from



San Diego Reader, December 8, 1994

the truth," he says, "it's very, very sad."

Pruitt has been accused of hogging the city council's car. The automobile in question, a brown 1985 Chevrolet Caprice, was bought by the city for all the councilmen to use. But Pruitt has had the car for almost two months, according to a front-page story in a local newspaper. The councilman says he has a valid explanation, but it hasn't satisfied his critics on the council.

— **CITY LIGHTS: "DON'T BOGART THAT CAR,"** Brae Canlen, December 14, 1989

Ten Years Ago

Here's the truth about what I eat when I'm home and under pressure to meet writing deadlines: bread and chocolates. If I don't have exquisite samples of these in my house, I grow insecure and anxious. Chocolates are in every room, but breads are lined up on my kitchen counter, as many as four varieties at once.

— **CALENDAR: "DOUGH-FIEND ROUNDUP,"** Eleanor Widmer, December 8, 1994

Five Years Ago

San Diego's own Bill Silva, who rose to fame and fortune beginning in 1979 when he was a UCSD student promoting campus concerts, has just bought a \$1.9 million house in the Hollywood Hills from Dr. I. Lee Bosley, a hair-transplant doctor, reports the *L.A. Times*. The 3500-square-foot house, built in 1972, features three bedrooms, two fireplaces, and a pool. Silva unloaded his company, Bill Silva Presents, in 1998 to Universal Studios. This week's *Times* story reported Silva's age to be 40. But back in September 1998, the *Union-Tribune's* Burl Stiff reported that Silva was turning 40, celebrated with a lavish three-day birthday party bash that included food trucked in from Wolfgang Puck and a telephoned performance by Jewel.

— **CITY LIGHTS: "FOREVER 40,"** Matt Potter, December 9, 1999

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EIGHT MILLION WAYS TO DRINK

by Josh Board

I play poker with a group of guys, and one always deals a game called Diablo. I never thought I'd hear the word outside the poker party. But when Marcy called to invite me to her friend Ashley's birthday party in Clairemont, she told me that if the Diablos showed up, things could get wild. Now, sometimes "wild" isn't a bad thing. If it's "girls going wild" — fine. If it's somebody with an Uzi — not fine. I asked what a Diablo was. I was told it was a motorcycle gang that Ashley's father is in.

I looked for my old Harley-Davidson T-shirt to wear, but couldn't find it. Oh, well. It wasn't until I was on my way that I realized wearing a UCLA sweatshirt was probably the most opposite thing in my wardrobe.

When I got to this place off of Genesee, there was nowhere to park. With at least a hundred people at the party, cars were everywhere. The curbs were all rounded and the driveways were narrow. It was hard to see if I was parking in front of a driveway or not. So I drove about a mile down the street until I found a spot I could be sure of.

I walked in and found Marcy. Her name is pronounced "Marcy," but I have no idea how



it's spelled. It never occurred to me that spelling would be something I needed to worry about. But when I wrote about a party for a girl named Karen, she called to tell me afterward that she was pissed. I had spelled her name wrong — it's Caryn. A guy named Shaun called once to tell me his name was spelled S-h-a-u-n and not S-e-a-n. And I ended up not even mentioning that guy. In the future, though, if I misspell a

The vibrations made me think my cell phone was ringing.

name, don't get mad at me. Get mad at your mom for naming you Sanndee!

Marcy introduced me to a few people and showed me the most popular thing at the party — the ice luge. I had seen



one at a military party that looked like a long slide. This one was shaped like a big square block of ice with different zigzags that the alcohol went around. Carved into it was "Ashley, 23." (That's one name

I've spelled correctly.) Someone would stand on a chair and pour alcohol down it, while someone else was bent over with their mouth at the end. They weren't using shot glasses though, so they ended up just pouring the



Ashley's birthday party

alcohol (Jägermeister was used most) straight from the bottle. And it was a lot of booze they'd pour, not just a small shot.

There was something that looked like a trough all around it where the extra alcohol ran into. One guy looked at me and said, "That's a waste, man. If we run out of beer, I'm going to get a straw and drink that." I replied, "Good idea. It's a shame to waste alcohol. There are starving kids in China who don't have alcohol."

Ashley's friend had made this ice luge, and I asked her how long it would last. It was 9:00 p.m. when I asked her

(and she was already a bit toasted). She told me, "They said it would last 72 hours. It's sitting on a big block of ice, too. That keeps it cold." A girl who overheard this said, "There's no way that will last 72 hours. Once the sun hits it in the morning, it'll turn into a birdbath."

There was a DJ named Greg. Marcy said he was a friend and she had given him \$50 to play this party. He was mostly spinning reggae tunes, but there was some hip-hop mixed in. At one point, I was sitting near his speakers and the vibrations made me think my cell phone was ringing. My eardrums were ringing the next day.

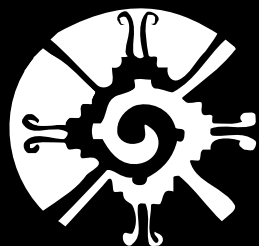
Occasionally, people would dance in front of the DJ. One time I heard somebody hit the concrete. I looked over and it was Ashley. Someone said, "She's drunk." It was the understatement of the night.

The crowd was all in their early 20s and all different races. Of the 100 people, each one was holding either a beer, a cell phone, or a cigarette. Some had all three. The back yard was large enough for everyone, but with that many people, it was getting loud. A neighbor flashed her lights on and off quickly. Someone said, "I think they

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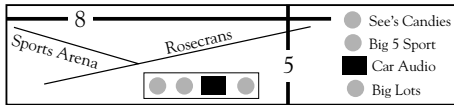
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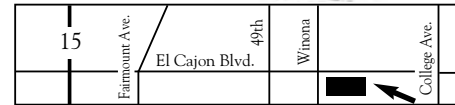
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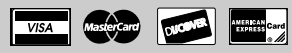
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want us to be quiet. Either that or she's trying to send a fucking S.O.S. to someone."

There was a point when the party did get quiet. Someone was yelling and everyone stopped to listen. He said, "Who has a black Cadillac? It's blocking someone's driveway." The woman I was talking to asked, "Is that your Cadillac?" I replied, "I didn't drive the Caddy tonight. I brought the Benz."

As the crowd got drunker, a few fights almost started. I saw one guy push another and then say, "You should get a damn personality!" I have no idea what that meant, but the guy who he pushed walked away.

A muscular guy was walking around with his fists clenched. I was told he always looks for fights when he's been drinking. I wondered why big guys want to fight when they drink. Are there ever guys who look like Woody Allen who drink too much and

then want to mix it up with somebody?

One guy was urinating by two cars parked in the back yard. I guess it would've been too long a walk from the back yard inside to the bathroom. Although one girl at the party had the perfect setup. Her bedroom window faced the back yard, so she'd just pop the screen off and throw her pack of cigarettes into her room. Other times, she'd pop the screen and grab something she needed from her room.

I was talking to one of the other roommates. I thought she was the same age as the rest, but was surprised to find she was older. I asked, "How do you know Ashley?" She said, "Oh, I used to change her diapers when she was a baby. I was her babysitter for years. Then I got pregnant with her father." I was shocked to hear this. She continued, "My son is over there." She pointed to a kid who looked to be about 15. She told me she had

recently moved back in. Then she introduced me to the boy's father, who was also the Diablo. He was a tall, good-looking biker. (Note to self: find out if there's a reason that all bikers have mustaches.)

One drunk guy who I thought would be trouble turned out to be really nice. Although, half the time, I didn't know what he was talking about. He was a muscular Italian who wanted to talk about the Chargers. But when I said something about how well Drew Brees was playing, or the previous week's win, he started rambling without making sense. I asked him for matches for my cigar, and he gave me some that had a bail-bond place listed on them. I jokingly asked if he had ever done time and he said, "No. My brother is in the joint, though."

I asked him if he played football, since he certainly had the size. He said, "My knee is messed up. But I still play with

friends. There's a group of us that play on turkey day. We play at Kearny Mesa High. Some NFL players show up, like J.J. Stokes. You should come."

I told him I used to play basketball with some Chargers at Alliant University in Scripps Ranch. But the thought of being tackled by NFL players isn't the least bit tempting.

Whenever I walked away from this guy, he'd always end up finding me. I wouldn't have minded talking to him if he wasn't so drunk. The last conversation we had, he rolled up his pant leg and showed me a scar from where he was shot once.

A few people talked about doing a "beer bong." I remember when I went to State, people talked about that. I never knew what it was. I asked for an explanation and was told, "There are four tubes, and each person has a tube in their mouth. Someone stands above them and pours the beer into the top. It's dis-

tributed into the four tubes, and you have to drink it." It seemed similar to the ice luge. I wondered what the fascination is with the variety of ways to have alcohol poured into your mouth. Just drinking it yourself isn't enough. You need somebody to pour it. I'm sure the day will come when I'll go to a party and people will be sitting in their cars with a crazy straw that's 50 feet long, going directly into a keg in the living room. It will be like drive-in movies.

I never did see them do the beer bong. But as more people showed up, they crowded around the ice luge and watched the beer going down, like dominoes falling. It was the hit of the party. One guy said to me, "Some of these drunk guys that want to fight, we should bet them they can't punch through the ice block. You know they'll try it, and break their hand. It'll be funny." Someone else said, "Nah, they'll just knock it over. Or

they'll want to punch you instead."

There was a group of six people I had a blast talking with. The guy looked like a shorter Magic Johnson. (By the way, for Lea, who called my voice mail to complain about my description of African-Americans...I try to describe things at the party; maybe that's the beer, the food, or what the people look like. I don't see how that's offensive.)

The guy's name was Andy. He was surprised that, after he'd paid \$5 to get a cup for the keg, the line was so long. He said, "Can't I go to the front of the line?" Surprisingly, everyone let him. He then said, "All these people like me." The rest of the night, his friends made fun of him for saying that. An angry drunk guy would walk by and they'd say, "See if that guy likes you."

Andy told me his girlfriend worked at a hotel, and that made him nervous. His explanation made little



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sense. Something about her being attractive, and guys hitting on her, and the hotel having rooms available.

One of the women in this group had some funny things to say about the election. I laughed when she said, "If it wasn't for Jon Stewart and *The Daily Show*, I wouldn't have even voted."

She ended up leaving at around 11:30, saying she had to prepare a baby shower in the morning, which included her going to Target to buy baby supplies for a game in which the women would have to guess the prices.

There was a cute couple who had been dating for seven years. They seemed to have so much in common. Both loved the Lakers and they liked the same music and movies. She wanted to write screenplays, so she and I talked a little about that. She knows one of the directors of *The Simpsons*. I told her I had written an episode that was a takeoff on *A Christmas Carol*, where the boss, Mr. Burns, was Scrooge. She said, "They have 22 writers and they don't take scripts." She talked about an episode she had written. It sounded funny, but the problem was that the main character was the one that Phil Hartman voiced. When Hartman was murdered by his wife, the show retired that character.

At around midnight there was a mass exodus. I wondered if people were afraid of turning into pumpkins. But a more logical explanation came from Marcy. She said, "We ran out of beer. There were

three kegs. I think Ashley went for some more beer earlier, but that's gone too."

Andy and I got into a long discussion about the FCC. I found it surprising that he was a fan of Howard Stern, who routinely makes fun of African-Americans. He said, "Man, I'm half Mexican, half black. In school, everyone would always say stuff about me. I never cared. It was all funny."

They told me they were going to Peter D's bar on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. I told them I might stop by after this party. Then I talked to Marcy for a little bit and found out she hosts karaoke over at Peter D's.

I took a few pictures and then headed out. As I started walking down the dark street, a mile from my car, I saw a guy carrying a six-pack of beer. I said, "That will be gone within one minute of you walking in there." He dropped the six-pack and then dropped his backpack. I thought he wanted to fight me, but couldn't figure out why. He looked at me for a second. I looked at him. He quickly started to open his backpack. I wondered if he was going to get a weapon. I also wondered why I was just standing there watching him. I said, "What are you doing?" He said, "You told me my beer would disappear. So I'm going to hide it in my backpack." He stuffed it in the backpack and headed toward the party. ■

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"Can you pass the gravy?" I waited patiently to fill my face with all kinds of Thanksgiving Day goodness. So far, everything on the table looked fairly innocuous — stuffing, mashed potatoes, canned jellied cranberries, green beans, and broccoli. David handed me the silver serving dish, supposedly filled with the flavorful sauce that lubricates throatfuls of taters and turkey. But when I looked at its contents, I furrowed my brow and blinked my eyes repeatedly, hoping to correct my color vision. Could the gravy really be orange? My eyes darted quickly to each of the nine other faces in my attempt to determine if this was an isolated hallucination. It looked like I was alone.

On the few occasions my family members were unable to spend that fourth Thursday of November with each other, we still celebrated together the following week. Because her daughters were domestically challenged, Mom always cooked alone on the big day. That is, until Faye married Sean, who has become our family's new culinary genius. Sean has since taken over the bulk of the holiday meal, wowing us with his brines and delighting us with his fresh apple pies.

My mother took it hard when I told her I was spending this year's Thanksgiving holiday

with David's family. She kept blocking it out of her memory, convincing herself I'd never told her, regardless of how many times I mentioned it. So each time the subject was brought up, she relived her shock and I repeated the words that seemed to calm her best: "It's either Thanksgiving or Christmas." After this, her face would relax into a smile and she'd tell me, "Have fun!" The same thing worked with my sisters — given the choice, there's no contest. Christmas wins, hands down.

David's parents live on Martha's Vineyard, home to some rich and famous (James Taylor, Ted Danson, Walter Cronkite, Michael J. Fox), vacation spot for the Clintons, the Kennedys, and more. It's an arduous trek to get there from San Diego — hours of flying, layovers, ferries, and buses. This year, we flew the whole way, taking a puddle jumper (a plane that seats a maximum of eight passengers) for the final stretch. We flew the last two legs with

David's sister Michelle, who lives in Seattle.

David's siblings and parents would all be together for the first time in two years. This was hard for me to imagine — I don't sneeze without calling one of my sisters or a parent, and two weeks without seeing them is pushing it. My mother (a New York Italian) and my father (a New York Irishman) brought us up with a strong sense of family love and loyalty. We truly believe our family is better. This sentiment was captured best by my late cousin Jeffrey, who confided to me, "When I'm dating a woman, things go fine until she meets my family. Once they meet the family, they're suddenly talking about 'marriage' and 'the future,' and you know why? Because they want in." This seemed perfectly logical to us.

David's parents are Hungarian. His mother is a direct descendent from Hungarian aristocracy; she is polite, well-mannered, reserved, neurotic, and sounds like Zsa Zsa Gabor. His father is outspoken and opinionated, choosing mostly to discuss politics and the latest updates from Fox News. The Hungarians play bridge several times a week and entertain frequently for their many friends and family members who want a place to stay when visiting the island. Out of respect for them, and at David's request, I restrain myself from being the "me" I am around everyone else; I pretend I am a refined young lady with no opinions whatsoever.

Sitting at the elongated dining table and watching the orange gravy for any unexpected movement, I silently picked at my turkey. This year, David's gourmet predilections would go head to head with the family tradition of dry white meat. The Hungarians were reluctant to brine the feathered beast, but we had brought a DVD containing

Alton Brown's *Good Eats* episode entitled, "Romancing the Bird," to help our cause.

After the show, we convinced Eniko (David's mom) to make the stuffing without actually "stuffing" it into the bird (where it would harbor bacteria and slow the cooking time by hours). The first thing Robi (David's dad) said in response to our suggestions was "We've been doing this for 15 years! Why change it? It works!" David whispered in my ear, "Yeah, and it's been dry each year." After discussions, explanations, and scientific diagrams, the Hungarians were not interested in brining the bird themselves, but they said they wouldn't stop us if we carried out the moisture-enhancing act for them before Robi threw it on the grill.

As the turkey was being carved, it dawned on me how quiet everyone was. My family is LOUD. My sisters and I tend to talk at the same time, over and under each other's words, spouting out fragments of ideas that we never fail to comprehend.

Meanwhile, our significant others share knowing glances and occasionally try to get a word in edgewise (does not happen much). At Mom's house (the usual location of the feast), the *Twilight Zone* marathon blazes in the background as we flit between the living room and the kitchen, chattering, tasting, and laughing. Mom will kick off the meal by sharing what she's thankful for, and this continues around the table. Tears often flow as the realization of how lucky we are fully engulfs each of us — it's an emotional time, and no one holds back.

This dinner was an exercise in restraint. David's brother, Dana, said grace. He used the word "Lord" a lot, which is a sure way to make me uncomfortable and annoyed (I'm a recovering Catholic). Robi suggested we go around the table

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and give thanks, as my family does, but the others nixed it. I hardly said a word throughout dinner. For a while, I kept count of how many perfect opportunities arose and were lost for me to make very funny, though crass, remarks. I stopped counting at six, so as not to become depressed over the missed chances to display my quick wit. If I had said any one of the things I had thought to say, this crowd would have been appalled, maybe even disgusted, or worse, they probably wouldn't get the joke. Whereas my family would likely have responded, "Oh my God, Barb, that's bad!" and then laughed anyway, because we share the same dry sense of humor.

As I was solving the gravy mystery — the secret flavor is carrot — David's two nieces sang and made other noises across from us. As a rule, I do not like children. They're loud, they fidget a lot, they don't practice perfect hygiene, and they require insane levels of attention. David's nieces are good girls, perfectly tolerable in doses, yet I still wondered if it was a bad idea to suggest muzzles for Christmas. (By the way, for the many of you who did not get the joke in my piano story, I was talking about a baby grand piano, not a child. Therefore, cards of congratulation — though appreciated —

are not necessary.)

The highlight of our holiday meal occurred when, in a brief moment of insanity, David's mother rolled a small, round potato across the table to one of the children in response to its request to "Pass the potatoes, please." Everyone sat frozen in stunned disbelief at the breach of etiquette demonstrated by the family's matriarch of manners. Later, in hushed whispers, the girls (whose world had clearly been shaken by the bizarre "potato incident") admitted they no longer knew what to expect from Mama. Potato rolling goes hand in hand with bun tossing at my mother's table. The turkey was moist (hooray!), the stuffing contained mushrooms (yuck), the dinner was tasty enough, and it offered a break from all things sausage, sour cream, egg, and paprika, the staples of a Hungarian home. But while looking at the fancy decorations, minding my table manners, and listening to conversations on topics that did not interest me, I missed my family. A lot. And I knew they missed me just as much. I was suddenly grateful that despite our differences, despite the fact that I have always been the proverbial black sheep, my family makes me feel like I belong. For that, I am thankful. ■



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hy buses are better than planes, part one. Flying to El Paso, my plane (ironically, an Airbus) began emitting strange high-frequency blips and unexplainable static from various locations above the passengers' heads. After an air-mile or two, many of us wondered aloud what the unsettling sounds might be. Now, I admit this could happen likewise on a bus, but onboard a bus, such an experience would not conjure images of plunging fiery death. (Of course, such logic applies to the inherent difference between a bus ride's bumpiness and a plane ride's turbulence as well.)

Why buses are better than planes, part two. Buses thread directly through the landscape, bringing the mountains, plains, and valleys of this land our land right to us. Planes rise haughtily above it all, vast distances, promoting detached indifference.

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Why buses are better than planes, part four. Can you claim that you've visited a state if all you've done is flown over it? If I'd never been to New Mexico, and then I bused through it, I would definitely be able to count New Mexico among the states I'd been to, even if I never got off the bus. But does a state's airspace count as that state? I think not.

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El Paso and San Diego, on paper at least, are rather similar. Both border Mexico and have foreign sister cities to the south. Both share the varied and abutting topographies of mountains and deserts. Like S.D., E.P. is a military town, with Fort Bliss, an Army base, occupying the northeast. Both cities have zoos and trolley systems and nearby wineries and owe their early expansion to the original railway systems of the 19th-century American Southwest. Spanish explorers arrived at both of these places in the 1500s. And because my plan for this article, explicitly stated, was to write a portrayal of what it's like to take a long ride on a bus, I had needed to find a good place to fly to and to bus back from. El Paso to San

Diego seemed an excellent expedition.

Preparing for my El Paso sojourn and 806-mile bus trip home — purchasing tickets, doing research, scribbling notes — I'd come across an opportune news article in the sports pages proclaiming that El Paso was in fact the Sweatiest City in the United States. Some scientist had determined that the combination of high temperatures (93 degrees average in summer) and high humidity (70 percent average) in El Paso caused the residents to produce over a liter of sweat apiece every 60 minutes. The article went on to note how the people of El Paso could fill a swimming pool with sweat in just four hours.

I'd inhaled sincerely, thought a long moment, removed the now-superfluous-seeming deodorant from my list of Things to Pack, and scribbled instead a little note, a reminder. "Breathe around El Pasoans less deeply." When in El Paso...

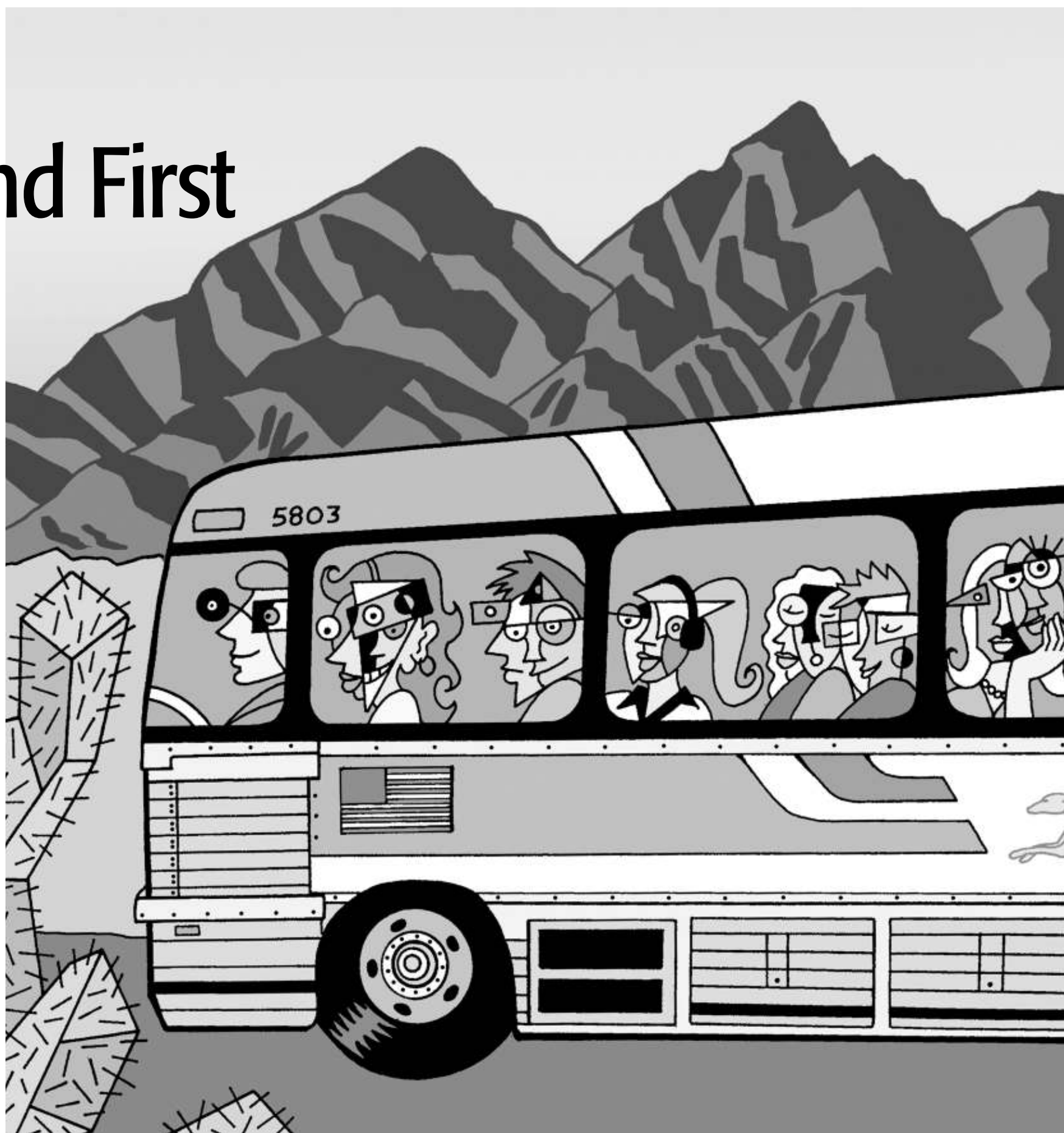
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Flying into El Paso, you notice the typical Southwestern terrain spreading beneath you: a lot of rocky brown (and rather beautiful) nothing, and then, suddenly, a city plopped there.

After I landed, I experienced one of the dualities of El Paso, Texas, desert city: mellow, easy, air-conditioned indoors, and then, the moment you step outside, your lungs get crushed right out of you. Breathing 100 hot, wet degrees.

Most of the other dualities of El Paso straddle the fact that it's a border town. And not just a border town, but a double border town. South El Paso touches the Mexican state of

and First



Chihuahua, and west El Paso adjoins the American state of New Mexico. El Paso also borders a bygone time. There is no edge of El Paso that doesn't touch something very different from El Paso, a diagnosis that might account for either maddening schizophrenia or a certain charm. Whatever El Paso is, in its heart, it is also Mexico, New Mexico, and Texas, with a dose of old western thrown in.

Whatever El Paso is, I was there for all of 20 hours, 8 of which I slept. Anything I tell you about the heart of El Paso is part fancy, part hearsay, and part inference. You may take my words with a spoonful of salsa, if you wish. I can, however, list a few of the peculiarities I noticed.

Most of El Paso's city buses have no advertisements on them, which is surprising and

refreshing in this age of the sellout. One sign city buses do sport, however, next to the image of the cigarette with a line through it, is a picture of a handgun with a line through it.

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Walking around, I counted at least ten images of a steer's horned head.

Downtown, I visited a shooter's supply

store.

From the upper windows of my hotel, anyone with half-good eyes could see the wrinking geometry of two giant flags, unfurled among the pavement and the concrete, not far away: one starred for the state of Texas, the other colored for the country of Mexico.

Gas in El Paso started around \$1.89.

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After I checked into my downtown hotel, I set out to do what I knew I had to do while I was in El Paso. I had to have a drink at the mythical

Rosa's Cantina.

Because when it came to El Paso, there was only one thing I had known for a long time. That old song. "Out in the West Texas town of El Paso / I fell in love with a Mexican girl. / Nighttime would find me in Rosa's Cantina..."

The story runs that the real cantina inspired Marty Robbins to write his tale of love fought for and love lost on the old Western frontier. So I found a taxi driver, and I asked him to take me over to Rosa's.

Past the abandoned

steel mills and brown rocky hills, a \$12 cab ride outside of El Paso

restaurant, and a liquor store. Across the street, two railroad tracks and

the undeveloped ruggedness of New Mexico beyond.

Rosa's Cantina itself looked hopelessly dilapidated, a crumbling stone facade with one no-frills white-and-red sign above the door. Coming inside out of the heat and sun, I couldn't see much at first in Rosa's, and all I could hear was the thrumming rattle of an old air conditioner. There was a TV on in the back of the room and some lights in the ceiling turned on really low, by which I could sketch out the red-felt pool table, the

wraparound bar, and the 20 or so tables with red-and-white checkered plastic cloths.

The paneled walls were lined, under protective chicken wire, with images of the Mexican-flavored Old West (stagecoaches, bullfights, Indians, and the like), and also by not-protected beer advertisements and sports imagery. Among the decorative touches hung the likenesses of three celebrities: Marty Robbins, John Wayne, and Secretariat. By the door, a "Felony Notice" warned against the possession of licensed or

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I ordered a can of Coke (\$1), no glass, and asked to see the menu. It was three in the afternoon when I arrived, and besides the bartender (whose name, of course, was Rosie), I was the only one there. Rosa's served lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The fare — a price-fixed meal of Mexican and American delights ranging from tostadas and tacos to meat loaf — was offered for \$4.75. And they didn't sell hard liquor at Rosa's, just soda, wine, and beer. American beers cost \$1.75 and imports were \$2.25. By imports, they meant Tecate and Negra Modelo.

There was a jukebox at Rosa's Cantina, and aside from Marty Robbins, there was some Johnny Paycheck, Stevie Ray Vaughan, George Strait, Willie

Nelson, and ZZ Top among the dozens of Latin discs. There were also offerings by the Doors, Pink Floyd, and Fats Domino. I could almost picture what it would be like to party in Rosa's Cantina, late into the Texas night.

But I couldn't figure out how Marty Robbins had ever gathered the idea for a song from this quaint place. True, the hill in the song behind Rosa's, where the hero makes his daring escape, had been redesigned as a monstrous overpass for Interstate 10. But Rosie told me everything else was the same, and it wasn't much. I guess one feller's dive bar is another's inspiration.

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So I left my hotel walking downtown through what was becoming a bearable heat. Mostly Hispanic families lined the

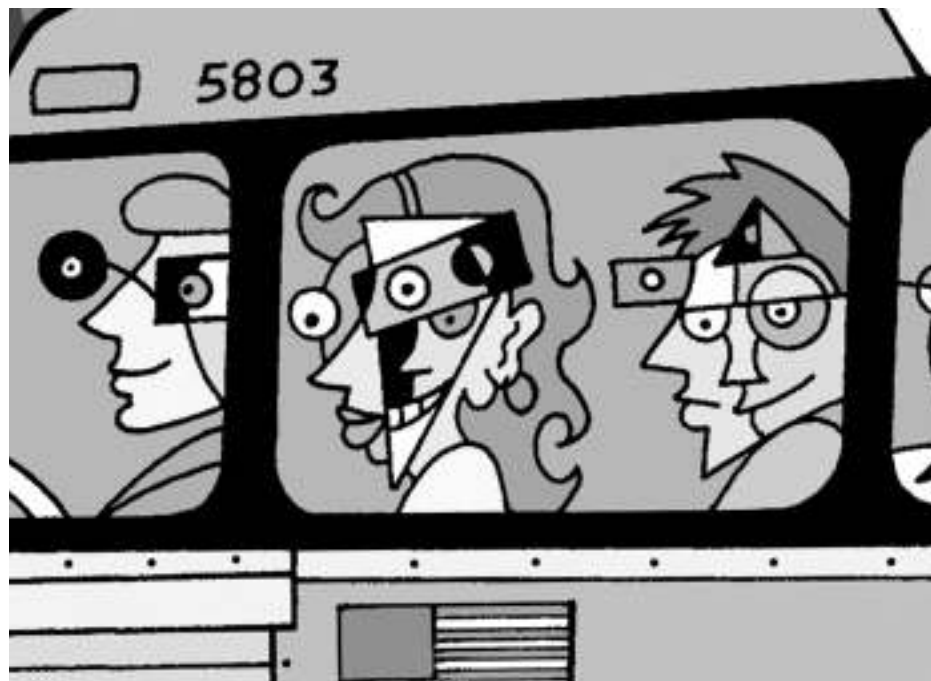


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streets, families out shopping for mangoes and knockoff Louis Vuittons, folks commuting homeward from work. The shopkeepers were taking in

wares and preparing to pull down grates as all of downtown El Paso started closing up.

In a few minutes, I got to the Santa Fe Street bridge on the

bottom center edge of downtown (think the distance from Horton Plaza to the convention center). On our side of the bridge, a tiny Mexican-looking woman,

who doled change to those who needed it, operated an old-fashioned turnstile. I sidled to the back of a modest line of mostly Mexicans, all ages. We had to pay the little lady 35 cents, for which we were given a blue generic ticket, which then had to be passed to a Mexican-looking man who stood ten feet away and collected tickets. That was it. Like at a carnival. Just a two-minute line, a turnstile, and a bridge between Mexico and me.

As I started up the low-walled sidewalk, over the vaulting, concrete, six-laned expanse of Santa Fe Street bridge, my cell phone read 4:42. Below, railroad tracks and boxcars and the concrete-lined

winding of the choked and polluted Rio Grande. I descended the far curve of the bridge, stepped onto foreign land, and noted the time: 4:50. Only eight minutes to cross. About the same as at San Ysidro.

In Mexico, I pirouetted on the charming old cobbled road, a road that was as good as the day it was laid, and as I did, I tried to take a look around. But I was accosted on every side. Children selling T-shirts; adults hocking knickknacks; a woman holding up a money can, her other hand lifting a pant leg to show me hideous bruises and scars; hustling drivers of nearby roadside cabs. The buildings, mostly bars and motels,

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right there at the crossing to the richest country in the world, were terribly run-down. It was a sad mayhem.

Across the two lanes of what had become Juárez Street was another turnstile revolving back toward the United States, a turnstile with no line at all. Of course, in light of the competitive American spirit, the cost for U.S. entry was less than the cost to get to Mexico, just 25 cents. However, the money-taker was no old lady; a badged man in a uniform collected my quarter.

I walked the bridge again, mostly alone this time, and experienced that old U.S. hospitality: a building devoted to my safe reentry. A building housing customs offices, customs officials, the obligatory turnstiles, and conveyor belts leading through X-ray machines. One of the officers near the conveyor belts quietly demanded identification and asked a few questions. Late afternoon, midweek, summer month, and the line to get into the United States of America consisted of a single suitcase-bearing Mexican woman in front of me. The moments I waited, I noticed dust and faint music descending through the high-windowed room.

Eight more minutes. Home in the time it had taken me to go.

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They were mopping the El Paso bus station floors when I arrived at 9:00 a.m. The moment the greenish tiles dried, they looked dirty again. None of the screens for departures or arrivals worked at all.

Announcements blared over the speakers in a monotone, crackling, too loud and garbled to understand. The building itself was small,

perhaps 2000 square feet, and its space was partitioned into a ticket desk and departure area. There were 100 or so people there, a cross section of American humanity angled in the various postures of

waiting. The customer-service office, such as it was, sat empty. I wondered where my bus would be arriving, and when. The three bus officials I found and questioned were either brusque or obviously,

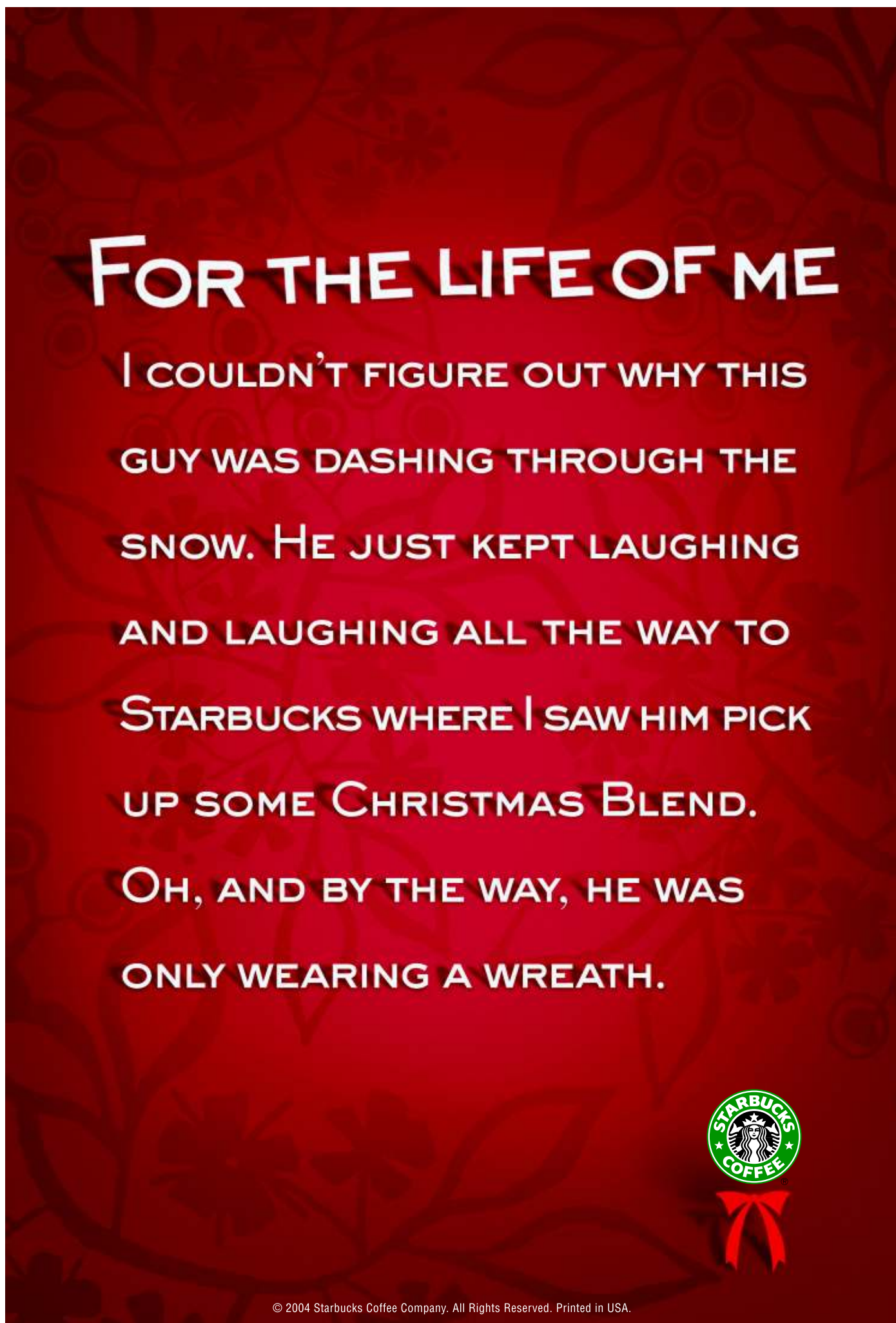
visibly bored. Not one of them was the least bit helpful. Eventually, a fourth person with a badge informed me that my bus would leave from Gate 5 (out of 6), but it needed maintenance, and so it

would arrive 30 minutes late. "Great," I thought sarcastically. "Great way to start."

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To me, a bus seems unwieldy, much like its alternate name, motor-


coach: awkward, strange, not of its place. A bus's high face, wide and flattened like a sperm whale's, overhangs the pavement implacably. When buses turn, they give impressions of straight angles

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wedging through curves. Buses stink. Two words I associate with a bus are "nauseating exhaust." I do like the sound of a bus. That deep, agreeable, rumbling purr, the sure easy hum: it almost offsets a bus's random associations. "The back end of a bus" is a colorful phrase that signifies extreme ugliness. "You missed the bus" means you lost an opportunity or you're not in on

everyone else's joke.

(Please note, for the record, that the word *busing* has only one *s*. *Buses*, the plural of *bus*, has one *s* also. A *buss*, with two *s*'s, is actually an outmoded word for *kiss*, which raises the question why so many highway-side fast-food businesses might welcome the presence of kisses and trucks.)

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The current state of the

bus industry in this country is troubled. There are quite a few regional and charter bus lines, but only Greyhound is trying to make money by serving the whole country with noncharter operations. Greyhound boasts that it provides service to 2500 destinations in the United States and 1100 in Canada.

Yet its chief executive, Stephen E. Gorman, cites multiple

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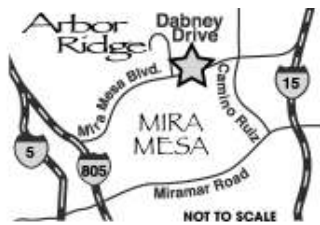


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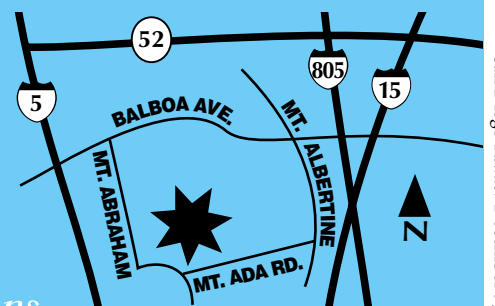


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problems: tough competition (from airlines and those who prefer personal auto travel), high operational costs, driver-recruitment issues, and shrinking ridership. In *Bus Ride* magazine, Gorman is quoted as saying, "Beginning in the summer of 2001, Greyhound passenger levels declined along with revenues. With the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, this revenue and passenger decline accelerated and created an additional burden for the company in the form of

unprecedented cost increases for insurance and security. In 2003, Greyhound faced the crisis and took short-term actions in order to provide time for development of a long-term solution." Greyhound tried to stabilize its business by increasing prices on longer trips, canceling an order for 200 buses, and cutting about 20 percent of its management and supervisory employees. The changes will also bring about 150 layoffs and the elimination of nearly 100 buses from the company's fleet.

The numbers reveal that Greyhound, which has been in operation for 90 years, hasn't been

includes stints as executive vice president of Northwest Airlines and Krispy Kreme, with the

spokesperson named Kim Plaskett, told me that the plan is to invest money back into the company but that this would involve capital that Greyhound doesn't have. "We have to start somewhere," she said. "Profit is the first goal. And transforming the network to focus on shorter routes is the crux of that."

From what I saw and heard, though, the real problem with the bus industry is the people they hire and the training those people receive. Yes, the buses are often delayed and

the stations are ramshackle and filthy, but that wouldn't be so bad if courteous, well-rested, knowledgeable, and available customer-service representatives staffed the stations and the buses.

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Small rays of fortune shone upon me not only when my bus was ready for departure a mere 20 minutes late but when I climbed the steps and turned to my left and realized! Yes. I would get my own seat. (I think the most critical contingency when it

I'D BEEN WRITING ABOUT TED BEHIND HIS BACK, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, SO I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO FEEL BAD IF HE TURNED OUT TO BE A NICE GUY.

a profitable company in over two decades. Last year, Greyhound hired Gorman, whose résumé

expressed directive to turn things around.

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comes to long trips on public transportation is whether you have to share your immediate personal space with a stranger. The power to put my elbow anywhere on the armrest and the capacity to stretch my legs sideways, lounging across an aisle seat and window seat: these things become paramount.)

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The passengers on a bus enter into a kind of unspoken covenant. You might say they

watch each other's backs. If it's time to leave, the passengers on a bus will pipe up with "We're not all here." And "There's someone missing...that woman with the green pullover." When I swatted a renegade migrating mosquito at 70 mph out somewhere in Arizona, I felt as if I were saving those onboard from an epidemic, at least from needless blood loss.

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Tennessee, a mother and her son, a lesbian couple who slept on each other's shoulders mostly, and close to 20 lone travelers who read, talked, slept, and listened to music through their headphones. Of

the 55 seats on the bus, only 26 were taken. Most of the folks onboard were headed to Tucson, Los Angeles, or Sacramento. No one was from El Paso.

Among the fares, one grizzled, unshaven,

bespectacled, 50-year-old black man in a gray sweatshirt, "Jack" (not his real name), had been on the bus since Fort Worth, already a 12-hour ride. Jack was renting an apartment in downtown San Diego,

but he was also buying a house in Fort Worth, where his wife was a nurse. Once a Marine, Jack was now a supervisor at an insulation company in San Diego. His two kids were grown.

The reason Jack bought a house in Fort Worth, a 2400-square-foot home for which he paid \$100,000, was to own property, build equity, and have a tax write-off. For the next ten years, Jack planned

to commute between San Diego and Texas. Military couples get used to such long-distance arrangements, seeing each other once or twice a month. Jack said that he usually flew, but he was taking the bus this time to relax his mind and meditate. He said he took the bus about twice a year, usually to Las Vegas. "I prefer the bus to a car because if you're tired and you're driving, you have to pay attention."

Jack's plan for the ride, besides sleeping, was to listen to the radio on his headphones, but he couldn't get reception. Besides the headphones, Jack had brought only the clothes on his back for the 26-hour trip. "I like to get away from the hustle and the bustle and just relax, get away from the everyday. You know, you see so much. 'Hey, buddy, you got a dollar? You got a quarter?' You know, you see that type of ordeal, and that's a normal, everyday life. But sometimes you just need to get away from all that, to

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rest and let it go, to relax.”

Later, Jack told me, “I’m on vacation now; I’ve got time. If I wanted to get home earlier, I’d take a plane. But now I’ve got a longer time frame. I need to get home but at the same time get away from it all. The bus is perfect for that.” When I asked Jack about what I perceived as a lack of supplies, he told me that he didn’t bring snacks or food on the trip because the bus was going to stop at “just about every fast-food place between here and San Diego.” He wondered if Greyhound and McDonald’s didn’t have “some kind of a hookup or something.”

Across the aisle and two seats up, a dark-haired woman named Bernie Sharp, 37, curled and cuddled with her girlfriend, Veronica. The two had been together for four years and lived in San Diego’s North County. Sharp told me she was a maintenance engineer for a Motel 6 in Ocean-side. I asked her about her heritage (American Indian?), but she told me she wasn’t sure because she was adopted.

She and Veronica were two of the eight folks who got on the bus when I did. They were driving a friend to Houston, but they got tired and took a break in El Paso. Then the woman they were driving decided to drive the rest of the way alone, so Bernie and Veronica headed home on the bus. Sharp’s family owned a 4000-acre ranch in Tonopah, Nevada. She rode the bus from Oceanside to Nevada often because it was inexpensive and convenient. Her most exciting bus story involved her grandmother’s .25 handgun. She had to throw the

heirloom in the trash on the way back from Nevada because she was afraid her bus was going to be searched. This was in the days immediately following September 11.

Sharp also took a

city bus to and from work. She’d done this ever since her old car had broken down. “I like the scenery on the bus. Especially here, now, in Texas: all the old buildings and the history. I like the

mountains and the plains. I like scenery. I also hate driving through traffic and worrying about the hassles of driving and traffic. It’s good to get rid of that stress, but I do like to have my own

car because then I have more control and more convenience. I’d like to be able to stop whenever I want to.” For a long trip, Sharp brings lots of water and snacks. She and Veronica were curled up

under their big black blanket most of the time.

There were a couple of colorful characters on the bus with us. Kenny Rogers, 39, lived in Los Angeles, had five kids and a sixth on the

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way, and when I met him he was finishing a modern odyssey: 6000 miles in 6 weeks, all on Greyhound buses. Los Angeles to Miami (82½ hours), then Miami to Chattanooga (18½

hours), and now Chattanooga to L.A. (58 hours). Ten states and 48 stops; 14 hours of layovers.

By now, I thought, Kenny Rogers (and yes, that was his real name)

had to be half crazy and half bus expert. Even before I approached Rogers to talk to him, I'd heard him talking. For hours he'd been the loudest voice on the bus. He was one of

those people who, when he wasn't "using" his sunglasses, he was still wearing them, on his forehead, an inch or two above his eyes. The whole time I listened to him talk, I wondered what was keeping his glasses up. "The bus is a great place to meet people and gain personal experience," Rogers said. "It's either relaxing and enjoyable or just plain boring. But I think seeing things and meeting people is what life's all about, and there isn't a much better place to see lots of things and meet lots of people than on the bus."

Rogers paid \$443 to be driven across the country twice. He estimated that he'd talked to 25 to 30 drivers in that span. Rogers's favorite subject of conversation (judging by

what I'd overheard for quite some time) seemed to be politics. I'd call Rogers the kind of person who watches a lot of news and pays attention to the issues around him. And then he formulates his own opinions, which he tells to anyone whether or not they're listening.

When it came to bus politics, Rogers was full of ideas. "I think they need more ghostriders in the bus system. A ghostrider is someone who works for the company but rides reports on drivers and stations." Rogers thought Greyhound needed more ghostriders because the customer service was terrible. "And yet they seem surprised that they're losing passengers," he said. "My experience this time was bad

enough that I'll shop around for a better bus line next time."

Twice on our trip from El Paso to San Diego, I overheard Rogers asking for official forms to file a customer complaint. One time, it wasn't even bus related. "Can I see your manager?" he asked loudly in a New Mexico McDonald's. Then he glared at the petulant girl behind the counter and told her, "You shouldn't talk to people that way." And Rogers also made a bit of a scene at the bus station in Tucson, Arizona, after a bus employee had been "short and unhelpful and inconsiderate" with him. "Did you hear me trying to file that complaint in Tucson?" he asked me. "I needed a pen with the form they gave me, and they

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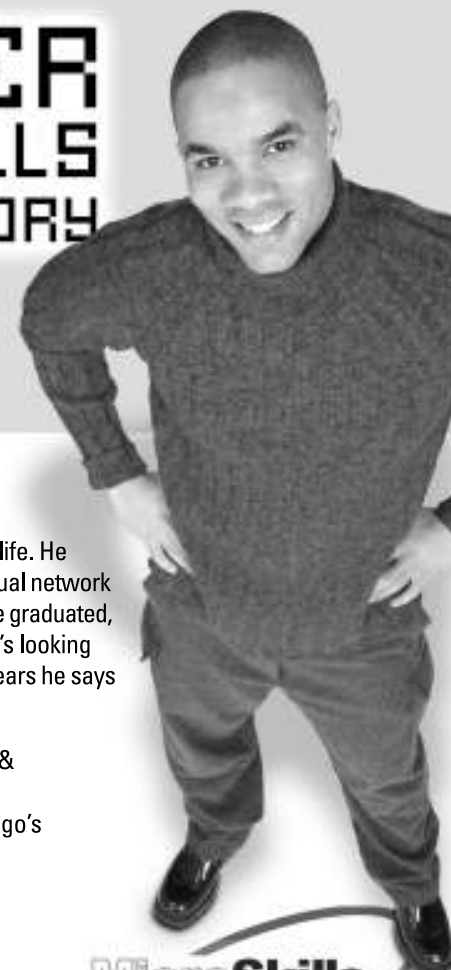
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handed me one that didn't even work!" He laughed. "That says it all." I couldn't figure out whether Rogers was annoying or entertaining. In the end, his enthusiastic good humor and quick intelligence did seem to save him, somewhat.

Sitting behind Rogers for a good part of the trip was a fortysomething woman who didn't want to give me her name. "Jane" was traveling from Lexington, Kentucky, to Los Angeles. She was a day behind schedule because of a bus breakdown, and she told me a shocking tale about "disgustingly rude" and bitter bus-line employees. "Did you see that nice old lady who was sitting up front before?" Jane asked me. (I had seen the woman she was talking about. She was probably 80 years old and seemed sweet.)

"Well, she had her luggage specially tagged because it had medication in it or something that she really needed. And you know what?" She paused for effect. "They lost it! She transferred with me in Dallas and they put her important luggage on the wrong bus."

Jane herself had undergone one three-hour delay and one four-hour delay and witnessed a dramatic

drug bust in the Dallas bus station. She'd also watched her bus drive away without her because Greyhound had decided to reschedule her route. "That was harrowing because they didn't explain anything to us. No one was there to give us any information. We didn't know that another bus was on the way for us (albeit four hours later), and everyone I asked just brushed me off and made me feel stupid."

I started to feel extraordinarily lucky about losing only 20

by the way, is the title of one who drives a bus.) Kenny Rogers would later tell me that of the nearly 30 drivers he'd seen on his trip, Faries by far was best.

Faries, who was 60, chatted amiably with the folks seated behind him. He listened and commented and pointed out sights along the way. Faries also issued a tongue-in-cheek policy against yawning, due to the fact that it's highly contagious. But for the most part, Faries told busman stories.

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minutes in El Paso. Jane likened a bus to a rolling insane asylum. "And a long bus trip makes you look like a hobo or a bag person," she said. "I mean, I don't usually look like this, okay?" She laughed half-cynically. "This was my first long bus trip," she said. "And I hated it. I'll never do it again."

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For the first half of my voyage from El Paso, our busman was one John Faries. ("Busman,"

"Once there was this car, swerving all over its lane, trying to pass me, then not trying to pass, swerving, then coming up to pass me again, and the whole time I wondered if it was going to hit me or veer off the road." Faries's gravelly voice had a smile built into it. "And then finally it pulls alongside, and there's this lady, okay, and she's talking on her cell phone with her left hand, taking notes with her right hand, and steering with her left

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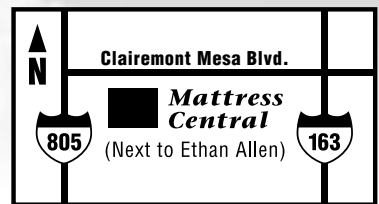
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elbow! Can you picture that? And I'm thinking I should blow the air horn at her, but I decided not to because then she might panic and go driving off into a ditch or something. She was nuts! Just nuts! I've seen it all, though; didn't surprise me in the least."

Faries was fantastically jowled, bald on

top, gray on the sides, and pretty thin for an older bus driver. Apparently he'd landed himself a "much younger" wife. "She takes great care of an old feller like me," he said. Faries's stories helped the time ease past. "Once a guy came speeding up behind me, flashing his lights, and then he raced on by," Faries told

the first few rows of us. "Gave me the international symbol of goodwill with his finger and went zooming away. And then, about ten miles up the road, there he sat, alongside the white line with red-and-blue lights flashing behind him." Faries's grainy laugh sawed air. Ha-ha-ha-ha. "Served him right!"

side, away to distant mountains, the cactus and green gorse of Texas and New Mexico stubble whitish and yellowish sand. The rolling flats slide past, dotted with cloud shadows, until rugged purple mountains crowd vivid skies. There's not much out there, out in the heat. Billboards, mobile homes, run-down shacks, railroad tracks, power lines, and decrepit fences are the solitary human influences in

some empty spots.

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First stop after El Paso: Deming, New Mexico, where, according to one passenger, "There ain't no grass unless you raise it." The bus terminal was a tiny building, almost the size and shape of the bus itself. No one got on; the old lady with none of her luggage got off. Said Faries, "I think the rattlesnakes eat vacationers here. Perfect-sized town, though. Not too big, not too small." The two state parks near Deming were called Rock Hound and City of Rocks. Gives you an impression of what the landscape looked like.

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When it comes to traveling, I'm high maintenance. I treat long trips like camping excursions. Have to pack supplies. For this journey I brought a

pullover, a newspaper, notebook, tape recorder, pens, water, snacks, and two books. Most of my fellow busgoers had pillows, headphones, handheld video games, and sunglasses in their bus-traveling kits.

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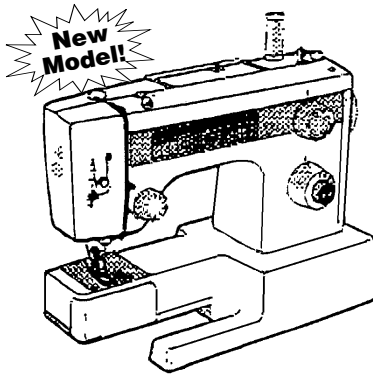
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of my favorite natural sights, rain advancing across great Western distances. Vertical wispy cloud lines, blackish gray, descending in curtains or sheets out of dark thunderheads. They really do look like curtains or sheets.

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Something about the uniformity of the scenery, the rhythm of the road, the tilting seats, sheer boredom, and air conditioning blowing on your ankles — bus rides promote naps. I stole four snoozes in 14 hours. By my calculations, at any given moment, the 26 of us (or 27, including the constantly conscious Faries) were about 30 percent alert. It's a lucky wonder that no one was a snorer. (Or else the bus-hum drowned such frequencies.)

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We passed into Arizona at 2:10 MST.

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In Tucson, we stopped for 45 minutes and changed pilots. Our trip was ultimately a tale of two busmen. After affable, talkative Faries, then we got Ted. Just Ted.

Ted wouldn't give me his last name, wouldn't talk to me or the nice old ladies in the front row, wouldn't entertain the idea of an interview, and exhorted the lot of us to "turn your stereos down." (No one on the bus had a stereo, as far as I knew.)

When I introduced myself, Ted told me that he was "in no mood." I'd say Ted was one of the most impatient people in whose hands I have ever knowingly placed my life. "I don't have to talk to you" was Ted's immediate response when I told him that I was a journalist. "I don't have to

say a word. Not unless you have written authorization. I don't have to talk to you at all." From Tucson to San Diego, I kept expecting Ted to honk

of the outskirts. Inside, it crept with roaches and stank of dirt. Tucson itself is basically a sprawling arrangement of suburbs, huddled among jagged hills. Its

evaporated. The cost of gas there was \$1.91.

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A bus quandary: Why do they carpet the walls of buses? What good is a carpeted wall?

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By now we were halfway home, outside Phoenix somewhere, and sure enough old Ted had had two arguments: one with the bus door, which popped open inexplicably at 70 mph, and one with the driver of a VW bus who swerved in front of us. We fellow passengers (all grown quiet, like good schoolchildren) had taken to stealing amused looks

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at other drivers and flip his own international symbol of goodwill.

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The bus station in Tucson was on the fringes

downtown was a tiny cluster of buildings, only three of which were higher than eight stories. It was dry and hot, even after rain, which anyway just

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at each other after Ted's antics. Deep down, we knew that we were hurtling along in a ten-ton piece of metal with Ted at the helm, so we figured we shouldn't piss Ted off.

I could see in the mirror — the one Ted used to keep an eye on us — that Ted had a mustache. Just a mustache. He was the only one on the bus with just a mustache. I thought he might be the only person I'd seen in recent memory who sported a mustache solo. I'm not sure if it's as passé as I think it is nowadays to cultivate unaccompanied upper-lip hair, but I was bored, and my mind was drifting, and I was

trying to lambaste Ted for his horrible attitude. The whole bus exuded a different atmosphere now that Faries had surrendered the wheel to this surly, mustachioed tyrant.

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Next stop, Gila Bend, much more of a bend in the road than an actual town. There was a sign along the highway that said, "Welcome to Gila Bend. Home of 1,700 friendly people and 5 old crabs." Gas cost \$1.96.

We stopped at what appeared to be (surely some kind of highway-side illusion) the only three eating options in town: McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Love's

Mini-Mart. In the gigantic parking lot, good old Ted approached me and apologized for his earlier demeanor. "I'm sorry I reacted that way to you," he said. "You just caught me at a bad time." Of course, by now I'd been writing about Ted behind his back, literally and figuratively, so I was going to have to feel bad if he turned out to be a nice guy. "I'm always kind of on edge about journalists on the bus," he said. "They're usually very critical about Greyhound." (With good reason, based on what I'd seen and the stories I'd heard.)

I nodded and chatted and forced a few

smiles. (Note: it's easy to force a smile in sunny 100-degree heat because your face is already scrunched up.) And finally, I shook Ted's hand and said, "No hard feelings." But I wasn't about to erase what I'd written.

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On the road again, Ted warmed up some. He talked for a while with the lady in the first row, too quiet over the bus's hum for me to hear. And happily, everyone else followed Ted's lead, as a buzz of conversations sprung up. "I love the smell of cut alfalfa." "Only five hours to go." "Those are F-16s." "Smarty Jones was just amazing." "Why are

you wearing a sweater?" "I can't wait to wake up in my own bed." "Mommy, what's a Yuma?"

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Sunset — especially in the Arizona desert, over distant mountains — is a beautiful sight. Quiet, solemn, plaintive purple light. I've wished again and again that our sky could be that color all day, instead of its usual loud blue. Twilight seems grown-up and protective, without the overeager crudeness of the feisty, youthful, well-meaning sun.

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Last stop, Yuma, Arizona. Gas \$1.92. Sunset

over the mountains, heat lying down for the day. Pink clouds, purple sky, sleepy town. The whole of Yuma looked prefab, jerry-built, thrown up hastily around hot noons. We stayed in Yuma for ten minutes, long enough for me to stretch my legs and brush my teeth. One thing I noticed about water taps in the desert: they have different temperatures from water taps everywhere else — Hot, and Fantastically Hot. After two days — one in El Paso and one on the bus — I was getting somewhat used to it, but generally I hate brushing my teeth with anything but cool water.

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And now, as the colors fell away from the sky, it was time for the stretch run, three hours on mostly California highways home. Three hours blissfully (or boringly) uneventful, marked only by the clogging and unclogging of my altitude-addled ears. I read a little to the sound of the motor-hum under an overhead light. Noticed that our windshield had spackled itself with thick blips of bug guts. I felt patient, in a way that makes me want to say that I felt patient for the first time in my life.

A metaphor found me then, as I perceived that night-darkness is darker from inside a bus. You don't get the continuity of seeing a sign or lights approaching before they slide too quickly by. It's just darkness and blur, darkness and blur. And that rushing suddenness — and my patience as I let it go by me through the big window — that experience, felt like an image for my life. I didn't even catch the exact moment when we passed into my hometown's long-awaited city limits.

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If your first impression of San Diego were the bus station, you might be inclined to leave off with your merry way and stay a while. Located at First and Broadway, in the heart of downtown, the terminal is by far the cleanest and best lighted I've seen. Music piped in, friendly security guards, food facilities, new chairs and displays, and right outside, numerous cabs and busy roads and flourishing businesses. Ah, yes. San Diego. Gas \$2.29.

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— Geoff Bouvier

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WHY BOYS FEEL THE NEED

I HID THE BOOK ON MY SHELF WHEN I WAS DONE AND AVOIDED IT UNLESS MY FRIENDS CAME OVER AND WANTED TO GIGGLE.

My two best friends and I huddled under our sleeping bags in search of something to occupy the rainy Friday evening. There were a total of zero good shows on TV. We skimmed through magazines such as *Teen People* and *Seventeen*, though our combined age wasn't much more than 17. My friends were each 7 years old and I was 6 when the topic of sex came up. Looking through these magazines — though we didn't acknowledge it — we became, well, interested.

After discovering surprising new information, curiosity led the three of us back downstairs where we watched shows on MTV that we were disinterested in an hour earlier. MTV, notorious for its explicit images and sexual content, contributed half of my sexual knowledge. I think the topic of sex surfaced at a reasonable age; that night, we did not become overly fascinated by what we saw on TV. As a child, my parents and I never discussed sex much (though they were open to questions). We had "the talk" about how and why men and women reproduce, but they never spoke in much detail.

Of course, since I was six, I've learned more. My senior high school friends give me first-hand details and let me know the consequences — both good and bad — of sex. Magazines such as *Teen People* conduct an annual sex survey, revealing gender and age-based statistics. MTV has reached the peak of its provocative content and is now beginning to include benevolent commercials and programs bearing slogans such as "Fight for Your Rights: Protect Yourself." Discussing matters such as HIV/AIDS transmission and STD awareness, MTV alerts the public about significant issues. Nonetheless, the media can portray sex in such an innocuous yet alluring light that adolescents are almost forced to become attracted to the idea of it. The peo-

ple you see every day, however — friends, older siblings, or parents — are the people who bear the truth.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd, Mt. Carmel H.S.

The sex talk" is a big issue between parents and children. For parents, it's when to give it; for their children, it's whether or not they want to get it. But, at some point, it happens...from parents, from the media, or friends on the playground. For me, it was from the media. My mom never took the time to sit me down and talk about it.

My mom was a single parent of four for most of her life. She didn't always have time to do everything parents should do. It didn't help that she was always working or thinking about work. On the playground in grade school, when my friends would talk about everything they had done over the weekend with their parents, I resented my mom and especially my dad for leaving us.

MTV was a major babysitter for me. I wasn't allowed to watch it when I was younger, which was the primary reason I did. Shows such as *True Life* and *Real World* are what started me questioning people about sex. I would watch shows and write down things I didn't know about, and I would ask my uncles what they meant when I got the chance. They would always answer my questions. One day my uncles got tired of answering, so they sat me down and answered all the questions I could think of. That is how I got a grasp of what sex is and what it entails. I was about 13, and I think that is a perfect age. Some kids know about sex before they're 10. I don't think that's right.

— John Twilla, Hilltop H.S.



From MTV's Real World

I remember learning about sex from my mom. I thought it was disgusting. I could not imagine why people would do this. The only reason I could come up with was to have another cool kid like myself — procreation. My mom basically kept it at this: two people that love each other and get married could have sex and have a baby.

I remember when I was about eight, after hearing about sex, my mom took me to Bookstar to buy a few books. She showed me a book that I still have today called *Where Did I Come From?* When we were buying the book, I remember feeling uncomfortable. I could not figure out why my mother insisted that I have such a book. In the store, I felt like all the adults were watching me. I was embarrassed to be seen with the book. The book, however, was kid-oriented, so I took a look at it when I got home. It talked about why people want to have babies and why people partake in sex. It also stated that it was all meant for adults. I hid the book on my shelf when I was done and avoided it unless my friends came over and wanted to giggle.

In junior high, the frequent sex-education classes taught about sex organs and how to practice safe sex. I figured I knew it all and so did my classmates. I don't know why everyone thought they knew about

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sex because, during these lessons, we erupted in laughter, teased, or made disgusting remarks. I remember watching the movie that showed a woman giving birth. The girls watched in fear; the boys swore they would never want to see that again.

One night during that year in junior high, at a friend's birthday party, we went out to toilet-paper a classmate's house. We had a late-night ride home from my friend's older sister and her boyfriend who were seniors in high school. I remember us girls talking about sex and what it meant. Our comments were brushed aside with, "You guys know nothing about sex," stated by her older sis. I was sure I did, and I thought she was

mistaken.

As a senior in high school, I realize that I still don't know everything about sex. I don't think anyone understands sex, and it's power, at my age. Most of my friends don't have casual sex. I know a few friends that have strong relationships and participate in sex, and some that abstain.

— Honora Swanson
Bober,
Point Loma H.S.

My earliest memories of sex ed include a series of religious books targeting children between the ages of eight and twelve. I was six. From a Christian publisher, the books discussed the wonderful thing that is for a mommy and daddy only, the details left out. I think I

was too confused and apprehensive to ask my mother (who read me the books) any questions, although she offered to answer them if I did.

I have to laugh now because I was so young that the information was meaningless. In my family, the conservative don't-ask-don't-tell rule has always been practiced. Sex was not a subject discussed in my house while I was growing up. The confusion didn't clear until almost a decade later, when I found things out for myself. But until then, I was subjected to the sex-education programs of the private Catholic school system, which was basically Father Joe standing in front of the classroom asking the kids if they had any questions about what he had

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discussed or the difficulties of abstinence. When I transferred to a public high school, the education continued with condoms on bananas and graphic pictures of STDs horrifying enough for every 15-year-old boy in the room to take that vow of abstinence endorsed by Father Joe.

Media was a huge source of information about sex and the relationship between man and woman. My mother always shielded my sister and I from television that held the possibility of broadcasting sex in any form different from what was in the books she had read to us; that didn't stop us from watching what we wanted when she wasn't around. I remember watching movies at friends' houses, soaking up all of the images I saw of the hero whisking away the heroine to his bedroom, tent, medieval fortress, yacht, whatever...and not quite understanding what was going on but retaining the information. I received an

amount of sex education from teen magazines, which always contained articles about sex. These were easy to get ahold of under the guise of fashion. Example: "No way, Mom, we don't read those sections. I just want to check out the article about making your own jeans."

Compared to most girls my age, I could have had a worse conglomeration of ideas about sex

floating around in my head. Trying to shelter a youth from the world of sex is a bad idea because it makes them afraid for no reason. A word to parents: let kids be kids, and they won't grow up too fast. If you trust them, they'll learn to trust themselves, and if you don't pass on your fears to them, you'll have a lot less to worry about.

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My sex education did not end there. My mom made a point of being honest with me at whatever age, no matter what my reaction may have been. ("What?! I am *never* doing that.") So, by the time I reached sixth grade, I had all the basics down. But, like many people, the crowning moment of understanding when it came to sex occurred in the sixth grade, during "sex ed."

I admit that sex ed was not the most comfortable class I ever took. A drama teacher (the only adult male at our elementary school) shepherded off our boy counterparts and left us ladies alone with the scary sixth-grade English teacher. We watched a cartoon explaining the difference between girls and boys and why boys feel the need to have sex more than girls do. Then — oh, but *then*, we watched what I was sure was some sort of sick method of birth control: an actual birthing of a baby. I guarantee that every girl watching that movie instantly gave up visions of darling little Brookes, Morgans, and Tylers running around a country house because, to the sixth-grade mind, enduring physical pain is not worth giving birth.

That wasn't the last attempt by my school to teach us what sex was all about. I took health as a freshman, which wasn't so

much about "the wonders of our bodies" as it was a strict lesson that abstinence is the only worthwhile form of birth and STD control. ("Don't have sex because if you do you will get AIDS and you will die.")

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grade. Every fifth-grader had to take a class to learn about sex. I don't remember the name of the course, though. We all sat there and watched in amazement and some of us probably felt disgust at what would be happening to our bodies in the future. I remember that some of the kids were immature about it.

I don't think I was too young to learn about sex and everything related to it because we were going to go through the changes in the next year or two, so we might as well have learned it in the fifth grade, before the

changes took place, than in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade, when the changes had already started.

During the fifth grade my mother also got me a book called *The Period Book* to learn about growing up. Don't be fooled by the title, though. *The Period Book* had information about everything from puberty to "the birds and the bees." I felt so embarrassed reading that book; even more

so when my mom talked to me about it.

I also learned some of the details from watching television. In some of the sitcoms I used to watch, there would be an episode where the main character was going through puberty and his or her parents talked to the character about it. When I would watch MTV I learned, too.

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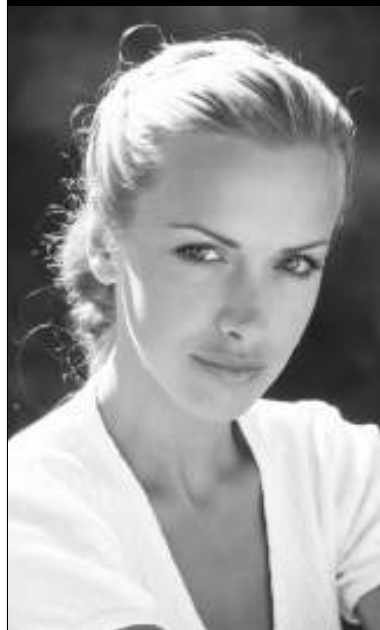
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Silence descended and eyes turned toward me. A tall, dark-haired man walked toward me. "THIS," he said, "is my beloved sister SHIRREEN. You will be her roommate." The crowd parted to reveal a petite, dark-haired girl who regarded me with skepticism. Her brother continued his oration, telling me Shirreen was from "a very well-known family" in Iran, and it was his sworn duty to

protect her during her time at Syracuse.

Shirreen had not yet uttered a word. I felt somewhat befuddled. Did she speak English? Was this entire crew of strangers also going to be sharing the room? Was I allowed to address her directly, or did I have to speak through her sworn protector? Eventually, her brother explained Shirreen had never been away from home and

was being allowed to attend school in the U.S. only because her brother was already a student at Syracuse. The group of people were various friends and relatives who had accompanied Shirreen to the U.S., and they would not be sharing the room with us. Shirreen still had not spoken.

A formidable argument suddenly engulfed the group. Everyone began to wave arms and shout. I wasn't sure what to do. I wanted to finish my unpacking. I wanted aspirin for my headache. I wanted to go home.

Once again, silence fell. All turned toward me again. Her brother spoke. "My SISTER is very religious. We are trying to decide which direction is east, where Mecca lies, for her prayers. Do you know?" Not wanting to be rude and wishing to end this debate, I pointed toward the door. Everyone smiled and

nodded. For the next four months, five times a day, Shirreen would unroll her prayer mat on the narrow strip of floor between our beds and pray loudly in the direction of Mecca. I never had the heart to tell her she was praying due north, toward Buffalo.

Within a few weeks, I had learned more about my new roommate. She'd led a sheltered and pampered life in Iran. She'd had servants, and domestic chores were beneath her dignity. As her roommate, it was my duty to pick up the

ness of this arrangement were addressed by a visit from her brother, who stressed Shirreen's delicate nature.

Although she spoke English fluently, she found it a coarse language and suggested I learn Farsi. She promised to take me home to Iran so I might see the proper way to live. "Not like in the hovels you Americans call home."

Her father was a high-placed associate of the Shah. Shirreen felt the Shah was God on earth. Since this was before his overthrow, he was on television frequently. Each

SHIRREEN LET OUT A PIERCING SHRIEK AND DROPPED TO HER KNEES BEFORE THE SCREEN AND KISSED THE SHAH'S IMAGE.

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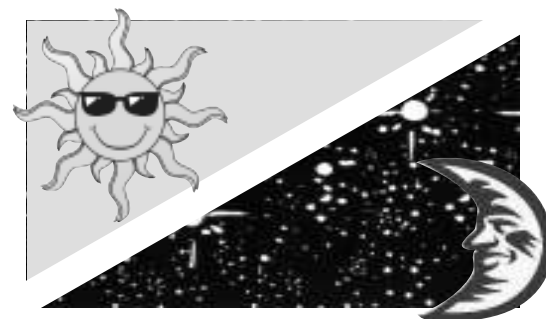
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the screen and kissed the Shah's image. This little quirk seemed minor in light of Shirreen's larger quirks — until the night she insisted I also pay homage to the electronic Shah. When I declined, she started to sob uncontrollably, saying I had no idea how homesick she was and that the least I could do was respect her cultural values.

Perhaps it was guilt instilled by that incident that led me to agree to accompany her to Niagara Falls. One bright, chilly morning Shirreen, her friend Lydia, my friend Jim, and I set out in Shirreen's rental car for Niagara Falls.

When we arrived at the falls, Shirreen was disappointed. The falls weren't what she expected. But suddenly she brightened; perhaps the falls were inferior here on the U.S. side of the border. Yes, she was sure, that was it — the falls would be better on the Canadian side. Jim and I were game, and Lydia followed Shirreen's lead in all matters. So we hopped into the car and sped across the bridge to Canada.

Shirreen liked the Canadian side. The day started to hold promise. We were having a good time together. In my magnanimous mood, I spent my last \$10 buying Shirreen a goofy Niagara Falls T-shirt. She seemed pleased and put it on immediately. Then it was time to head back to Syracuse and midterms.

As we approached the border checkpoint, Shirreen and Lydia began muttering in Farsi. Jim and I sat oblivious in the backseat, tired and happy, watching the rain that had started to fall. Suddenly, Shirreen pulled the car to the side of the bridge and stopped. "I can go no farther," she announced. "Why not?" I asked. Lydia turned and looked at us with woeful eyes. "We did not bring our passports. They will

not let us back into the U.S. without them!"

Jim and I could not believe it. How, we asked, could they have sped off to Canada, knowing they didn't have passports with them? This seemed to gal-

vanize Shirreen into action. "It is no problem," she said, "I will handle this. They will let me in." Shirreen started the car toward the checkpoint. Jim suggested Shirreen and Lydia not say any-

thing to the border agent — keep their mouths shut and no one would be wiser.

But when we pulled up to the border agent, Shirreen rolled down her window, smiled at the

agent, and said in her obviously non-American accent, "You MUST let me in! I am an American! See — I HAVE AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD!"

The agent ordered us to pull over to the cus-

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Then the door opened. In walked the meanest, toughest, scariest female customs agent. Jim said, "Officer, this is easy to explain. See —"

"You're in a LOT of trouble, BUB!" She screamed, pointing her clawlike nails at Jim. "You could be sent to jail for

AIDING illegal immigrants!" After several hours trying to convince officials WE were American citizens, we were released out into the rain with Shirreen and Lydia. Shirreen and Lydia had cut a deal. We would all return to Canada and Shirreen would get her brother to bring their passports from Syracuse.

All was fine until we arrived back in Canada. Shirreen drove to a beautiful hotel, parked the car, and turned and looked at Jim and me. "Of course," she said, "you do not expect to stay here with us... You will have to find your own accommodations." Our protests that we had no money to pay fell on deaf ears as Shirreen, still wearing that goofy T-shirt, waltzed into the lobby, American Express card in hand.

Jim remembered he had a friend near Buffalo.

We called collect, and the friend drove to Canada and picked us up. We entered the U.S. without incident and borrowed money from Jim's friend to take a bus back to Syracuse.

Shirreen's brother brought the passports to Canada, and Shirreen and Lydia returned to Syracuse in the rental car. Shirreen and I finished the semester as rather stony roommates, and then I found a nice apartment near town with another roommate.

I've often wondered what became of Shirreen and her associates. The Iranian Revolution occurred the following year, and the last I heard, Shirreen and her brother had returned to Iran shortly before the U.S. Embassy was captured. ■

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“THIS IS NOT A NORMAL DINNER IN OUR HOUSE,” SAYS TAMMY AS SHE BEGINS ASSEMBLING BEEF STROGANOFF. “I’m usually eating over a pot of mac and cheese after I feed my daughter, eating the ends of her hot dogs. We don’t do anything elaborate.”

The ingredients are already prepped, waiting in stainless steel bowls for the cooking to begin. Melting butter pools at the bottom of a Wearever nonstick saucier, and Tammy dumps in sliced mushrooms and onions laced with a generous quantity of chopped garlic — far more than the *Betty Crocker Pasta Cookbook* she is working from demands. The cookbook is “courtesy of the mother-in-law. She’s given us a lot of cookbooks; I don’t know if she’s trying to tell us something. But I can’t compete with her, and she knows that. I’m not a super chef, but I do okay. I’m sort of a Thanksgiving chef — once a year, I’ll do everything.

“The one thing I do cook at least once a month are these creamy enchiladas.

I got the recipe from, I think it was *Pregnancy* magazine or something — an article about how to cook healthy. It was a reduced-fat version, but I just replaced all the low-fat things with full-fat things, and it’s really good. The rest of the time, my husband is grilling or I’m throwing something together at the very last possible minute.”

Or going out. “We eat out an awful lot,” says Tammy’s husband Patrick. “We get a lot of Mexican food — fish tacos at South Beach.”

“I like New York Giant Pizza,” adds Tammy.

“We went down to the Third Corner — the new thing from the owner of Thee Bungalow — to celebrate when Tammy got the National Endowment for



Left to right: Kiki, Tammy, Esme, Patrick

the Arts grant this year. It was really nice.” Usually, though, “If we’re going to spend a lot of money, we’ll try to go downtown and make a night of it, rather than walking down the street in our flip-flops.” (Tammy and Patrick are residents of Ocean Beach; Third Corner is just down the street.) Downtown has the retro-fabulous Italian red-sauce chain Buca di Beppo. “It’s a terrible commercial indulgence and super-overindulgence, period,” according to Patrick, but the couple are

big fans anyway. Downtown also has Donovan’s steakhouse, along with Morton’s, Prime 10, and Ruth’s Chris. “We’re big steak eaters,” says Patrick. “By far, Fleming’s is the best.”

Tonight’s meat is thin slices of top loin sirloin. “I used to make it all the time in Seattle,” says Tammy, “but I don’t remember what I used to do. I probably wasn’t even doing it right; I didn’t have a recipe. I just did it.” She browns the strips of beef, then sets them simmering in beef stock. In this

Betty Crocker version, she notes, “there are so few spices. Worcestershire sauce and salt — not even pepper. I put pepper on the beef.”

Tammy is not a slave to recipes. When she does Thanksgiving, she does without them, whether from her mother-in-law’s cookbook offerings or from magazines — except when it comes to the turkey. “I use Martha Stewart’s turkey recipe. She used cheesecloth and melted butter and white wine. You soak the cheesecloth and then cover the

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bird with it. Then you cook it until the cheesecloth is black and take it off. It's the moistest turkey—it's really, really good."

Thanksgiving is a long-standing tradition for Tammy and Patrick, if not exactly a family tradition. "We've thrown Thanksgiving every year since we've been together—10 or 11 years," says Tammy. "It's gotten bigger and bigger, and it's gone from Stove Top to real stuffing." The couple started out hosting "people who you do Thanksgiving for because they aren't going home," says Patrick. Now,

there are "people flying in just to have Thanksgiving with you. We've had people from Seattle, Los Angeles, Arizona, back East..."

"And our family. But no grown-ups are allowed. Our sisters will come." It may be just as well for the old folks—healthwise, anyway. "When Patrick's father was still alive," reports Tammy, "his mother would not let me make mashed potatoes. She was afraid I'd kill everybody, harden their arteries instantly. I boil a five-pound bag of potatoes, add a stick of butter, a package of cream cheese, a pint

of sour cream, and salt and pepper. It's so good."

"What made our parents really upset," adds Patrick, "is that all of a sudden, our siblings are saying, 'Well, we don't want to be here. We want to be where they are.'" The exclusion of grown-ups at Thanksgiving is done to preserve the tradition's character—gathering in those wandering peers who, for whatever reason, end up not resting in the bosom of their own parents' homes come that most familial of holidays. It is not a knock at Patrick's or Tammy's parents, all of whom live in Flagstaff. The distance is ideal—nearly but not next door. ("Not that that would be terrible, but..." muses Tammy.) And that ideal distance helped make San Diego the couple's destination when it came time to escape the rain of Seattle after Tammy finished her Masters of Fine Arts work at the University of Washington.

"It was just another awful rainy day in Seattle," she recalls, "and we went to a restaurant and had lunch and went home and pulled

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open the atlas and said, 'Anywhere but here. We're too far from family, too cold, too whatever.' I said, 'I'd move to San Diego. It's nice down there,' even though I was hesitant about the whole Southern California thing." Tammy hails from Vermont, another cloudy place, and she harbored the classic Yankee suspicion of excessive sunshine and comfort. Still, she wanted out of Seattle.

"We talked about going back East," says Patrick. "There's a good writers' community in D.C. and a good theater community"—Patrick works as a direc-

tor/managing director. "Then my father got sick, and I spent a lot of time going back and forth to Phoenix for three or four months. After he passed away, we thought it was sort of necessary to be near Mom."

"And my parents had just left Vermont and moved to Flagstaff," says Tammy. "It's nice that our families are a day's drive away. We can get there, and they can come out here."

"Tammy's whole outlook at the time was, 'It doesn't matter where I live; I'm a writer,'" continues Patrick. "I needed an urban

area where there were lots of jobs. I didn't want to do L.A.; I wasn't ready for the whole industry-game thing. San Diego was nice because I could just go up to L.A., do something, and come back. San Francisco was like Seattle — still too far away."

So while Tammy was visiting family, Patrick came down and scouted the city with his mother. "I did all this research about cool places to live, and they kept talking about how Pacific Beach was really hip. My mother and I went out to Pacific Beach one night, and neither of us are terribly fuddy-

duddy, but we felt that it would be like living in a dorm." Later, "we were driving around, and we missed an exit on the freeway, and we ended up in Ocean Beach."

"Everything we had read about O.B. said that it was all hippies," says Tammy, "and that was the last thing either of us wanted. But once we got here, we fell in love. I'm from a really small town, and he's from the city, and this is our compromise — it's like our little town within the city. Especially now that I have the girls, I'm always out walk-

ing. I love being able to go down to Newport and know the pizza guy." The couple found an apartment on Lotus Street. "Some friends flew down from Seattle and helped us move in."

"I was more pessimistic about the SoCal thing — he was born in L.A. and grew up in Phoenix. But now, I'm probably the one who's more in love with San Diego. I moved around so much after college; it's the first place where I've let myself put down roots. We've made a lot of really close friends in the neighborhood and outside the neighbor-

hood. Friends we met before we had kids or anything like that. If we were to move now — you meet people based on your common interests." And, to some extent, based upon your common family status.

"We have a group of friends that we were really close to at Northern Arizona University," explains Patrick. "They've all moved out here together. So we've got this kidless group." Now that Patrick and Tammy have children, "moving anywhere else, however exciting the change would be in terms of either job or atmo-

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sphere," would make forming a kidless circle difficult.

"The prospect of Mommy and Me groups really..." begins Tammy, in a tone mixed with wariness and horror.

"We've got all this wonderful Mommy and Me stuff to do at our daughter's school," cuts in Patrick, "and I don't think Tammy's taken part in any of them. It's just a different — when you don't need to network and make friends and build a community around yourself, you don't tend to."

However deep their O.B. roots, the arrival of the girls — Kiki, now two and a half, and Esme, just six months — nearly drove

them from the beach. "We've had a lot of friends who have had to leave the beach area in order to find something that's more conducive," says Tammy. "We have friends who just bought a place in Alpine, which is so far away."

"And other friends who just bought a house in Temecula," adds Patrick. "We never see them. They just had a baby, and nobody went. Nobody goes to visit them or anything."

"They're the ones who went to the moon," I offer.

"Exactly. It's terrible."

They didn't want to leave, but they couldn't stay on Lotus Street. "Our first place was tiny, tiny," recalls

Tammy. "I wrote all three of my books there, though.

"All I had for a desk was this little counter that jutted out of a wall in the living room, and I typed with the keyboard on my lap. It was ridiculous, but I was so prolific there." They found another apartment on Longbranch (which produced naught but an unpublishable manuscript), but it still wasn't enough space for the growing family. "There were two bedrooms, but there was no dining room, no playroom, no office."

They couldn't afford to buy on the beach, so they started working their way inland. They found a fixer in North Park that charmed

them, but, says Patrick, "It was on one of those sort of long, endless North Park streets. Tammy was hemming and hawing about leaving the neighborhood. We did all our pre-qual stuff and then updated it — and updated it. The realtor was calling and saying, 'I don't know why I'm calling you anymore, because you're not going to buy a house.'"

"I'm here all the time," says Tammy. "I'm in the house a lot. I just had visions of these tiny houses with two kids and no place to walk."

They thought about following friends up to the suburbs of Carmel Valley, but O.B. had spoiled them

for anything else. They were driving back from the North Park house when they saw the For Rent sign on their current home, a turn-of-the-century bungalow backing up onto Robb Field. The back yard belonged to the tenant living in the converted boathouse out back — "I guess the bay used to come all the way up here," observes Tammy — but there was room in front for kids to play. And Robb Field's spacious green swaths were just over the fence. "We called immediately," says Patrick. "We tried to buy it, but they wouldn't sell it. It's been in their family for generations. We decided that space meant more than ownership right

now. We figured we could wait until the market crashes to buy."

A year later, they're almost out of boxes. "Unpacking with kids is ridiculous," says Tammy. "But not unpacking is dangerous. Kiki's coming up to me with stuff and saying, 'What's this, Mommy?' 'Oh, that's a knife!'"

The kitchen, as in many old houses, is in the back and leads out to a raised deck that takes in the view — Robb Field, Mount Soledad, the Sea World Tower, Mission Bay Yacht Club. Patrick tells me that "every evening at ten before ten during the summer, Sea World lets off this amazing fireworks dis-

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play. All our friends want to come over for the Fourth of July, because we get Sea World, La Jolla, and Pacific Beach.”

Inside, the kitchen — like the rest of the house — is painted what Tammy calls “rental white.” “We begged

them to let us paint,” she says. “I did murals in Kiki’s room. But I think they got the sense that we weren’t going to stay here for five years. If I owned the place, I would strip all the wood-work” — the living and dining rooms feature five-foot-

high, staggered-depth plank wainscoting — “and rip up the carpets. But it’s all right.” The rest of the kitchen matches the rental white’s muted tone: the floor is mocha-swirly vinyl, the cabinets are cream, and the counter is leather-brown

Formica. Tammy sets out crackers and cheese on the small wooden table situated beneath the pass-through to the dining room.

Hugging the wall next to the table is a handpainted stool; the bright paint contrasts with the surroundings. Around its upper rim are the opening lines of the Five Stairsteps’ “Ooh Child”: “Ooh-oo child, things are gonna get easier/ Ooh-oo child, things’ll get brighter.” Tammy painted the stool for Patrick to sit upon while he brews beer, a hobby. The lyrics were taken from their wedding song. (“I’ve gotten better at painting furniture,” says Tammy, and it’s true. Later, she shows me a toy chest in the chil-

dren’s playroom decorated with her spot-on copy of an illustration from *Guess How Much I Love You?*)

If Tammy had listened to her father, she might have met Patrick sooner than she did. Just before she left for graduate school in Flagstaff, her mother and father attended a business conference in Orlando. There, they met a couple whose children were already at Northern Arizona University. “My parents drove out with me; I was 23, and it was the first time I had ever left Vermont. When we got out there, my dad said, ‘You have to call these people.’ I said, ‘I’m not calling these people. There’s nothing more pathetic than calling and saying, ‘My dad

said to call you.’”

A year later, she met Patrick at a bar; they had friends in common. It wasn’t until her parents were preparing to visit that she told them about her new boyfriend, who turned out to be the person she was supposed to call.

Patrick picks up the story. “So that year, the Phoenix Suns were in the NBA finals against the Chicago Bulls, and game seven was played on Father’s Day. We had this big barbecue. My parents were already there, visiting from Phoenix, and her parents show up from Vermont. The two fathers met — ‘Hey! Whassup! How you doin’?’ — and they were

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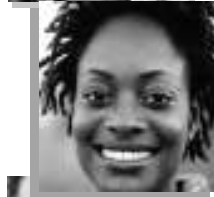
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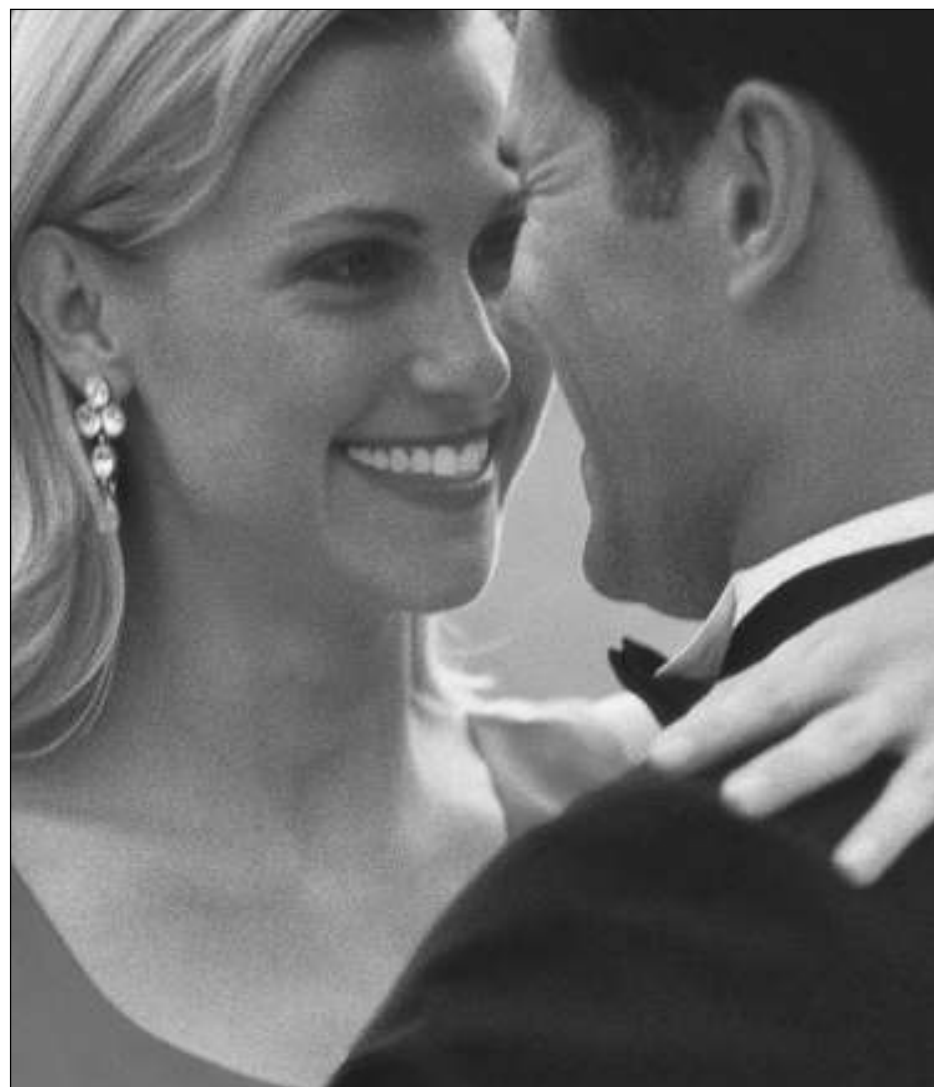
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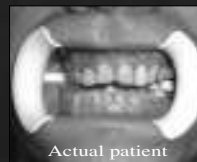
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The pasta is finished boiling. Tammy dishes up, and we move to the dining room. Esme sits in her throne-like green high chair; Kiki has been asleep for a couple of hours. “We worked really hard for that,” says Tammy. “We went a year without sleep before we finally got this going. I feed my little girl at five, and Patrick’s not home until seven, eight o’clock — later, if he’s directing a show. So we don’t eat dinners together a lot. Family dinners were important in my house, but my dad was home at night.” In this house, “we do brunch. My daughter goes to the Jewish preschool in La Jolla” — the institution also employs Patrick as a managing director for its theater. “They get challah bread every Friday, and we make challah French toast every weekend. We have this gigan-

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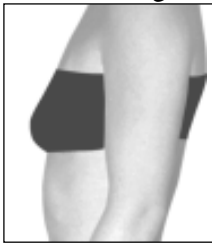


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tic dining room, so in the mornings, I try to use it. We sit at the table and have our coffee and read the paper while the kids eat breakfast. We have our version of the family meal every morning."

When they had only one child, says Tammy, the new parents "were bound and determined that it wasn't going to change our lives." Early bedtime meant that Tammy could write in the evenings. It also meant that friends could babysit without effort — a writer friend could come over and work undisturbed while Patrick and Tammy were out. "Now, we're starting to really feel what it means to be a parent. One of them stops, and the other one starts." Esme fusses; Tammy puts her down and lets her scotch about. "She's just at that age where she can finally grab things. She grabbed a bear today and pulled it to her chest."

Tammy has yet to turn Esme over to a babysitter, and so she hasn't seen any of Patrick's plays of late. Just now, he is directing Athol Fugard's *The Road to Mecca* at 6th@Penn theatre. "Being a managing director takes up most of my time," he says, "so I've become more choosy about what I direct. But I'd do anything for Athol Fugard; I'd hike the South African mountains for him. In high school, I thought theater was just sort of musicals and fluff. Then I saw Fugard's *Master Harold*... and *the Boys*, and I was completely floored. I started reading all of his stuff without knowing anything about him — I had no idea he wasn't black."

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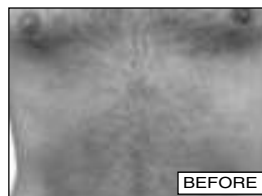
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job with a director in Seattle who went on to work with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. He thought about attending an M.F.A. program at Yale. The school wanted him, "and it's always thrilling to be told that you're wanted by people of that stature." He loved New

Haven. "But they don't fund you until your third year, no matter who you are. I talked with Tammy, and we knew that we wanted to have a family, and we wanted another baby kind of right away, just to be done with it."

"And I didn't want to

have to be working full-time while he was in graduate school," concludes Tammy. "We had already suffered through financing my graduate-school experience," says Tammy. "They had an M.A. writing program at NAU, but they didn't have an M.F.A. program." For that,

she went to the University of Washington. "A creative writing program buys you time to write, and it buys you people who will listen to your work."

For Tammy, getting the M.F.A. was not a golden idyll. "UW was so nasty and competitive. The teachers were great writers but not necessarily great at teaching. I had some who were good, but they were busy. They were doing book tours, the things you do when

you're a successful writer. I teach a writing course at the UCSD Extension Program, and I had a student ask me, 'Would you recommend an M.F.A. program?'" Tammy had to admit that her own degree didn't even help her get an agent's attention. "I sent a cover letter, and she wrote back saying, 'Please send your first 50 pages.' She got them, and she wrote to say, 'I don't know where this came from, but I'd like to see the rest of it.' She didn't

remember the cover letter; I could have been anybody, with any background." She's hesitant to dismiss the worth of an M.F.A. altogether; "It's just a shame there's so much debt associated with it."

As she says, the program does give time to write — in her case, a thesis/novel that snagged her an agent. "She was never able to sell it, but I wrote *Breathing Water*" — her first published novel — "while the agent was trying to sell it." Still, that first effort was a finished work, and so it rated a bottle of champagne in celebration. She still has the cork — one of five mounted in a shadowbox on the wall in her office. Each is inscribed with the date of the manuscript's completion. "I always try to finish a book on an interesting date. The first is 9/6/96. The second, 3/28/98, was my grandfather's birthday. That was *Breathing Water*, and my grandfather figured into the book a lot. Then 1/9/99 and 2/22/00" — *Nearer than the Sky* and *Undressing the Moon*."

"The last one was last fall, but that won't see the light of day. Esme was due, and I was trying to finish quickly — hoping that something would happen financially before she was born, which is never a good way to write. I sent it off to my agent knowing that it wasn't quite up to par. She's a good reader and an honest critic, and she said, 'This should not be your next book.' I found out I was getting the NEA grant, and

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then the next day, she wrote back. I had never felt so simultaneously elated and deflated."

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Other factors, beyond the mere dulling of the writing habit, may have worked against the manuscript. The story was her first set outside Vermont, a conscious attempt to break what was becoming a pattern for her books. It was also her first in which the main character was male — inspired by the "one weird middle-aged white guy in an orange vest" who always seemed to be involved in the search for a missing child. "It was sort of, 'Who are you? What would compel someone to become involved in the search?'" But both Patrick and her agent agreed that he was too passive, that too much happened without his causing it.

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The office — "We share it, but he doesn't really do much in here," says Tammy — is packed into a small room with big windows off the dining room. A poster of Audrey Hepburn in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* hangs just inside the entrance, but after that, just about everything is bookish. What Tammy calls her revising doll sits atop a shelf, to be taken down and set beside the computer during the tedious process of rewriting. Besides the corks, open sections of wall display a shadowbox of butterflies — a hobby of one of the characters in *Breathing Water* — and a poster advertising a speech given at Northern Arizona by Toni Morrison, one of Tammy's favorite authors. Two framed book jackets from Tammy's own novels, a gift from Patrick, await hanging.

Sheer burgundy curtains cover the windows; bookshelves cover most of everything else. The books are arranged alphabetically and separated according to hardcover and paperback. The collection is mostly novels — the poetry and teaching books are in the narrow, glass-door secretary where Tammy writes. She

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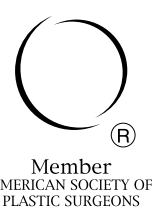
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purchased it on Newport with money left her by her grandmother. The Agatha Christie is Patrick's; most of Tammy's books are more contemporary. John Irving, Barbara Kingsolver, Alice Hoffman, Toni Morrison, A.M. Homes, Donna Tartt, Paul Auster. *Moby Dick* makes an appearance, as does Edith Wharton, and Stephen King's *On Writing* is tucked in at the bottom.

"I think that was a gift," says Tammy. "But it was quite an astute look at the writing life."

After books, typewriters take up the most amount of space. A late-teens Remington; a '30s Remet; a Skywriter from the '50s, built to fit on an airplane tray table; an electric that she wrote on as a child. She stands to inherit a typewriter from each of her deceased grandfathers, one of whom was "writing letters on it to me right up until the day he passed away." For whimsy, the collection boasts a bright yellow Tomy's Tutor Typer.

Patrick's public collection sits on a built-in shelf

next to the fireplace in the house's long living room, its rental white spiked with purple curtains and couch. Glass vials in a rack, each containing a quantity of dirt. "The older sister of a colleague of mine went to Egypt, and she asked, 'What do you want me to get you?' I said, 'I don't know — get me dirt from Africa. I want the earth, or something stupid like that. She comes back with this dirt and says, 'I got this from the entrance into the second Great Pyramid.' I thought, 'Wow, that's very

cool.'" He began requesting more. "This demure little white woman" brought him soil from the notorious island prison off the coast of South Africa. A neighbor brought some from "a monster climb in Peru. And a friend of mine who'd been to Africa pulled out a sandwich bag at a party and plopped it on my kitchen counter." Inside? Soil from Kilimanjaro. "Word spread. I've probably got three times" what's on display.

The living room also holds Tammy's collection of mass-market paperback literature, purchased during her adolescence. Updike, Roth, a hefty dose of Faulkner,

Salinger — whose story, "For Esme, with Love and Squalor," provided their second daughter's name. Her reading journal is here as well. "I've kept it since 1992. Every book I read, I write the date that I finish, the title, and the author. I'm so anal — I started keeping track of the number of pages."

There is a method to the rest of the stuff on the fireplace shelves. Art books share space with craft and parenting magazines. Above that are religion, philosophy, and politics, Kahlil Gibran up against *The O'Reilly Factor* up against *The Gnostic Gospels*, with Hegel, Heidegger, and

Richard McBrien's *Catholicism* close by. "To me, religion and politics are all the same thing," explains Tammy.

Both Patrick and Tammy were raised Catholic. Neither is religious today. "We had a big talk with my mother after the oldest one was born," says Patrick. "We said, 'We're not doing the baptizing thing.' She was like, 'Oh...all right. Okay. Are you sure that's wise?' 'Yes, it'll be fine.' 'Okay...all right.' And now our daughter goes to a Jewish preschool — although after being raised Catholic, the Jewish tradition makes a lot more sense than a lot of other things in the world. Our favorite story is that she kept talking about the holidays. We thought, 'How does she know about that?' She was talking about Fridays — *Challah*-day at school."

The old habits die hard, however. Tammy: "We told Kiki the Easter Bunny would be coming through our neighbor's garden this year — we celebrated the Easter Bunny and Passover simultaneously."

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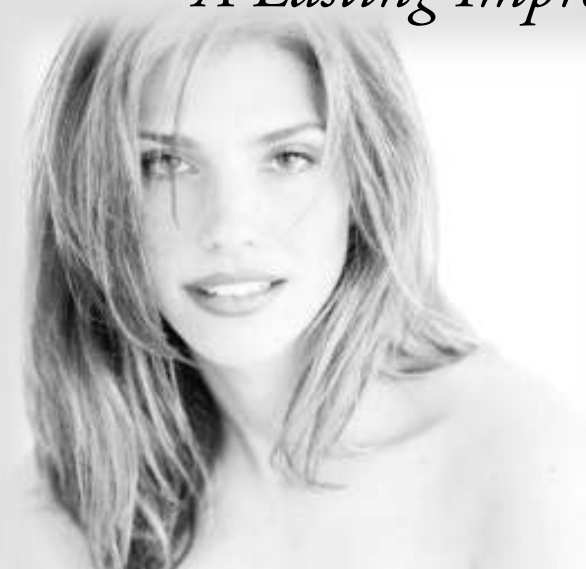
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As we mosey through the stroganoff and the spinach-and-dried-cherry salad, Patrick pours the Ruffino into glass goblets with cobalt-blue bowls. Like the painted wood table — a conference table from one of Tammy's old bosses — and the hand-blocked cloth napkins — Tammy worked for April Cornell when it was just starting — the glasses have a backstory.

"When we were living in Seattle," begins Patrick, "a friend of mine came out from D.C., and we had one of those great raucous weekends. He was doing the dishes, and he broke one of these. I was like, 'Oh, no!' I'd had this stuff since before whenever, and Tammy was collecting some of it. He and his friend ended up finding a wall full of replacements in an Urban Outfitters they stopped into between clubs. 'We got back at around four in the morning — 'Tammy, Tammy! We found a replacement!' Now that we're down here, we can just go across the border."

Tammy considers Esme and says, "I think, eventually, I'm just going to resign myself to having a bunch of mismatched things. Patrick's sister has started collecting mismatched china — that's what her setting is. I think that's the best idea in the world."

Dinner over, we retire to the living room. A raft of magazines rests on the trunk containing the relics of the couple's wedding: *Pages*, *The New Yorker*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Esquire*, *Home Companion*, *Entertainment Weekly*. After 9/11, says Tammy, "We both went through a phase where we weren't flying at all. I had all these frequent-flyer miles accumulated, and they offered me three-year subscriptions to all these magazines. I actually wrote a letter to *Entertainment Weekly* about Jonathan Franzen, and it was published. I said I was highly irritated with the amount of press that he was getting for being a jerk" — Franzen famously scuffled with the Oprah ethos — "and that I was really bummed that he sort of spoiled everything for us authors who hoped to get on Oprah's book club. After the Jonathan Franzen thing, Oprah said, 'I'm quitting

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this. I'm not going to deal with living writers any more."

I read Tammy's most recent novel, *Undressing the Moon*, and from what I know of the club, it seems like Oprah's sort of book. The protagonist is a 30-year-old woman who is dying of cancer and frozen in the memory of a traumatic year from her adolescence. "I use the term 'autogeographical,'" says Tammy. "The setting is a very loosely fictionalized version of the place where I grew up in Vermont. People's perceptions of Vermont are 'beautiful New England,' but there's a lot of strife and hardship there that you don't hear about. There are people who are middle class, and then there are the poor people."

Undressing the Moon is about one of the poor people, and while the themes are heavy enough, the language is light and, in places, lyrical, full of deft description. Glass—broken, found, colored, illumined—is everywhere: as metaphor, as symbol, in descriptions, and in fact. "That's the poet in me. That refrain that keeps coming back." She thinks it her best book in terms of its narrative structure and language but admits that she's "not into plot," and that her second book may have had more drive. "Guys like the second book," she says—Patrick included.

"There's a lot more activity," he says. And "just by the nature of what I do for a living," directing plays, activity is engaging. "I'm not going to sit there and watch a relationship unfold cerebrally before my eyes on stage—you know what I mean? I don't know—there's an influx of more interesting characters: weird, fun, quirky characters. It's just funnier, yet equally as devastatingly serious—all this stuff she writes is so damn serious."

"People meet me sometimes and say, 'You're so happy and...well-adjusted,'" Tammy explains. "I say, 'Well, this is fiction.'"

Now she is into a new novel. The character is male again, but this time, he is back in Vermont. "It's a story that I've wanted to tell for a long, long time. I think I was waiting until I was ready to write it. Now I'm ready." ■

—Matthew Lickona

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all negativity — into what? Lipstick! “Now go out and kiss the world,” he urged the reader. Right! *Cherchez la femme*. Women as the well-known cause of all woe — such as bombs dropping over Baghdad, 100,000 Iraqi civilians killed, and so on. Not unless that’s Condoleezza Rice’s lipstick you’re talking about. Reader, let’s have less of Mr. Lux’s embittered poetry.

Your November 4 cover, “Funeral Blues,” was appropriate for two days after a national election in which the people voted and Diebold elected. The one bright spot in the nightmare was the election of Donna Frye as mayor of San Diego. This made headlines around the nation. An ex-San Diegan mailed me a page from the November 5 issue of the Billings, Montana, *Gazette* with the headline “Surfer likely next mayor of San Diego.”

Now San Diego is the new Florida. It’s not enough for America’s Finest City to be headlined as “Enron by the Bay” in the *New York Times* for its pension-underfunding scandal, but the only councilperson who had the ovaries to vote against business as usual at City Hall is having her election jerked out from under her by a judge in a manner reminiscent of the 2000 Supreme Court gambit. I’ve come up with a quick fix for San Diego’s pension problem. Let’s let Alex Spanos, multimillionaire owner of the Chargers, fully fund the pension plan. After all — in a travesty of capitalism where usually it’s the entrepreneur who takes the risk and reaps the profit — Spanos let the city of San Diego assume the expense of a new stadium while he fielded decades of disappointing football teams and lollered on his estate in Stockton profiting from his risk-free ticket guarantee. Donna Frye’s dog is named Diogenes. I think we need to quit looking for an honest man at City Hall and let the people’s will go forward to install an honest woman.

Linda Brown
Encinitas

If a poem I write fails to be understood by a reader, then

I believe the failure, the responsibility, is mine. It’s pointless to try to explain or paraphrase what I was trying to do in “Render, Render.” I will say its intentions are affirmative, celebratory, with not a peep of the embittered. I’ll admit to being dismayed sometimes (though not in this poem!) but embittered: nope. My life is too filled with blessings. — Tom Lux

Cuff Slays Leno

Was watching the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno* last night (November 29). On

Mondays he does a thing called “Headlines,” where people send in miscellaneous dumb ads/miscellaneous things from papers/whatever that is just a little weird or funny. Last night he did one from a paper — didn’t say what one, but he said, “This is from the ‘Off the Cuff’ section of a paper.” It looked a lot like the *Reader*, how you have the pics of the people on top, then their quote below, then the rest of the page. About a guy who prefers a

girl who can read as opposed to one who has BIG JUGS! And it cracked him up! Was it from the *Reader*?

Ward Elliott
Clairemont Mesa

Yes. The column appeared November 11. — Editor

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New Annotated Sherlock Holmes

We are lucky that he failed," says Leslie Klinger of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. "He had a practice as an ophthalmologist in Portsmouth. Then he moved to London where he didn't get any business. With a lot of time on his hands, he turned to writing stories and eventually realized he could make money that way."

Doyle and his friend Rudyard Kipling each made more money than any other writer of their day. The Sherlock Holmes stories were the most profitable, but Doyle didn't think much of them. They even became a burden to

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him. "And that's why he killed Holmes off in the falls of Reichenbach," says Klinger.

Doyle wrote other works that he considered more serious literature. But they are little known in comparison with the famous detective stories, which have spawned over 200 films and have turned Sherlock Holmes into a character regularly appearing on *Sesame Street*.

On Saturday, December 11, Leslie S. Klinger, who practices law full-time in Los Angeles, will appear at D.G. Wills Books in La Jolla to discuss and autograph the first two volumes of his work *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*. The books contain 56 short stories in which Holmes is the main character. Each book has 1000 literary, biographical, or cultural annotations and, together, 700 photographs from the magazines in which the stories first appeared. The third volume in the work is to cover the longer Holmes stories and will come out a year from now.

According to Klinger, Doyle credited his focus on crime scene details to medical school professor Joseph Bell, who taught students to search the bodies of their patients for clues to their maladies. "Today," he says, "students of forensics read the Sherlock Holmes stories, not as textbooks, but for the fundamental approach of their science, which Doyle greatly influenced. For

instance, he invented the plaster casts they use to gather evidence."

Klinger calls the Holmes stories "deep psychological tales" of good and evil that derive popularity especially from the traits of their heroes. "Holmes is this strong, independent character who knows everything," says Klinger, "and Watson the loyal friend we'd all like to have. Beyond that, the stories give a vivid picture of Victorian England."

True to his cultural roots, Doyle tells his stories with no hint of sex. "The attitude was that sex is dirty and does not belong in books," says Klinger. "Sherlock Holmes is the perfect gentleman. But Doyle also

wrote a few horror novels such as *The Parasite*, which hints at the dark side with focus on a kind of vampiric psychic power.

"The Holmes stories occasionally do have a sexual tension involving twisted love affairs," adds Klinger. Late in his life, Doyle became interested in the plights of women in marriages to abusive husbands. He became active in the National Divorce Reform Union in England. *The Adventure of the Abbey Grange* is a story Doyle wrote about a man who loves a woman married to "an alcoholic beast. The lover kills the husband," says Klinger, "and then Doyle lets him off by having Watson,

whom Holmes calls representative of a good English jury, declare the killer to be a fine person."

The one extant interview with Doyle on film (he died in 1930) shows him talking for most of the time about spiritualism, which was popular in England and America in the 1920s. "So many people had lost loved ones in World War I and wanted to contact them again," explains Klinger. "Doyle became a spokesman for that movement, though he always did have an interest in psychic phenomena. And he lost his own wife and son."

Critics complained that Doyle was much too credulous and that his spiritualist convictions grew only out of grief over losing his son in the war. When two girls turned up with photos they purported showed fairies, Doyle declared them legitimate. "But he was greatly embarrassed," says Klinger, "after the girls later confessed it was a hoax."

"At one point," according to Klinger, "Harry Houdini and Doyle became close friends. It was an odd relationship; Houdini was always trying to show evidence that spiritualism was false. Doyle argued his own case, and the friendship eventually broke down."

Doyle has his character Professor Challenger of *The Lost World* convert to spiritualism. Yet in *The Land of Mist*, Challenger says, "There seems to me to be absolutely no limit to the inanity and credulity of the human race. Homo sapiens! Homo idioticus! Who do they pray to — the ghosts?" And Sherlock Holmes says in *The Adventures of the Sussex Vampire*, "This world is big enough for us. No ghosts need apply." When pressed about these sentiments, according to Klinger, Doyle replied, "Don't confuse the puppet with the master."

— Joe Deegan

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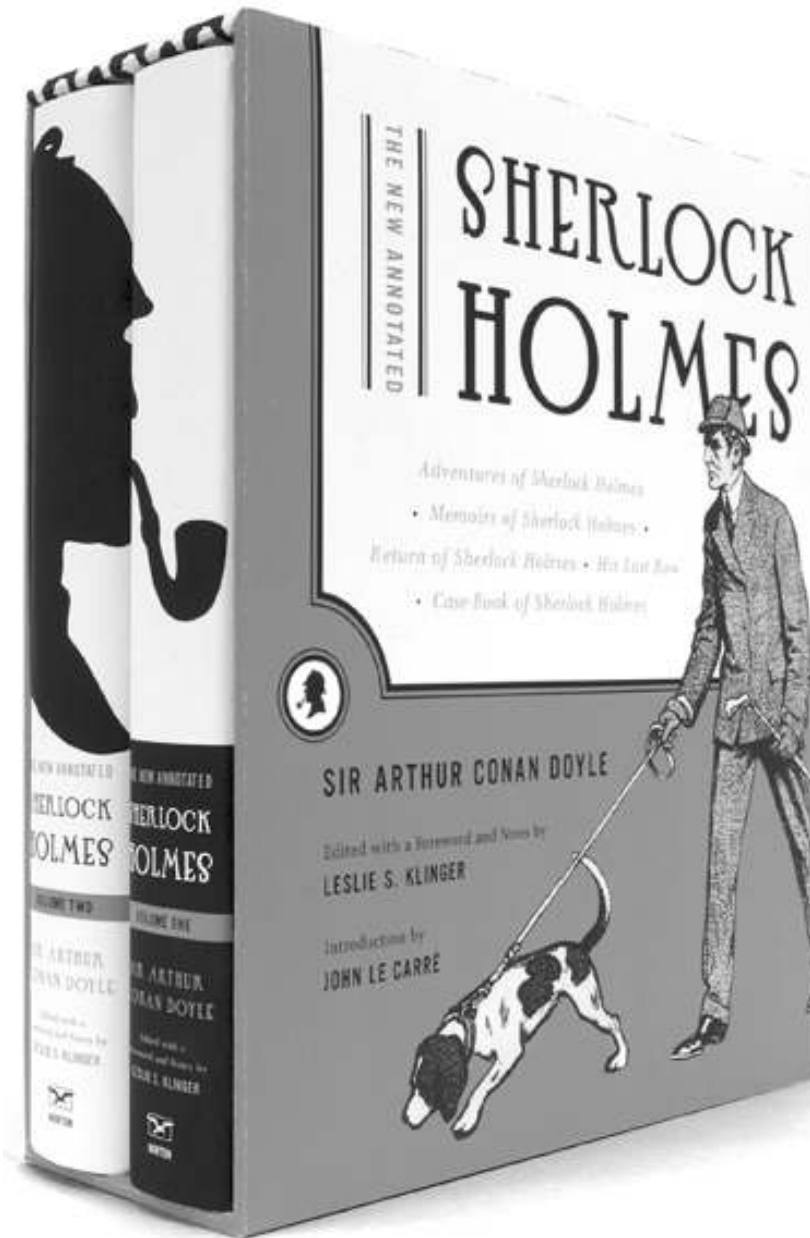
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Liquidambar Trees, or sweet gums, the colorfully deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on a good show for the past month. The maplelike leaves of some varieties have turned from green to purple to red; the leaves of other varieties have faded to a golden yellow. Other varieties will hold on to their leaves until the New Year. Most will regain their foliage by late February.

Gathering Around Sunset (around 5:30 p.m.) on east side of Mission Trails Regional Park, members of San Diego Astronomy Asso-

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"Search for Santa's Reindeer — and More" when naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads moderate, 3.5-mile walk in Daley Ranch on Saturday, December 11. Adventure starts at 3 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Identify Wildlife Tracks when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginning and intermediate tracking walks, Saturday, December 11, 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. To reach Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house. 858-513-0359. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours offered Saturdays (10 a.m.) and Tuesdays (6 p.m.). Tour guide Gino Lizardi weaves stories from past with developments of future. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-1766. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

December's Exceptional Tidal Extremes occur on the same two days: On Sunday, December 12, the tide reaches a level of +7.2 feet at 8:35 a.m., and then falls during the day to a rock-bottom -1.8 feet at 3:54 p.m. On Monday, December 13, the tide reaches +7.2 feet

at 9:21 a.m. and falls to -1.8 feet at 4:43 p.m. Visit a gently shelving beach, such as Coronado's, in the middle of the day to watch the water gradually recede with almost every breaker.

Winter in the Chaparral, Rick Halsey leads hike for Anza-Borrego Institute in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on Sunday, December 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Trip starts with discussion of chaparral's relationship to fire; continues with drive to various sites to observe different types of chaparral. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen, wear hiking boots. Easy hiking. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

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

Explore "Ravishing Rancho Santa Fe" when Walkabout adventurers head out on Sunday, December 12. Moderate-plus seven-mile walk starts at 8:30 a.m. in front of Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (at foot of Paseo Delicias). 619-231-7463. Free. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Wildlife Assist Recruiting Session offered on Saturday, December 12,

2 p.m., at Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-921-6044. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

The Geminid Meteor Shower, one of the year's two most regularly active showers, peaks on Monday evening, December 13. This year's Geminids coincide with a moon phase just past new, ensuring optimum dark skies (weather permitting) at any site far away from the city lights. By lying under an open sky and looking straight upward you may see a maximum of about 60 meteors per hour. The first Geminid meteors become visible around 6:30 p.m., and viewing improves into the wee hours of the following morning.

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Nutty Time of Year, City Ballet of San Diego, under direction of Steven and Elizabeth Wistrich, has performances December 10-12, at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). The production follows choreography by Russian choreographer Lev Ivanov. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, 1 and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$19 to \$35, available by calling 858-272-8663 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

The Moscow Classical Ballet's lavish production of the *Nutcracker* is presented December 10-12 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Directors Natalia Kasatkina and Vladimir Vasilyov have drawn heavily from the original story by E.T.A. Hoffman for their production. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Rising starkly behind the San Fernando and Crescenta valley communities of Sylmar, San Fernando, Sunland, and Tujunga, the western ridges of the San Gabriel Mountains have a lean and hungry look. Yet there is a gentler, mostly hidden side, to these mountains, too. That's what you'll discover at Trail Canyon, where riparian glens and pocket forests of oak squeeze between chaparraled canyon walls punctuated by angular rock outcrops.

At intervals during this likely wet winter to come, Trail Canyon's normally indolent flow may become a torrent. After tumbling through miles of rock-bound constrictions and sliding across several moderate inclines, the water comes to the lip of a precipice. There the bubbly mixture momentarily attains weightlessness during a free-fall of about 30 feet. If you can manage to

ignore the vastly smaller scale of this spectacle, you might imagine yourself in Yosemite Valley during spring runoff.

The falls in Trail Canyon are easy to approach, except during the most intense flooding, when the several fords you must cross on the way may be dangerously deep.

From the foothill community of Sunland, off Interstate-210, take either Oro Vista Avenue or Mt. Gleason Avenue north to Big Tujunga Canyon Road, and turn right. Some 5 miles up Big Tujunga Canyon, on the left (mile 2.0 according to highway mile markers), look for the dirt-road turnoff for the Trail Canyon trailhead. Turn left (north) on that dirt road, drive 0.2 mile uphill to a fork, go right, and descend 0.2 mile to an oak-shaded parking area on the right, just above Trail Canyon's creek. A National Forest

Adventure Pass is needed for parking there.

Continue up the same road on foot, passing a few cabins and fording the creek for the first time. The now-very-deteriorated road goes on to follow an east tributary for a while, doubles back, contours around a ridge, and drops into Trail Canyon again (0.6 mile). The road ends there, and you continue up-canyon on a footpath. The path clings to the banks for 0.5 mile, crossing the stream several times, and then climbs the west wall to avoid a narrow, alder-

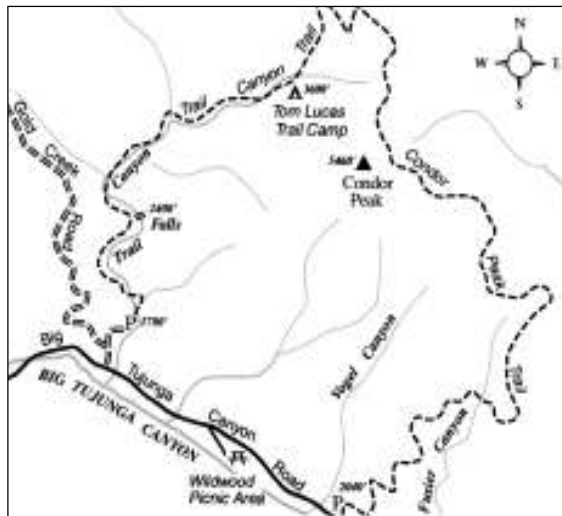


Trail Canyon Falls

choked section of the canyon. The falls come into view as you round a sharp bend about 1.5 miles from the parking area.

Although many people have obviously done so, it's difficult and dangerous to slide down from the trail to the base of the falls. The falls can also be reached by bushwhacking up the canyon from the point where the trail begins its ascent of the west wall. Those sensitive to poison oak might think twice about stepping off the trail.

Past the falls, Trail Canyon Trail continues upstream to cozy Tom Lucas Trail Camp (four miles from the trailhead) and onward to a junction with the Condor Peak Trail. Ambitious hikers and backpackers can set their sights on a significant high point, Condor Peak, straightforwardly reached by means of a short, steep scramble west from the Condor Peak Trail. One or more of the Channel Islands, floating above the coastal haze or smog, are frequently seen from Condor Peak's windswept summit.



Tickets: \$36 to \$56. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

La Mesa Arts Academy presents performances of *The Nutcracker* at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 11; and 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 for seniors, military, children. 619-697-2787. (ENCANTO)

Jeremy and the Zydeco Hot Boyz, hailing from Louisiana, perform for Cajun/zydeco dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club in Recital Hall, Saturday, December 11. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Recital Hall is located on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard. \$12. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance to tunes by Jump Fingers and calling by Martha Wild on Saturday, December 11, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street).

Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Fusion-Style Bellydance performed by Velvet Gypsy Tribal, Saturday, December 11, 9 and 10 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Free. 619-265-7287. (SDSU)

Holiday Dance Party on Saturday, December 11, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays for dancing, 7:30 to 10 p.m.; Viennese waltz dance lesson 8 p.m. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$7; first time free. (BAY PARK)

English Country Dancing "to haunting baroque music" takes

place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Dance Academy in Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road. Caller on December 12: Mike Davis. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Gotta Lindy dance on Monday, December 13, at Neiman's (300 Carlsbad Village Drive). Lindy basics class at 8:30 p.m., followed by Jump Jones Band (9 to 11:30 p.m.). No partners needed; all ages. \$10 fee includes class, dance. 760-729-4131. (CARLSBAD)

Bellydance Showcase with dancers Sohaila, Ravynnah, Shalimar, and Ariella, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, December 16, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

"Cinematic Ski and Snowboard Mayhem," describes Warren Miller's *Impact*, showing at La Paloma (471 South Coast Highway 101) on Thursday, December 9 at 6 and 9 p.m. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

Catch the flick on Friday, December 10, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street; 760-729-0089). (CARLSBAD)

Final county screenings offered on December 11 and 12 in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Show starts at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday. All tickets: \$18, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

See *Fuori dal Mondo* when this Giuseppe Piccioni film screens in Italian with English on Friday, December 10, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Stories de la Frontera," created by a team of journalists and photographers, screens along with *Escondido Stories* (shot and edited by local migrant youths) for Sunday Matinee on December 12, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Laura Castañeda and a Tu Voz teen producer will answer questions. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Enjoy Ferzan Ozpetek's *Facing Windows* when this "sumptuous bourgeois confection" screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-5800. Free. In Italian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Revealing Relationships" provide theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series during December. See *Love Actually* on Wednesday, December 15, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roar: Lions of the Kalahari, Volcanoes of the Deep Sea, Forces of Nature, Coral Reef Adventure.* See *Santa vs. The Snowman* through Sunday, January 2, 2005. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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LECTURES

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"An Fhirinne" (Irish for "the truth") is an Irish organization composed of family members of victims of British occupation. Representatives Sharon Pickering and Bernice Swift will examine "collusion issues between unionist death squads and British security forces" on Saturday, December 11, 3 p.m., at Lestat's Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue). Donation. 951-377-6319. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Discover Your Animal Spirit Guides" when third-generation psychic Rebecca Bloom presents workshop for Cadent Cross Institute on Saturday, December 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse (4201 Sixth Avenue). \$35. Registration: 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

"Meet Your Muslim Neighbor," community gatherings explaining basics of Islam and misconceptions of its tenets offered at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street; 619-527-3405). Also planned on Saturday, December 18, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street; 619-236-5800). (ENCANTO, DOWNTOWN)

"Desert Photography: A Four Class Series on How to Get Great Photographs in the Desert" offered by Anza-Borrego Institute, starting with introduction on Saturday, December 11, 8 a.m. to noon, at Colorado Desert District Headquarters (200 Palm Canyon Road). Each of the succeeding classes builds on information presented here. Fee: \$135 for seven, or \$40 per class. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Make a Holiday Gift Basket during class on Saturday, Decem-



Makaha Sons at Hawaiian Christmas concert at Ramada Inn, December 11 (see In Person)

ber 11, 12:30 to 4 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Flowering parts of native plants used to make rib-constructed basket. \$30 fee includes materials. Required reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

The Essay "The Roots of War" and chapters 16 and 17 of *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* by Ayn Rand provide fodder when Objectivist Discussion Group meets on

Sunday, December 12, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

"How to Do 15-Minute Astrology Readings" revealed when professional astrologer Keith Burke presents workshop for Cadent Cross Institute on Sunday, December 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse (4201 Sixth Avenue). Some working

knowledge of astrology is required. \$35. Registration: 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

"How to Grow Your Own Medicine" presented by "an expert on indoor gardening" when Americans for Safe Access gather for "medical marijuana informational meeting" on Tuesday, December 14, 7 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-992-8082. (NORTH PARK)

Japanese-Style Holiday Flower Arrangements displayed during Ikebana International meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 10 a.m., room 101 of Casa del Prado. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"The United States 100 Years from Now — Scenarios" presented on Wednesday, December 15, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

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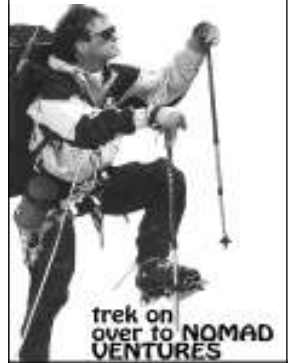


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"A Hillbilly Christmas Carol," experience Dickens in bluegrass style during concerts Thursday through Saturday, December 16-18, at 8 p.m. each night, at South Bay Pentecostal Church (395 D Street). \$10. 619-585-0600. (CHULA VISTA)

Winter Highlights Concert offered by Palomar Concert Band on Thursday, December 16, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concert honors memory and music of David Shaffer. \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Jackie Mason Freshly Squeezed" showcases the irascible comedian on Friday, December 17, 7 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets: \$27.50 to \$57.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Bah, Humbug! Nonsugary holiday entertainment promised when "Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" hits stage on Friday, December 17, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Targets: holiday film classics, family gatherings, Christmas carols, more. Tickets: \$25, \$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Alaska Aces for series with ice hockey play Thursday, December 9, Saturday,

December 11 (7:05 p.m.); and Sunday, December 12 (5:05 p.m.). The Long Beach Ice Dogs arrive for match on Wednesday, December 15, 7:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Bicycle from Carlsbad to Horton Plaza and enjoy the tailwinds with Knickerbikers on Saturday, December 11. The 40-mile ride for intermediates starts at Carlsbad Poinsettia Coaster station at 8:30 a.m. Riders ride south along coast, lunch at St. Tropez near Horton Plaza, return to Carlsbad via 1:05 p.m. Coaster from Santa Fe station (arriving at Poinsettia station at 1:50 p.m.). Bring money for Coaster fare, food. 760-603-9351. (CARLSBAD, DOWNTOWN)

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis, the 5k walk/run benefiting Arthritis Foundation is Saturday, December 11, west end of Presidents Way. The 5k starts at 8 a.m., one-mile "Paws for a Cause" Rudolph Run/Walk at 9:15 a.m. 858-492-1090. (BALBOA PARK)

Whale Watching by Kayak, hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., off La Jolla Shores. \$65 fee includes water, snacks, required equipment. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

ISF, Inland High School Surf Team Competition #3 takes place December 11 and 12 on south side of Oceanside Pier. Competition starts at 7 a.m. both days, concluding at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Free for spectators. 760-931-1450. (OCEANSIDE)

A Holiday Tennis Party is planned on Saturday, December 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Mountain View Sports and Racquet Club (6401 Skyline Drive). Games, contests, tennis tips, clinic, workout, round-robin play. Free. You may bring dish to share at potluck, \$5 gift for gift bag. 619-221-5746 or 760-809-8437. (ENCANTO)

Bring a New, Unwrapped Toy to donate for Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign during USO's seventh annual 8k/5k run and walk at Marine Corps Air Station on Saturday, December 11, 8 a.m. 619-235-6503. (MIRAMAR)

"Dreams Come True: Battle Royal Teddy Bear Drive for Children's Hospital," presented by Southwestern Alliance of Wrestling, Saturday, December 11, at La Mesa Indoor Soccer Arena (9586 Murray Drive). Doors open at 6 p.m., bell time at 7:15 p.m. Admission: \$6 general, \$3 children, or bring a teddy bear and get in free. 760-758-1388 or 619-379-9153. (LA MESA)

San Diego Chargers host Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, December 12, 1:15 p.m. Tickets for future games: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fantasy on Ice, the county's "only outside ice rink" is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, January 17, 2005, at Horton Square (225 Broadway). \$10. 619-234-1031. Closed on Christmas. (DOWNTOWN)

Take an Oath to exercise during Southbay New Year's Resolution Run, Friday, December 31. Meet at Southridge Park (corner of Paseo del Rey and East J Street) at noon to be sworn in by retired judge Roy Cazerres. Free. 619-482-4790. (CHULA VISTA)

Borrego to the Sea, R&B Bicycle Club hosts events, Saturday, January 8. Bicyclists choose from two paved road rides, with 50k and 100k distances. The 100k includes a ride to Salton Sea and back to start point at Palm Canyon Resort in Borrego Springs. The 50k is mostly flat, 100k includes "some rolling terrain." Registration: 7:30 a.m., both rides depart at 8:30 a.m. 760-765-2200. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

SPECIAL

A Family of Huichol Indians from the Sierra Madre Occidental in Mexican state of Jalisco demonstrates beading techniques Tuesday through Saturday (December 18), 1 to 4 p.m., in Mingei International's library (155 West Grand Avenue). 760-735-3355 or 760-735-9366. (ESCONDIDO)

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

opening with reception on Thursday, December 9, 6:30 p.m., at Institute of the Americas (1011 North Torrey Pines Road). Photographs by David Alemán on display. Show continues through Wednesday, December 22 (weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Free. Requested reservations: 858-453-5560. (LA JOLLA)

Old Fashioned Christmas Village offers outdoor market, music, caroling, refreshments, and wagon rides on La Mesa Boulevard (between Date and Fourth), Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, 6 to 9 p.m. Free. 619-462-3000. (LA MESA)

Garden of Lights, ninth annual event at Quail Botanical Gardens boasts gardens decorated with 90,000-plus sparkling lights on plants and trees. Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed December 10-12, December 16-23, December 26-30. Horse-drawn wagon rides, nutcracker display, marshmallow roasting, holiday music, children's activities, and food for sale.

Visit live reindeer on Saturday, December 11, 5 to 8:30 p.m. The gardens are located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission: \$6 for nonmembers, \$2 for those 3-12. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

International Gem and Jewelry Show, December 10-12, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. \$9 general. Hours: noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Sunday. 301-294-1640. (DEL MAR)

Holiday in the Park celebrations, 6 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, in Old Town State Historic Park. The event focuses on how San Diegans celebrated holidays in the 1850s. Holiday singing, musical entertainment, candlelight walking tours of Old Town (\$5). 619-296-3161. Free (except tours). (OLD TOWN)

Festival of Lights, December 10-23, December 26-30, at San Diego Wild Animal Park (15500 San Pasqual Valley Road). Snow hill for sliding, holiday crafts, children's activities, more than 100,000 lights twinkling. Festival activities start at 4 p.m.; gates close at 8 p.m.; park closes at 9 p.m. Included in regular admission. 760-796-5615. (ESCONDIDO)

Winter Solstice Party with entertainment, readings from "wonderful intuitives," food, hosted by San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$10. 760-310-4152. (HILLCREST)

Holiday Jazz and Blues Festival, Saturday, December 11, noon to 11 p.m., at Seventh Avenue and Market Street. Jazz, blues, Christmas music, choirs, caroling, holiday trinkets, food. Free. 619-685-7215. (EAST VILLAGE)

Holiday Parades North and South, Calexico Christmas parade on Saturday, December 11, starting at 10 a.m. on 2nd Street in downtown area. Organizers expect over 100 entries and floats from U.S. and Mexico. 760-357-1166. (CALEXICO)

"A Critter Christmas" is theme



"The Altars Project" at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library, December 12-January 30 (see Art Galleries)

for 54th annual Escondido Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 11. The parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. at Escondido High School and proceeds south along Broadway to Grape Day Park. 760-743-0717. (ESCONDIDO)

Pacific Beach's 23rd annual holiday parade is Saturday, December 11, noon. Marching starts at Garnet Avenue and Ingraham Street. 619-641-5823. (PACIFIC BEACH)

We Love a Parade (Wet Version), Oceanside Yacht Club hosts 28th annual Christmas Boat Parade of Lights, Saturday, December 11. More than 30 light-adorned boats circle harbor for viewing pleasure beginning at 6 p.m. Watch the parade from anywhere within the harbor. 760-722-5751. (OCEANSIDE)

The 32nd Mission Bay Christmas Boat Parade of Lights is Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m. Five-mile route begins at Quivira Basin and covers the Mission Bay shoreline to south Ingraham Street Bridge. Best viewing points are Crown Point, east side of Vacation Island, west side of Fiesta Island. 858-488-0501. (MISSION BAY)

"Aloha Holiday" is theme for 33rd annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights, Sunday, December 12 (and December 19). Parades begin at 5:30 p.m. at Shelter Island, passing Harbor Island, Seaport Village, Marina Park, across bay to Coronado, ending near Navy carrier turning basin. Free. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Take a Holiday "Tea Tour" through Victorian era and learn customs and practices of historic era through performance of Kandie Carle (a.k.a. the Victorian Lady), Saturday, December 11, 1 p.m., at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). \$75. Reservations: 619-557-3650. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate National Day of the Horse with rope-slinging, music, gun-spinning Wild West entertainment by "cowgirl entertainer," musician, singer songwriter Judy Taylor on Sunday, December 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Kenner Ranch (17550 Harrison Park Road). Farrier demonstrations, horse-petting, pony rides. \$5. 760-473-5681. (JULIAN)

Sandy Claws Holiday Beach Fair, dress your pooch in costume for contest during annual Dog Beach holiday beach fair, Sunday, December 12, noon to 2 p.m. Meet surf/windsurf/wakeboarding basket Howdy Doody. Free. To reach the beach, take I-8 west to end, bear right onto Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, turn right on Voltaire Street, and proceed into parking lot. 619-222-4033 or 619-515-4400. (OCEAN BEACH)

San Diego Philatelic Expo, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, December 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Discuss Aristotle for Everybody (chapters five through eleven) with Philosophy Reading and Discussion Group, Monday, December 13, 6 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Bring your own text. Free. 619-291-5754. (HILLCREST)

"Chado (The Way of Tea)" tea ceremony demonstration planned Tuesday, December 14, 11:30 a.m., in exhibit house at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$3 general. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

The Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive). \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

Sip in Style, Victorian tea every day from noon until 4 p.m. through Friday, December 24 at the Hotel del Coronado (1500 Orange Avenue). \$32 adults; \$17 ages 6-10. 619-522-8490. (CORONADO)

Vivid Art Banners line the streets of the Gaslamp Quarter through December. Participating merchants offer walking guide brochures featuring artists, banner locations. Free view-

ing. Banners auctioned on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at San Diego Gaslamp Marriott (\$10 admission). 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Holiday of Lights at Del Mar Fairgrounds is display of seasonal festive lights, with holiday-themed displays and more than 360 "festive scenes" on view through Sunday, January 2, 2005.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$12 per vehicle (up to five people), \$17 per vehicle with six or more people. Information: 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

"Home Sweet Home," exhibitions of gingerbread houses created by local artists are on view through Monday, December 27, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza and through Friday, January 14, 2005, in terminal 2 East at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Viewing is free. 619-277-0132. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

Enjoy Mother Holly when Weaver's Tales perform through Sunday, December 12, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Toy Store*, by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, December 15-19.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Listen to Bear Stays Up for Christmas by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman when the tale is read for pajamarama on Friday, December 10, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble

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Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the Grinch will be on hand for reading and performance of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* on Saturday, December 11, noon, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Snowman Storytime featuring Raymond Brigg's story *The Snowman* starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). Treats, craft. Free. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

Event repeats on Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m., at Borders Books and Music located at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive. 858-618-1814. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" The play, adapted for stage by Barbara Robinson from her book, is presented by San Diego Junior Theatre, December 11-19. Performances begin at 2 and 4 p.m. Fridays through Sundays at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue, at Davidson Street). All ages. Tickets: \$9 or \$12 adults, \$7 or \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Make Holiday Gifts for Wildlife to munch on in the garden, Saturday, December 11, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$5. 760-233-7755. (ESCONDIDO)

Santa Trains, Miller Creek train trips in a Pullman car from 1920s, with visit by Santa Claus, readings of *Polar Express*, Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12 (and December 18 and 19). Trains leave Campo depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Suggested reservations, fees, directions: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Fly Alka Seltzer Rockets when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, December 11, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Create Collage and Assemblage Art using mixed media — empha-



John Gorka for AcousticMusicSanDiego, December 12 (see In Person)

sizing use of textures, colors, and patterns — on Saturday, December 11, during Family Open Studio in conjunction with "The 2004 Cannon Art Gallery Invitational." Events run 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Materials, workspace provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. All ages. (LA COSTA)

"Stellaluna" Author Janell Cannon — whose books include *Crickwing*, *Verde*, others — signs her latest, *Pinduli*, Sunday, December 12, 1:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"The Wonderful World of Water," Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, December 12, 11:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Included in reg-

ular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

The Children's Picture Book *Tibetan Tales for Little Buddhas* signed by author Naomi C. Rose on Sunday, December 12, 1:30 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Public Radio's "From the Top" hosted by Christopher Riley tapes before live audience in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium on Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m., hosted by La Jolla Chamber Music Society. Program showcases "the nation's most exceptional pre-college-age classical musicians." Tickets: \$10 children, \$20 or \$35 for adults. 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

All Aboard for Holiday Fun, San Diego Model Railroad Museum is decked out for holidays and offering a family day fun on Sunday, December 12, 11 a.m. to

2 p.m. Railroad arts and crafts. Admission is free for those under 15, \$5 for everyone else. The museum is located downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Make a Ship-in-a-Bottle during family day events on Sunday, December 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Maritime Museum of San Diego (1306 North Harbor Drive, at Ash Street). Materials provided. Regular admission for adults; kids 12 and under free (with adult). (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Teller Magi Festival" features a collection of over 750 sets of Wise Men from more than 50 countries, on view through Sunday, January 2, 2005.

The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Jade from the Past," a collection of over 100 nephrite jade sculptures, from amulets to animal and plant designs, on exhibit through March, 2005. Also on view: "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and cre-



Cellist Carter Brey in Sherwood Auditorium, December 10 (see Classical Music)

ation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting

science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store

founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

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

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "From the Kumeyaay to the Treganzas: Art Across Time," on view through March 2005, honors Lemon Grove's "founding parents." Kumeyaay are depicted in large wall murals and pictographs by museum's artists-in-residence Kathleen Strzelecki and Janne LaValle. Exhibit includes clothing typical of late Stone Age, fossils, utilitarian gourds, items created by members of Treganza family. Companion exhibit traces three decades of modern Lemon Grove history, beginning in 1892. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "ExploraZone 5," on view through June 5, 2005, explores "what you think you see." The 38 exhibits use visual perception, thought, language, magnetism to test visitor's senses and abilities. Exhibit includes "Hoop Nightmares," "Cheshire Cat," "Black Sand," "Speech Dissector."

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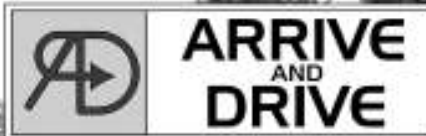
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POEMS BY AMY LOWELL

The Blue Scarf

Pale, with the blue of high zeniths, shimmered
over with silver, brocaded
In smooth, running patterns, a soft stuff, with dark knotted fringes,
it lies there,
Warm from a woman's soft shoulders, and my fingers close on it,
caressing.
Where is she, the woman who wore it? The scent of her
lingers and drugs me!
A languor, fire-shotted, runs through me, and I crush the scarf
down
on my face,
And gulp in the warmth and the blueness, and my eyes swim
in cool-tinted heavens.
Around me are columns of marble, and a diapered, sun-flickered pavement.
Rose-leaves blow and patter against it. Below the stone
steps a lute tinkles.
A jar of green jade throws its shadow half over the floor. A
big-bellied
Frog hops through the sunlight and plops in the gold-bubbled water
of a basin,
Sunk in the black and white marble. The west wind has
lifted a scarf
On the seat close beside me, the blue of it is a violent outrage
of colour.
She draws it more closely about her, and it ripples beneath
her slight stirring.
Her kisses are sharp buds of fire; and I burn back against her,
a jewel
Hard and white; a stalked, flaming flower; till I break to
a handful of cinders,
And open my eyes to the scarf, shining blue in the afternoon sunshine.
How loud clocks can tick when a room is empty,
and one is alone!

Ch'and Kan

By Li T'ai-Po

When the hair of your Unworthy One first began to cover
her forehead,
She picked flowers and played in front of the door.
Then you, my Lover, came riding a bamboo horse.
We ran round and round the bed, and tossed about the

sweetmeats of green plums.

We both lived in the village of Ch'ang Kan.
We were both very young, and knew neither jealousy nor
suspicion.
At fourteen, I became the wife of my Lord.
I could not yet lay aside my face of shame;
I hung my head, facing the dark wall;
You might call me a thousand times, not once would I turn
round.
At fifteen, I stopped frowning.
I wanted to be with you, as dust with its ashes.
I often thought that you were the faithful man who clung to the
bridge-post,
That I should never be obliged to ascend to the Looking-for-
Husband Ledge.
When I was sixteen, my Lord went far away,
To the Ch'ü T'ang Chasm and the Whirling Water Rock
of the Yü River
Which, during the Fifth Month, must not be collided with;
Where the wailing of the gibbons seems to come from the sky.
Your departing footprints are still before the door where I
bade you good-bye,
In each has sprung up green moss.
The moss is thick, it cannot be swept away.
The leaves are falling, it is early for the Autumn wind to
blow.
It is the Eighth Month, the butterflies are yellow,
Two are flying among the plants in the West garden;
Seeing them, my heart is bitter with grief, they wound the
heart of the Unworthy One.
The bloom of my face has faded, sitting with my sorrow.
From early morning until late in the evening, you descend
the Three Serpent River.
Prepare me first with a letter, bringing me the news of when
you will reach home.
I will not go far on the road to meet you,
I will go straight until I reach the Long Wind Sands.

From *Fir-Flower Tablets*

Summer Rain

All night our room was outer-walled with rain.
Drops fell and flattened on the tin roof,

And rang like little disks of metal.

Ping! — Ping! — and there was not a pinpoint of silence between them.
The rain rattled and clashed,
And the slats of the shutters danced and glittered.
But to me the darkness was red-gold and crocus-coloured
With your brightness,
And the words you whispered to me
Sprang up and flamed — orange torches against the rain.
Torches against the wall of cool, silver rain!

From *Pictures of the Floating World*

After the Storm

You walk under the ice trees.
They sway, and crackle,
And arch themselves splendidly
To deck your going.
The white sun flips them into colour
Before you.
They are blue,
And mauve,
And emerald.
They are amber,
And jade,
And sardonyx.
They are silver fretted to flame
And startled to stillness,
Bunched, splintered, iridescent.
You walk under the ice trees
And the bright snow creaks as you step upon it.
My dogs leap about you,
And their barking strikes upon the air
Like sharp hammer-strokes on metal.

You walk under the ice trees
But you are more dazzling than the ice flowers,
And the dogs' barking
Is not so loud to me as your quietness.

You walk under the ice trees
At ten o'clock in the morning.

From *Pictures of the Floating World*



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uary 25, 2005, offers a sampling of
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Rocket era and beyond. Parent com-
pany General Motors shut the com-
pany down in the spring. Cars on
display include a 1902 Curved Dash,
two of the 88s (from 1949, 1957),

1969 Hurst Olds, 1970 442 W-30
convertible.

More than 80 automobiles and
motorcycles from horseless cari-
ages to future prototypes are in-
cluded in the museum's perma-
nent collection. Find the museum
near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-
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San Diego Hall of Champions,
“Shades of Greatness” is a 35-piece
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City, highlighting history, lessons of

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**San Diego Historical Society
Museum,** “From Blueprints to
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chitectural history from early In-
dian bark houses to modern and
postmodern buildings. The exhibit
showcases the most significant ex-
amples of various architectural
styles and types of structures. See
the historical artifacts, pho-
tographs, and ephemera through
December.

“Romp! Children Discover
Balboa Park” focuses on why Bal-
boa Park exists, examines the
1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions,
and includes exhibits, attractions,

and “marvels that were found in
the monumental buildings created
to showcase the West.” Historic
film footage allows visitors to tour
the Ford Building as it existed in
1935 and see displays and machin-
ery that were there.

The museum is located in the
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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 concern-
ing the old San Diego-Coronado
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dustry, and the military. The mu-
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Amy Lowell: Selected Poems



Honor Moore

Edited and Selected and with an Introduction by Honor Moore
Library of America, 2004; 156 pages; \$20

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A cigar-smoking proponent of free-verse modernism in open rebellion against her distinguished Boston lineage, Amy Lowell (1874-1925) cut an indelible public figure. But in the words of editor Honor Moore, "What strikes the modern reader is not the sophistication of Lowell's feminist or antiwar stances, but the bald audacity of her eroticism."

Lowell was at the center of a group of pioneering modernists who, in an era convulsed by change, rejected musty Victorian standards and wrote poems of bracing immediacy. This new selection captures her full formal range: the "cadenced" verse of her Imagist masterpieces, her experiments in "polyphonic prose," her narrative poetry, and her adaptations from classic Chinese. It gives a fresh sense of the passion and energy of her work.

"Hard and clear, never blurred nor indefinite," these were the qualities that Amy Lowell sought in the Imagist poems that made her one of the most famous American poets of her time. Uncompromising in their sensuality and passionate direct-

ness, her love poems remain exhilarating and inspiring. Honor Moore's new selection and introduction reaffirm Lowell's unique contribution to the flowering of American modernism.

ABOUT THE EDITOR: Born in New York City in 1945, Honor Moore is the oldest of nine children of an Episcopal bishop, the late Paul Moore, and his wife Jenny McKean Moore. Moore grew up in Jersey City, New Jersey, and Indianapolis, Indiana. She graduated from Harvard University in 1967. She has taught at various colleges and universities. She is author of the much-celebrated *The White Blackbird: A Life of the Painter Margaret Sargent by Her Granddaughter* and three volumes of poetry. Ms. Moore lives in New York City and teaches in the MFA programs at the New School and Columbia University. At her father's funeral in 2003, Ms. Moore said, "My father never stopped believing...in the power of the human imagination to change what is into what it might become."

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Ms. Moore, who speaks in confident low tones, talked with me one afternoon from her apartment in Manhattan. I had looked forward to our conversation. I had enjoyed Ms. Moore's *White Blackbird*, and since childhood I often had turned to the few Amy Lowell poems that have been anthologized.

I asked Ms. Moore how she happened to take on the Lowell project.

"I'd read maybe two poems when I was approached to do this. I was approached to do it because of *White Blackbird*. I was happy to do it because I wanted to go back to the Boston of my imagination."

The poems themselves, when Ms. Moore began to read them all, amazed her. "I became more and more enthralled. As I write in the introduction, it became clear to me that the poems that were anthologized were the less strong poems; they were the public poems.

"Anthologists are so overwhelmed when they get to work that they usually don't bother to go back to the original texts. So, usually, when it's a 'minor' poet, an anthologist is apt simply to

reanthologize poems that have already appeared in other anthologies. They might care about presenting a different Wallace Stevens, but they don't necessarily care about presenting a different Amy Lowell."

"Or they don't care about her at all, the poor creature."

"Yes, and she got such an incredibly bad rap from Pound and then Hugh Kenner enacted Pound's attitude toward her. She was just dead in the water.

"I've had amazing experiences since I started working on this, saying to people 'Amy Lowell,' and they say, 'Oh, I love Amy Lowell.' Or, 'When I was young, I always read Amy Lowell,' or 'Amy Lowell first introduced me to the French poets.' She's a secret love of people's. They're embarrassed to say so, because the canon has taught us to be leery of Amy Lowell."

Amy Lowell lived the majority of her life as an "out" lesbian. Beginning in 1909, Lowell shared her Boston mansion with Ada Dwyer Russell, a character actress 11 years Lowell's senior. They had what then was called "a Boston marriage."

I asked Ms. Moore to explain, for younger readers, the term "Boston marriage."

"Two women living together, either as lesbian lovers or simply as companions. That's the spectrum. Since nobody in Boston ever talks about sex, you never knew what was going on, but it's certainly one of the most powerful things about Amy Lowell's work, that she's out. Extraordinary.

"The first collection after she begins to live with Ada, *Sword Blades and Poppy Seed* [1914], has many erotic poems in it. Later on, in *Pictures of the Floating World* [1919], a section of the book — 'Planes of Personality' — is dedicated to Ada. Everybody knows what's happening. And it's very courageous.

"Given that Lowell was well-to-do, you could say that she had the privilege to be that courageous, but it didn't help her. It didn't. I'm sure that the homophobia was a subtext that nobody, nobody, would bring up."

I mentioned Henry James's novel *The Bostonians* (1885), which satirizes feminism and female same-sex relationships. "It's a pretty nasty story."

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ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

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The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of

local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through September 26, 2005. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortego, painted images by José Rafael Aragón, contemporary section with work by 13 of New Mexico's *santeros* (saint makers), pieces by 22 children and grandchildren of featured *santeros*.

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"Mapuche: Chilean People of the Land," on view through March 2005, includes more than 100 items such as textiles, basketry, modern and vintage photographs, silverwork. The Mapuche — who were never conquered by the Incas or the Spaniards — boast a complex culture from pre-Hispanic times, speak their own language, earn income through their artwork.

"Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun," through Sunday, January 9, 2005, showcases ways and habits of the Inuit from migration to present day. Exhibit examines close ties and cultural exchanges among circumpolar peoples spanning four countries, including Yupik, Inupiat, Aleu of Alaska, Inuit of Russia, Canada, and Greenland.

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Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the

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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)

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Ms. Moore agreed — the James's novel was not particularly kind to its female characters.

I asked, "How did you go about making the choices of the Lowell poems?"

"First of all, I read the entire complete poems, which is about 550 pages, double-columned. I got them Xeroxed; the type was quite small, so I got it Xeroxed larger. Then I read and read and read."

"Were you surprised by what you found?"

"I was more and more intrigued. The more I read, the deeper I got into it. Then I made an initial selection, and then I was told that there were a particular number of pages that one was allotted. I'd made certain decisions. I'd decided not to excerpt anything. I decided that if people were enthralled, they could go find those longer prose pieces. I decided that since it was a book for a general audience, I would stick with the poems that were enthralling. My job wasn't to represent anything but her most enthralling work. There's a lot of it. I included her Chinese poetry translations because I decided that the Chinese poetry had a great influence on her."

"Wasn't Chinese poetry important to many poets in Lowell's day?"

"Yes, it was, and I was interested that she had her version of *The River Merchant's Wife* (see page 95, the poem "Ch'ang Kan"), and I was also infuriated because there is an anthology, which I admire, called *The New Directions Anthology of Classical Chinese Poetry*, I think, and the introduction just dismisses Amy Lowell. So I wanted to represent her in that way also."

"It's amazing to note how many women poets now are published, as opposed to even

30, 40 years ago."

"I know. It's extraordinary. It's extraordinary. It was very different from when I was starting out, believe me."

"When you and I were young girls, poets who were women were poetesses."

"Right. Absolutely."

Amy Lowell was significantly overweight. In her younger years. After a young man broke

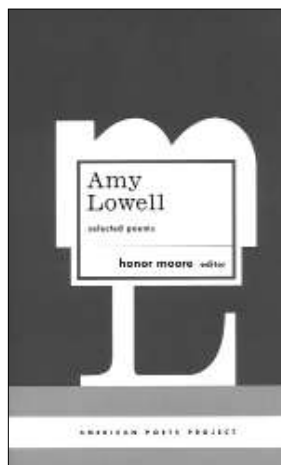
"Amy Lowell wanted to make an American poetic idiom that did not owe anything — she wanted to escape from the formal strictures of English poetry."

off their engagement (in 1897 when Lowell was 23), Lowell resolved to lose weight. Ms. Moore writes: "She resolved to make herself marriageable, taking a three-month cruise up the Nile with two friends, a chaperone, and a maid. The aim was weight loss; the method, Egyptian heat and Dr. Willard Banting's fashionable diet of asparagus and tomatoes."

Ms. Moore said, about the diet, "Isn't that awful? One of my grandmothers, my Moore grandmother, used always to say when she was on a diet, 'I'm Banting.' For years I couldn't find the source of that. I looked it up on the Internet and found that it was Willard Banting. And then five months later, I'm into the Amy Lowell, and suddenly there it is again."

"What do you think that Ezra Pound made of Lowell?"

"Well, from what I can gather, he liked her at first, and even included her in his first anthology, but when she became powerful, he became threatened. And I think what else went on with Amy Lowell was a lot of class hostility.



"She was American royalty, and she knew it. It was a time when that was an accepted reality in the culture in a way it isn't now, that Lowells speak only to the Cabots, and the Cabots speak only to God, etc."

"What's poignant about this family is they did produce three genuine thinkers — Percival and Abbott and Amy. They were all incredibly accomplished people as was the father. These were not layabouts; these were very powerful people who had inherited places in the Athens of America."

In many Lowell poems that Ms. Moore has chosen, the time of the poem is night. (See page 95.)

"Yes, isn't that interesting? I think she did most of her writing at night because that's when she could be private. She could just be the poet, alone with her work. And during the day there was a lot going on. In these poems written at night she's talking about the night air and the sound of the animals."

Ms. Moore went on to say, "She's so wonderful with various kinds of light and shades of darkness. And her poems are so openhearted. I found that stunning about them. They were just so kind of open."

"I don't know what you mean by 'open.'"

"I just mean 'raw.' The emotions are very raw. She doesn't

hang back saying that she's in love and who she's in love with and so on."

"Did you notice when you were doing this how many times she uses the word 'jade?'"

"I did. Probably she had jade. In that kind of Boston house, there would have been a lot of jade. Jade was one of the stones around. Little jade figurines that her brother brought back from the Orient. Beads and rings and carved jade faces."

"She must have kept many pieces of jade and jade *objets d'art* in her writing room."

"I'll bet she did too. Well, the room was enormous. She had knocked down a wall between two rooms so it ran the depth of the house. It was huge. A huge room."

Ms. Moore added, "I'm really so happy to have the opportunity to bring her back. I found her great company. She is also a great subject, in the way that Margaret, my grandmother, was a great subject. I really enjoyed her."

"Did you read poetry as a child?"

"Well, there's a baby picture of me holding *A Child's Garden of Verses*. But I think that my earliest exposure was because my father was a clergyman, and I went to church all the time. So, I grew up on the King James version."

"What was Robert Lowell's familial relationship to Amy?"

"A distant cousin. It's probably in Frank Bidart's Lowell book somewhere or in the Ian

Hamilton biography what the exact relationship was. I think that it's something like her parents and his grandparents were second or third cousins, but I don't know exactly. I did once."

"Beautiful poems. Beautiful poems that you can understand. Beautiful poems that speak directly to the reader. Poems like 'The Pike,' 'The Blue Scarf,' and beautiful love poems."

"They're very American."

"Very American, yes. That's interesting. They have all this European interest, but she was very much an American girl. She was from a family that had been in this country for a long time; this country really was her country. They partake of the sense of an unspoiled environment. You get a sense of nighttime that is just thick with life. And of gardens which are abundant with beauty, and flowers and trees that are generous and intense. You

get a sense of a kind of environment that we don't see much anymore."

"I think people forget how even during her lifetime, which was certainly much later than that of someone like Hawthorne or Melville, we were still making what became an American literature."

"Exactly. She was very self-conscious about that. She wanted to make an American poetic idiom that did not owe anything — she wanted to escape from the formal strictures of English poetry."

"I hadn't realized," I said, "that Lowell had written about Keats."

"Yeah. He was her guy. I keep thinking that she does owe something to Keats."

"Again, as with Lowell, it's that vernal quality."

"Exactly." ■

— Judith Moore

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"Season's Greetings" offered when Westwind Brass performs holiday music from many countries and every era in concert on Thursday, December 9, at San Diego Museum of Art; on Monday, December 13, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); and on Sunday, December 19, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (700 D Avenue). All concerts begin at 7 p.m. \$15. 619-237-7892. (BALBOA PARK)

Cappella Gloriana Christmas Concert is Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathe-

dral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Choral and solo works including "Gesu Bambino," "O Holy Night," others. Donation: \$15. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

"Gloria!" This "tapestry of Christmas praise and worship music" offered December 10-12 at Hope United Methodist Church (16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway). Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Offering. 858-485-5840. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Hallelujah! Handel's *Messiah* has "transcended religion and cultures to become the single most performed oratorio in history." The San Diego Symphony presents the piece December 10-12. Julian Wachner conducts orchestra, joined by soprano Kendra Colton, mezzo-soprano Margaret Lattimore, tenor Benjamin Butterfield, bass Aaron Engebret, and San Diego Master Chorale.

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Stravinsky's "Suite Italienne" is on tap, along with pieces by Shostakovich and Rachmaninoff, when cellist Carter Brey and pianist Christopher O'Riley perform for Revelle Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Friday, December 10, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Mostly Mozart," the Mozart "Requiem" performed by soloists,

and USD University Choir and Orchestra on December 10 and 12 in Founders Chapel of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$8 general. 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

"Music in Disguise," concert by Point Loma Nazarene University Orchestra features pieces by Bartók, Saint-Saëns, Khachaturian. Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

The CantAmore Chorus presents Christmas concert on Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m., at Torrey Pines Christian Church (8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North). Program includes three motets on "Ave Maria" by Josquin Desprez, Liszt, and Villa-Lobos; Vivaldi's "Magnificat," spirituals, Korean folk songs, art songs, Christmas carols. Free. 858-755-2329. (LA JOLLA)

J.S. Bach's "Magnificat in D" with orchestra and soloists, along with holiday songs promised when San Diego Mesa College Choirs perform December 11 and 12. Saturday's concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (405 Ballard Street); catch the music at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday at Tiersanta Lutheran Church (11240 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-388-2809. (EL CAJON, TIERRASANTA)

Renaissance Music for Advent and Christmas performed by vocal ensemble Pacific Camerata on Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., at St. George's Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street). Com-

posers represented: Taverner, Byrd, Cardoso, Guerrero, Palestrina, Anerio, Aichinger, Hildegard. \$10 general. 619-527-4457. (BAY PARK)

Concert will be repeated on Thursday, December 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Music for the Holidays," MiraCosta College Chamber Chorale, North Coast Chorale, San Elijo Chorale perform in MiraCosta Theatre on December 11 and 12. Concerts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 20. \$10. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. Reservations: 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

The "Christmas Concerto of Arcangelo" by Corelli and pieces by Haydn and other composers may be heard when pianist Catherine Pellequer and chorus perform in concert on Saturday, December 11, 2 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 adults, \$5 children. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

A Soulful Celebration Promised when "Quincy Jones's Handel's *Messiah*" performed at 3 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Donation: \$25. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Holiday Chamber Music performed by soprano Juliette Singler on Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m., at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Singler joined by Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), Bill Clemens (cello), Cory Homnick (clarinet, saxophone), Ines Irawati (piano). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Christmas Has Come!" Chancel choir, soloists, orchestra, present concert directed by Keith Pedersen, Sunday, December 12, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Program includes "The Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saëns, Christmas carols "both familiar and new." 858-729-5531. Offering. (LA JOLLA)

Seagate Sundays, holiday music from many countries and every era offered when Westwind Brass performs on Sunday, December 12, 2 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors and military, \$10 for children, free for those five and younger. Reservations: 866-436-8744. (LA JOLLA)

Public Radio's "From the Top" hosted by Christopher Riley tapes before live audience in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium on Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m., hosted by La Jolla Chamber Music Society. Program showcases "the nation's most exceptional pre-college age classical musicians." Tickets: \$10 children, \$20 or \$35 for adults. 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Feast of Lights, Westminster Choir and soloists perform Rutter's "Magnificat," "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" by Vaughn-Williams, three choral arrangements by New Dawn Singes on December 12 and 13, at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). Concerts at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 7:30 p.m. on Monday. Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

"Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" presented on Sunday, De-

ember 12, 7 p.m., by adult and children's choirs at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (2775 Carlsbad Boulevard). 760-729-8901. Offering. (CARLSBAD)

"Glorious Praise," Christmas choir concert on Sunday, December 12, includes selections from Vivaldi's "Gloriana," traditional carols, holiday favorites. Concert starts at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour Drive). Over 60 performers, including handbell ringers, singers, instrumentalists. Offering. 760-753-1026. (ENCINITAS)

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

Winter Concert of Classical Music from Renaissance and baroque periods, along with flamenco selections and works by Leonard Bernstein, on tap when Mesa College Guitar Ensemble performs Wednesday, December 15, 6:30 p.m., at Clairemont Library (2920 Burgener Boulevard). Free. 858-581-9935. (CLAIREMONT)

Bring on Handel's "Messiah!" The San Diego Chamber Orchestra and PACEM Choir perform the 70-minute Christmas portion of this holiday favorite on Thursday, December 16, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Shortened version also performed on Friday, December 17, at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue); and Saturday, December 18, at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). These concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (MIDDLETOWN, SOLANA BEACH, LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

Artist Winifred Meiser whose art ranges "from photojournalism to sculpture to playwriting," exhibits her work at Vista Village Gallery (127 Main Street) through January 6, 2005. Reception: Friday, December 10, 5:30 p.m. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

"Architectural Abstractions," exhibit of new photographic works by Nicole Apatoff opens with reception on Saturday, December 11, 6 p.m., at 4 Design Gallery (3813 Ray Street). 619-501-0879. Closes Thursday, January 6, 2005. (NORTH PARK)

"Scale-Diversity-Ambition" — group exhibition featuring art by

MFA students at San Diego State University begins with reception on Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m., at Art Produce Gallery (3139 University Avenue). Closes Sunday, January 9, 2005. 760-271-1933. (NORTH PARK)

Photographic Pioneer Charles Cramer will be on hand for opening reception of exhibit on Saturday, December 11, 5:30 p.m., at Ordovery Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue). Show includes work by photographers Alison Shaw, Pat O'Hara, other local artists. 858-720-1121. Through December. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Let Them Go Naked Awhile... At Least the Kids," paintings and drawings by Michael White and Andrea Gore-Wilson are on view through December at Planet Rooth Studio Gallery (3811 Ray Street). Reception for artists: Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m. 619-297-9663. (NORTH PARK)

"The Altars Project," part of the "Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego" program, opens with reception for the eleven participating artists on Sunday, December 12, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Artists were invited to create contemporary altars reflecting their own spiritual beliefs. Show closes on Sunday, January 30, 2005. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, "Navajo Weaves" includes 33 Navajo objects such as chief's robes, other blankets and rugs woven in late 19th Century and in 20th Century. Pieces of Navajo silver and turquoise jewelry dating from same era as weavings (from a private collection) also on view.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, archi-

tectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Ongoing.

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

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on *The History of Beads* by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel. Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Both exhibits continue through February, 2005.

Ongoing: "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Cerca Series: Melanie Smith" features recent video and the photography installation *Six Steps to Reality*, made in collaboration with Rafael Ortega. The piece "compares the purely aesthetic object with the process of its making." Installation is accompanied by series of photographs that "further deconstruct as well as intensify our understanding of the process of art." Continues through Sunday,

January 9, 2005.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, ideas and influence of minimalist art explored in "Specific Objects: The Minimalist Influence," closing Sunday, January 30, 2005. The exhibit showcases works from museum's permanent collection, as well as newly commissioned pieces. Artists represented include Robert Mangold, Sol LeWitt, Dan Flavin, Agnes Martin, Robert Irwin, others.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Jeff Bridges — Pictures" represents 30 years of photographic practice by the compelling actor. The included photographs "act as Bridges' personal and professional diary, with actors, directors, and crew appearing as equal participants in the task of making movies." Enjoy these images of "people at work" through Sunday, March 13, 2005.

Andreas Feininger photographed every form, shape, and structure that enthralled him. "Andreas Feininger: Man on the Street" celebrates his "peripatetic love of New York City in the 1940s with 35 photographs," on view through Sunday, March 6, 2005.

Concurrently, take in "Mariana Yampolsky's Mexico," also on exhibit through Sunday, March 6, 2005. Yampolsky began her career as a printer and engraver in Mexico's Popular Graphic Arts Workshop. Her art is said to blend

graphic arts with documentary photography, "revealing what is unique or heartfelt in each" of her subjects.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, 45 contemporary quilts selected from over 600 entries are included in "Quilt Visions 2004," a biennial juried international exhibition. Jurors were Lix Axford, Michael W. Monroe, Jane Sauer. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. Continues through Sunday, January 16, 2005. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia," showcases "cutting-edge artists working in a diversity of media...who use contemporary approaches to reflect their respective cultural and artistic backgrounds." Each artist's work is featured in a separate section while accompanying wall texts articulate how the artist is responding to historical precedents. Continues through Sunday, March 6, 2005.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, May 1, 2005.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Expe-

rience through Sunday, July 24, 2005.

"Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art," focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the "Great Goddess" or the "First Cause of Things" in four aspects — as a great power, a bestower of fortune, a beloved, and a human saint. Continues through Sunday, March 13, 2005. Concurrently, there's a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Chola-period bronze of Goddess Devi.

Explore aspects of "the Golden Age of Dutch culture" through "rarely exhibited and relatively unknown medium of domestic tiles" in "Seventeenth-Century Dutch Tiles from the Museum's Collection," on view through Sunday, January 9, 2005. Show focuses on history of tile making, its use, pictorial sources.

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

Timken Museum of Art, "Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance," on exhibit through Sunday, February 27, 2005, showcases the artist's three major paintings based on Edmund Spenser's 16th-century epic poem "The Faerie Queen." The exhibition includes preparatory drawings for the paintings, related engravings, and graphic works. West (1738-1820) occupies a significant place in both American and British art histories.

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The press release says: "Kinney Productions presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted and directed by Don Winslow, at the Julian Town Hall." It's just another release — another opening, another show. But what it doesn't say: that Kinney Productions is opening at all constitutes a minor miracle.

Since 1982, the company had operated primarily at the Pine Hills Lodge, just west of Julian, and was known as the Pine Hills Players. Scott Kinney was artistic director, wife Deborah producer. They offered a dinner-theater package that included meals barbecued outdoors in the mountain air of Julian.

The Cedar Fire of 2003 destroyed the Kinneys' Pine Hills home. "We lost *everything*," says Deborah, "and now must reinvent our lives."

They first saw the fire from the second floor of their house. It was just smoke in the northwest, like an angry fogbank, maybe 20 miles away. "No way it's coming here," thought Deborah. "It'd have to go through 100 homes to reach us. And by God it did! I will never underestimate fires again."

The fire began on Saturday, October 25. On Sunday, the Kinneys were working at the theater, preparing for a production of the popular musical *Forever Plaid*. The work was going well. Then, a fireman came to the door, shouted: "Go home. Get your things. You have to leave NOW!"

First, they packed *Forever Plaid* costumes and props, on loan from the Fallbrook Players, and

musicians' equipment, into Scott's pickup. Then they drove home and — what do you take on such short notice? And is the danger real or just a false alarm? Surely the fire can't, wouldn't...

They loaded clothes, food in coolers, and sleeping bags into Deborah's van and a vehicle belonging to their friend Linda Ross. There was neither time nor room for priceless possessions. "It was like going camping. And anyway, we probably wouldn't be gone that long."

They stayed at the Ross home, near Julian. Since theirs wasn't threatened on Monday, they drove back and made a quick haul, grabbing videos of the 200 shows they'd done at Pine Hills, a laptop, and some boxes.

That Monday afternoon the power went out at the Ross house. Everyone huddled around a battery-operated transistor radio — "vintage 1960s" — listening to news reports. The fire had changed paths and was coming right at them.

On Tuesday, a San Diego policeman yelled: "You have 15 minutes to evacuate! DON'T PACK YOUR THINGS!!"

They fled down Banner Grade, the only open road, to Borrego Springs. After a period of "utter chaos" the suddenly homeless people found a place to stay.

Firefighters gave debriefings every night at Borrego Springs High School. Scott and their two sons, Jacob and Ian, went to "get word on what was really happening out there."

Doug Childs, a good friend of the family, is a Cuyamaca firefighter who had watched the home he and his wife spent years building go up in flames. He checked other damage to the neighborhood. At the Thursday debriefing he told Scott and the boys that the Kinney property was "a pile of ash."

"My boys were afraid I'd freak out when they told me," says Deborah, "but instead it was somewhat of a relief to finally know...and know what the next step would be...and to move forward."

Along with personal belongings — childhood photos, mementoes of a life — the fire demolished their theater inventory: closets full of costumes, at least 3000 scripts, including stacks of original work (over the years, they had staged four different *Christmas Carols*, two as musicals), hundreds of props, expensive books about design and period costuming. Gone.

Loss of inventory, along with a "significant drop in business" due to the fire, caused the Kinneys to leave their theater-home for the past 22 years.

They lived in rentals. Every day some insignificant item would remind them of their plight. "You think of something you need," says Deborah, "something simple you take for granted — a saucepan, a blender. You go and get it. But it isn't there. The fire took it all!"

Loss of the home they owned since 1992. Loss of their theater. "So much stress," says Deborah, adding that her eldest son Derek was a pilot in Iraq for eight months.

"He's home now," she beams.

The Kinneys will be too.



The Cratchits (Deborah Kinney, rear center)

Homeless twice over, the family feared they'd also have to leave the Julian area, "this special place, where we've raised three wonderful sons."

Instead, they will rebuild. "I hear horror stories every day about problems with insurance companies, but ours, USAA Insurance, has been nothing but great! We feel very lucky in so many ways.

"Oh, and don't tell anyone...but before? Our property was surrounded by trees. Now we've got an awesome view of the Cuyamacas!"

The Kinneys have also found a new performing space, the Julian Town Hall. Plans for a 2005 season are well under way. The first three performances are fundraisers for Julian Pathways, a nonprofit group instrumental in aiding families after the fire including, says Deborah, "the Kinneys."

Doing an interview, having to look back, wasn't easy for Kinney, who'd much rather go forward. "For many months it's been hard for people to drive to Julian. Hard to see the damage. Everything a burnt forest. So much loss — just too emotional. But guess what? The recent rains are like a miracle! *Things are growing back!*" ■

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An American Christmas

Lamb's Players and the Hotel del Coronado (one of San Diego theater's finest sets!) present their "interactive feast and celebration" that takes place one hundred years ago. GRAND BALLROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO, 1500 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 THROUGH DECEMBER 29; NIGHTLY (EXCEPT FOR CHRISTMAS) AT 6:30 P.M. ("THE ATTIRE IS FESTIVE, WITH JACKETS SUGGESTED FOR MEN"). 619-437-0600.

The Book of Liz

No it's not a Hollywood dish-all, or a lost book of the bible. It's David and Amy Sedaris' tale of Sister Elizabeth Dunderstock, her famous cheeseballs, her exile from a strict religious sect, the Squeamish, and — like Alice through the Looking Glass — absurdist experiences in the "real" world. In the show, which unfolds like an extended skit, four actors play 13 characters. On opening night, some roles could have been sharper, more differentiated, and more Sedaris (i.e. above over-the-top). The performances that worked best ven-

tured into this artistically verboten terrain: especially David McBean. Whether he's the unctious Brightbee or a tres disgruntled waiter, McBean makes bold consistently hilarious choices. Annie Hinton takes the other side as Liz, She's a soft-spoken innocent. Hinton's so good at subtlety that, at times she seems out of place in the comedy's cartoon style. Sean Murray's direction favors uncartooning characters and finding their humanity. But the Sedaris' stereotype. The relish offending (and send up the act of offending as well). The Cygnet production is definitely worth seeing, but could improve if it went more on the offensive.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

A Christmas Carol

The San Diego Rep's 29th annual holiday production has a new twist: Douglas Jacobs has trimmed his original script to 90 minutes, no intermission. All the familiar scenes remain — the Fezziwig Ball's still a ball, the ghosts come, haunt, and so, Scrooge's frigid heart thaws — but the compression makes everything feel more immediate, even more urgent. Director Todd Salovey clearly relishes this up-tempo version, as do the cast, many of them veterans of *Carols* past (Jonathan McMurtry, Linda Libby, Paul James Kruse, Douglas Roberts, Shana Wride, Robert Townsend). The versatility of the cast, in fact, amazes: they can act, dance, and sing — even the *kids!* Peter Van Norden's crusty Scrooge has grown from last year. Now he's a three-ring circus in a one-ring tent, both funnier and deeper than before. Javier Velasco's choreography

brims with grace and life, and the design elements evoke London on a snowy Christmas Eve, 1842.

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH DECEMBER 26; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

A Christmas Carol

Kinney Productions presents Charles Dickens' tale of a hard-hearted old coot who changes his ways in the nick of time. Don Winslow adapted and directed. JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET, JULIAN, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

A Christmas Carol

The La Jolla Stage Company presents the Dickens classic about the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, curmudgeon extraordinaire. LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY AT THE FIREHOUSE, 7877 HERSHEL AVENUE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-459-7773.

Crime Pay\$!

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive mystery comedy takes place at the Sahara Hotel in Vegas, where "the family" runs more than shows. "A real mob scene!" IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1664.

Dysfunctional Family Theater

Misfit Productions and Korbett Kompany Productions stage "the

ultimate fruitcake in holiday programming": one-acts by Christopher Durang (including "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls") and Charles Dizenzo. Fred Tracey and Bob Korbett directed. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH DECEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

The Engagement of Marjorie

Centre Circle Theatre Productions offers a "slice of life comedy" by Thomas M. Walker III. This Christmas in the Friskle household will be unlike any other. CENTRE CIRCLE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-462-2131.

Grassroots Greeks: Ajax

The extremely popular series of Greek play readings now has a new location: El Centro Cultural de la Raza. To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. 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 donations are appreciated. Next reading: *The Trojan Women*. **Worth a try.**

EL CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 11; MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-235-6125.

Greetings

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Tom Dudzick's holiday comedy ("it's Christmas Eve and all is not well"). Jim Caputo directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; FRIDAY AND

SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

Hecuba

When is a war over? Generals and Presidents declare victory, but battles and "mop-ups" continue. When, if ever, is closure final? Euripides' tragedy begins after the Greeks have routed Troy. Hecuba, its queen, and the women of Troy wait on a Thracian shore, to become Greek slaves. Hecuba has lost everything — husband, children, home, crown — yet her anguish has just begun. The murder of a son and sacrifice of a daughter prompt a controversial revenge against her host. Is she justified, or merely perpetuating war by other means? Marianne McDonald's fierce new translation brims with contemporary relevance and complicates easy side-taking; each makes persuasive points. Though the male actors could be more martial (they just whipped the "barbaric" Trojans, after all), the 6th@Penn production ranks among its finest. Director Esther Emery has a keen ear and a poetic eye — and merits more assignments soon. Along with an appealing, all-white set (Nick Fouch), the production boasts an ethereal performance by Charlene Penner as the ghost of Hecuba's son, Polydorus. Her expressive eyes and lithe, Butoh-inspired movements tell the saddest of tales. Robin Christ's excellent Hecuba becomes so torn you'll fear for the actor's health when Hecuba, who outlives all her children, cracks into shards of pain. Then must crack again. **Critic's pick.**

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

How The Grinch Stole Christmas

The Old Globe Theatre stages its popular holiday production of the Dr. Seuss classic. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, *Perfect* covers the zodiac of relationships, starting

with a first date ("Will I be a date from hell?"), through the singles scene ("Single Man Drought"), to marriage, children, even a funeral. Along the way a San Quentin con scares a timid couple into taking the Big Step ("You gotta compromise a little, you dickheads!"), and Rose Ritz tells the truth for her dating service videotape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-person cast. They have the smarts not to push for comedy or drama, letting the audience choose its reaction (romantics can sigh, scoffers can, well, scoff). Andrea Chamberlain, Mylinda Hull, David Engle, and especially Stan Chandler, who must be one of the most versatile performers around, enhance every scene with strong voices and precise character details. Credit as well to the costume designer, unnamed in the program, who provided everything from tuxes to Charger T-shirts — and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, split-second changes. **Worth a try.**

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH JANUARY 2; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Irish Step Dancing

Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song. DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

Jersey Boys

This wonderful new musical isn't just a nostalgic greatest hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons event. It tells the stories behind the songs, many of which the group would rather forget. In the process, it explores parallel dreams: the mythical "American" one; and the nightmare that comes with an overnight fame only Dr. Faustus could conjure. Under Des McAnuff's superb direction, *Jersey Boys* unfolds cinematically, with nary a wasted frame. Almost always there's at least one live musician on the minimalist stage, making the piece a moveable concert where music's made in every conceivable mode. And most astonishing of all, the four performers cast as

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the singers are so talented they could hit the road, right now, and land high-paying gigs. They could, but they're headed to Broadway instead. If each were a separate "season," Christian Hoff's tough-talking Tommy DiVito would be winter. Daniel Reichard's gentle Bob Gaudio would be summer (especially when we learn that "Oh What a Night" commemorates his first sex). J. Robert Spencer's Nick Massi would be autumn, and Frankie Valli would be spring, since his voice explodes with the freshness of something brand new. David Norona plays Valli so well that on opening night, when he sang "My Eyes Adored You," in the audience the real Valli sprang to his feet, pounding his hands and, so it seemed to the crowd who soon stood with him, passing the torch. (Note: The La Jolla Playhouse has extended the run of this production three times.)

Critic's pick.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH JANUARY 16; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

Jesus Hopped the A Train
Angel Cruz thought he had a unique way to deprogram his friend Joey. He'd shoot Reverend Kim — Joey's cult leader who claims to be the Son of God — "in the ass." Teach both a lesson. Complications arose, the Rev. died, and now Joey's at Rikers Island, where he spends his one hour of daylight in a cage next to Lucius Jenkins, the famous serial killer who has since found God and tries to program agnostic Angel with religion. Ironies fly fast and heavy in Stephen Adly Guirgis's gritty, anguished drama. And though he can proselytize like the newest of converts (the play's based on his attempt to deprogram a close friend), and doesn't always know when he's made a point, Guirgis is unafraid to raise some of the most crucial questions of our time. At Lynx Performance's new space, darkness surrounds actors and audience. Shadows predominate. And pain. Although the supporting cast does mostly one-note work, director Al Germani's leads forge intense, sustained efforts: DeAnna Driscoll as Mary Jane, a lawyer with justice-hunger; Max Broadnax as Lucius, the "Black Plague" killer who talks like a saint; and Jeremiah Maestas as Angel, who moves at the speed of sound, but is only spinning his wheels.

Worth a try.
LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH DECEMBER 12; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-280-2641.


Kimberly Akimbo
One of 2004's best productions is back! Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's Moxie Theatre is restaging a show that could have run for months. Kimberly's "akimbo" because she's aging 4 1/2 times faster than "normal." She's 16 going on 78. People with her progeria-like condition die around 16. But then again, David Lindsey-Abair's crazy-wise comedy asks, what is normal? Is it merely an antiquated concept? In Sonnenberg's treatment, the characters drive the play, propelled by rampant denial (what goes unsaid about Kimberly's condition lurks beneath every line). The director lets the jokes, and they are legion, fall wherever. She emphasizes an akimbo family that, the playwright would argue, is the family of man. Everyone in the terrific cast combines the human with the gonzo: Matt Scott's juiced Buddy; Liv Kellgren's tough Debra (who steals a mailbox); Jason Connors poor, bedraggled Jeff — is his life an

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"We didn't get paid anything and we had no one from the Warped Tour crew to help us," explained Underminded

Martin said he and his band mates had to start building the stage every day about 6 a.m. Tear down, he said was at 11 p.m. or midnight.

"The first date of the tour was in Houston. It got fully rained out, so that date was cancelled. We were out there trying to dodge

stages.

"Our manager heard that Smartpunk was sponsoring its own stage and they were

exhausted by time we had to go on."

That arrangement led to friction between the band



UNDERMINDED UNDERWENT WARP TORTURE

looking for a band that would help them out with the stage. Smartpunk is an Internet company that sells underground and independent CDs. We told him we were totally down to do it. We wanted to do everything we could to help the band."

He said Underminded got to play each day on the stage it built, but the band got screwed in the beginning because it was always the first of nine bands. "We would just get finished setting up the stage, and we'd have five minutes to get our amps on stage. We were

and Smartpunk.

"We went through a little bit of guff. But three weeks into the tour, we got better time slots."

Martin said he has no regrets. "It was definitely worth it, just being able to play for over 1000 kids a day. We got to play some cities it is hard to play on regular tours. It was also good for us because a lot of the other bands would give us the time of day. They respected what we were doing. We stayed in contact with a lot of those bands who have since hooked us up with some shows."

Martin said he hopes Smartpunk will invite them back on some of the dates on the 2005 Warped Tour. Will they set up the stage this time?

"Hell no. You can't talk us into that again."

Underminded appears New Year's Eve at Soma with Atreyu, As I Lay Dying, Bleeding Through, Terror, Throwdown, Before Today, Yesterday's Rising, My American Heart, and Stranger's Six. Doors open at 6 p.m., all ages, \$19 admission.

—Ken Leighton

"They tell us you cannot bring headphones and handheld CD players to school. I got in trouble last month."

Matt Carter, 15, is the bassist/vocalist for Rookie 7. The Santana High sophomore said he was "busted" by campus security.

"One of the narcs told me to take off my headphones or they were gonna take them away and send me to the office."

Santana High has enforced a no-headphone policy for three years. Some

students claimed last year that the ban was connected to the 2001 on-campus gun spree by 15-year-old student Charles "Andy" Williams that left 13 wounded and 2 dead. One rumor had it that one of those killed was wearing headphones at the time of the shooting and



ROOKIE 7 FIGHTS SANTANA HIGH'S NO-HEADPHONE BAN

therefore could not hear what was going on.

Grossmont Union High School District spokesman Mark Pettis in March of last

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guitarist/vocalist Nick Martin about his band's experience on this summer's Warped Tour. They had to set up and tear down a 20-foot-wide, 16-foot-deep, and three-foot-tall stage at each date on the cross-country, 50-date, eight-week tour.

"At the beginning it took us six to seven hours to set it up and the same amount of time to break it down. After we learned how to do it, it took an hour and a half to two hours."

thunder and lightning. We had to take down this stage in the middle of this monsoon... And the stage wasn't even the hardest part. The hardest part was erecting the truss to hold the lights. We had to go put this huge tarp over the stage when it rained."

Martin said there were three big stages and three smaller stages at each Warped Tour stop. The Smartpunk stage, the one they had to set up, was the largest of the three smaller

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year said the headset ban was not imposed because of the killings, but because "it is a deterrent to social interaction," and that during breaks, "teachers and administrators couldn't communicate with students if they were doing something inappropriate."

Pettis "is no longer with the district," said an employee at the district office. His replacement, Catherine Martin, did not respond to a request for comment. Vice principal Jerry Schniepp, who oversees campus security at Santana High, was also unavailable for comment. Rookie 7 appears with Zero 2 None, Grandview, Freshé Pepper, Roosevelt, 7:30 p.m., December 17 at Soma; all ages, admission is \$7.

—Ken Leighton

During Thanksgiving week, Delaware band Fozzy was in town to shoot a video for their song "Enemy" on the rooftop of a

downtown skyscraper. "The concept of the video was written by British filmmaker Paul Hough, who also directed," says guitarist Rich Ward aka "Duke LaRue."

Ward describes the clip's storyline as "guy with one leg crawls up multiple flights of stairs, catches his wife in the stairwell with another dude, keeps climbing until he gets on the roof where the band is playing and crawls over to the edge. He looks over and then throws himself off to his death."



FOZZY FILMS LOCALLY WITH BIG BRO WINNER

The actual amputee is played by Eddie McGee, a native New Yorker known for being the first-season winner of the reality show *Big Brother*.

"In real life, Eddie is the

furthest thing from being handicapped. For example, between takes on the set, he would hop over a four-foot wall like it was nothing. Pretty much everyone was in awe of this dude by the end of the day. The general opinion was that he may only have one leg, but he has eight balls.... For example, he had to do several takes where he would pull himself across the gravel roof of this ten-story building, crawl right up to the edge, pause, and then hop up on his leg only inches away from the edge. That move, by the way, made many of us almost nauseous because of the danger. It was genuinely frightening. In a straight-up bar fight, I'd have my money on him over just about anyone."

—Jay Allen Sanford

Lou's Records manager Tony Vic's

name has been bantered about by radio insiders as a possible addition to KPBS's *These Days* (heard weekday mornings). Doug Myrland, KPBS general manager, and Vic would not comment on that rumor on the record.

Vic appeared at least once a month as a regular guest on KPBS's *The Lounge* and played cuts from his huge personal record collection. *The Lounge* was cancelled two weeks ago.

—Ken Leighton

Jefferson Jay is getting a master's degree in history from San Diego State (he says his thesis will be on "mass media interpretations of Haight-Ashbury during 1967"), but he'll be singing songs and playing the guitar at the Synergy Art Foundation's "Second Annual Art Extravaganza" this Saturday at the Fire House Museum in Little Italy.

There will be an exhibition and sale by fire artist survivors (from last year's fires) and from Baja Norte artists. A live auction is at 3:30 p.m.

Jay will sing songs from his new CD, *Great Story*, the first release from Sweet Information Records, which came out in July of this year, and includes local singer Jane Lui (formerly of Jason and Jane) and drummer Carlos Vasquez (who, according to Jay, played with Frank Sinatra from 1961 to 1965).

Lyrics from *Great Story* include these from "Running Out of Time" (perhaps too

applicable for fire victims, no?):

I was swimming down the barrel of a fish, of a throat,



JEFFERSON JAY SINGS FOR FIRE SURVIVORS

of a circus, of a highway.

I was searching through the stream, for some dinner, for a lady, for a respite, for a way to get to you.

You were flailing, you were dangling, you were waiting, you were hanging, and then I came.

Now we're walking and we're running and we're singing and we're sunning, all in the name of some forgotten blame.

Admission is \$10, and the event starts at 2 p.m. at the corner of Columbia and Cedar. For more

information, or to preview the art, visit www.synergyartfoundation.org. —Jennifer Ball

"The Sports Arena sold... their land to AM/PM and Krispy Kreme," said Norm Leggio, owner of Blue Meannie Records. Because of this, Leggio maintains there's a lot less parking for the Sports Arena than there used to be. "People had to park all the way down the street past Tower Records."

Leggio, who also cohosts the all-metal *Another State of Mind* Sunday nights on Rock 105.3, was miffed at the lack of parking for the sold-out "Rock Before Christmas" show presented by his station. More than 14,000 turned out to see Metallica and Godsmack on the night before Thanksgiving. It was the first time the Sports Arena had hosted such a well-attended show since the new Krispy Kreme, Arco AM/PM, and Chili's were built on land previously used for Sports Arena parking.

According to Ernie Hahn, Sports Arena general manager, the Sports Arena parking lot used to hold 4000 cars. Now he says that count is down to 3300. Those three businesses were opened between late 2002 and March of this year.

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every three or four years," said Hahn. The Sports Arena has a 12,000-person capacity. But in its theater-in-the-round configuration, which it used for Metallica, it can hold 14,000. "The last time we had this many people here for a concert was U2 in 2001."

Hahn said he worked out an arrangement with the adjacent SAIC building to handle overflow parking, but that the Target center across the street would not oblige.

Hahn said he did not hear of any cars getting towed at the Metallica show. "For having 14,000, we handled it pretty good."

Meanwhile an ad hoc committee formed by city councilman Michael Zucchet came up with the idea that the best use of the Sports Arena property is that it be torn down. The committee maintains that the hall should be razed and replaced by condos and more stores.

—Ken Leighton

"Racist hate music is being distributed to your brothers and sisters and children in schools in San Diego," writes Eddie Phanichkul in a November 19 post at *SanDiegoblog.com*, but there's no clear evidence that this is the case.

Panzerfaust Records' *Project Schoolyard USA* is a sampler CD of white supremacist music that the Newport, Minnesota, label produces. Bands with names like Vineland Warriors, Aggressive Force, Youngland, and Brutal



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Attack are used to recruit Aryan converts. MSNBC.com reported that the CD has been showing up in Riverside and San Diego County high schools, although no schools were mentioned by name, and no other local media has picked

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up the story. There have been no incident reports filed with either the San Diego Police Department or the Anti-Defamation League.

I contacted Panzerfaust producer/owner Byron Calvert and asked him which San Diego schools the CD had been distributed to. He replied, "I don't know which particular schools in your area they might have been passed out in. We've just been boxing them up and taking them to the P.O. in truckloads."

—Michael Hemmingson

According to a website based in Punjab, India

(www.onlypunjab.com), drummer Billy Ray (formerly of the Ike Turner's

band the Ike Turner Camp) has joined beach bar locals Tubby. "Tubby's music is an eclectic amalgamation of funk, rock, ska, world music, and attitude. The shows bring in, depending upon the venue, 50-5000 people. The band's set list is 99 percent original music with at least one cover tune thrown in for good measure. The band has been together for four years and has amassed a healthy following in the San Diego area.... Currently the band is working on its second release and expanding its territory to include the western region of the country." Tubby plays tonight at Longboards on Garnet Avenue.

—Jay Allen Sanford

After local band Cage played adjacent gigs with Germany's Scorpions at the Universal Amphitheater November 26, a Los Angeles zine reported, "Singer Sean Peck does his best to channel Rob Halford, even shaving his head and sporting a properly Satanic goatee, but his vocal chops are hampered by an inability to hold a note without wavering like Laura Petrie bemoaning 'Rob!' The songs from last year's *Darker Than Black* CD (their third), in the context of the Scorpions gig [Cage played an outdoor stage close to the Amphitheater], seemed well suited to the evening due to their Germanic bombast and brevity. Like David Hasselhoff, Germans love

Cage. The German rag *Heavy Odor* placed *Darker Than Black* at number one on their Soundcheck chart list for March 2003, ahead of more established acts like Anthrax, Krokus, and Biohazard. This proves once again that Germany is, historically and today, a country which cannot be trusted to back the right horse."

(L.A. Loudness, November 30)
—Jay Allen Sanford

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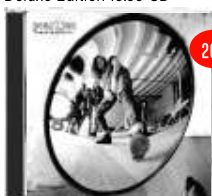
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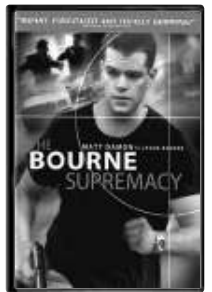
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The Hank Show

"He made me a replica of Hank's suit... the white suit with black musical notes."

I've been the Singing Cowboy of Rawhide Ranch for eight years now," says Cowboy Jack Johnson. "That's a dude ranch in Bon-sall — it's been there since the '60s, with Old West facades and stages... kids learn how to take care of and ride horses and stuff. Then, at the big campfire, I sing a bunch of cowboy standards and tell stories about the Old West. I do that most every Saturday night, whenever I'm not booked with one of my band projects."

The longtime San Diegan (since 1968) is also the originator and lead performer of "The Hank Show," which he calls "a re-creation, not a tribute, of the music of Hank Williams, Sr. We've been doing it about six years now, with hits from the width of his career. He recorded from '47 to '53 and we play the songs in chronological order. The band wears vintage smile-pocket Western shirts with hats and ties and we all play instruments accurate to that era." Johnson strums guitar while his bandmates use the same style hollow-body electric guitar, steel guitar, fiddle, and upright bass used by their Sr. inspirations. "My 'Hank suit' was made for me by one of the same guys who tailored Hank's clothes. He's, like, 78 now; he was one of the guys at Nudies Rodeo Tailors [who dressed ZZ Top, among others] and he made me a replica of Hank's suit...the white suit with black musical notes."

Johnson formed another "re-creation" last year called "Band in Black," featuring the music of Johnny Cash. "That band does the same thing — we dress in black and play vintage gear like an upright bass, the lead guitarist uses a Telecaster, and I have my Martin guitar [Cash owned several Martins]. We cover the late '50s through early '60s, all presented based on research and authentic down to the last detail." The Hank

Show appears Saturday, December 11, at Pine Hills Lodge in Julian. Band in Black next performs December 30 at the YMCA Firehouse in La Jolla.

LISTS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTERS?

1. Road Runner ("I always root for the underdog and the coyote is the ultimate.")
2. Bugs Bunny ("He's debonair and those cartoons have sophistication and wit.")
3. Donald Duck ("You can't understand him — it's like trying to watch the news, which is the only other TV I watch.")
4. The Three Stooges ("I guess that's a live action cartoon.")
5. Popeye ("That was a modern family. There was Popeye and Olive Oyl and he worked on the docks to support their illegitimate kid, Swee'pea.")

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2. Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash ("Of course I appreciate them.")
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4. Nova Menco ("They do a really different flamenco jazz thing.")
5. Tim Flannery ("He's not a super-polished musician, but his music is honest.")

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1. *Jazz 98.1 CD Sampler 2005* ("I get that every year — they always have terrific selections and proceeds go to charities.")
2. Diana Krall, *Live in Paris* ("I love jazz more than anything.")



Cowboy Jack Johnson (second from left)

3. Norah Jones, *Come Away with Me* ("She does a Hank Williams, Sr. song on there, 'Cold Cold Heart.'")
4. Ray Charles, *Genius Loves Company* ("I like what he did with Willie Nelson, 'It Was A Very Good Year.'")

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1. "Cool Water" ("By Sons of the Pioneers with Roy Rogers. You don't get more classic than that.")

2. "Happy Trails" ("Roy Rogers's theme — a great sendoff song I use to end my Cowboy Jack shows.")
3. "Ghost Riders in the Sky" ("The cowboys used to look up at the sky at night and imagine the cloud formations as riding horsemen.")
4. "Home on the Range" ("It captures how peaceful the range can be.")
5. "Ring of Fire" ("It's not really an old classic cowboy song, but it fits perfectly to do around a campfire.") ■

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FRIDAY

Paul Anka [609]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, December

10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Pedro the Lion [123]: The Casbah, Friday, December 10, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

SATURDAY

Mike Watt [140], **Goodbye, Blue Monday**, and **Republic of Letters**: The Casbah, Saturday, December 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Burrito Deluxe: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information: 619-303-8176.

Charles McPherson & His Quintet featuring **Gilbert Castellanos** [667] and **Randy Porter**: Dizzy's, Saturday, December 11, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., 344 Seventh Avenue (between J and K), downtown. 858-270-7467.

SUNDAY

The Funk Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 12, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Joseph Arthur [533]: The Epicentre, Sunday, December 12, 8:45 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

John Gorka: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information: 619-303-8176.

WEDNESDAY

Mike Keneally [379]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 15, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Rosie Flores [763]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, December 18, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information: 619-303-8176.

The Abyssinians [737]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, December 21, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 22, 7:30 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

El Vez [824]: The Casbah, Wednesday, December 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Was Not Was: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 26, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Joe Satriani [459]: 4th & B, Tuesday, December 28, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [270] and Slow Motion Reign: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 29, and Thursday, December 30, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Fishbone [177]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, December 30, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz & The Rugburns [263]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 31, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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JANUARY

Gomez: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, January 14, and Saturday, January 15, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Keller Williams: 4th & B, Saturday, January 15, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jay Farrar: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Dionne Warwick [497]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It's after midnight on Thanksgiving and **Garth Hudson** is calling from his home in the Catskills. Naturally, the point is to talk about his latest project. But tonight is also the anniversary of *The Last Waltz*, and I can't let that go. Hudson is a piece of rock-and-roll history, having played keyboards, accordion, and occasional sax in The Band. Called one of the most influential rock groups in the world, in the '60s they toured and recorded with Bob Dylan — vexing folkies with Dylan's new controversial electric sound. In the late '70s, when The Band decided to retire (they reappeared later), a supporting cast of luminaries including Van Morrison, Dylan, Neil Young, and Eric Clapton gathered in San Francisco to perform a concert marathon at the Winterland. The show was captured on film by Martin Scorsese. "Maud," Hudson calls to

his wife. "How many years has it been?"

"I don't know," she says. "'76?"

"Nineteen seventy-six," says Hudson, pondering the date. "Thirty years?" I tell him I admired the magical opening he created on his organ that night for "Chest Fever," and did he play it different each time? "Yes," he says. The voice is slow and deep and smiling. "Radically different."

But tonight Hudson wants to chat up **Burrito Deluxe**, his new group with **Stick Davis, Sneaky Pete Kleinow** (the Flying Burrito Brothers' former pedal steel man), **Rick Lonow** on drums, and guitarist/vocalist **Carlton Moody**. "Tommy Spurluck — he went to Nashville," says Hudson, "and set up a recording studio. He called Pete [Kleinow] over and put together a little group, a real nice group. They recorded the first [Burrito Deluxe album], *Georgia Peach*. And I did an overdub or two on *Georgia Peach*. After that," Hudson says, "we moved out, played a few places, and the band evolved and became stronger."



BURRITO DELUXE

"We do lay down some sounds," he says, obviously pleased with the band. A surprise: the record is semicountry. "I'm country," he protests. "They [Burrito Deluxe] are just learning. I'm from farm people, you know, and I can still do it."

BURRITO DELUXE, Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. Information: 619-303-8176. \$18 or \$22.

The Steve Morse Band [226] and the **Dixie Dregs:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, January 21, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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The Robert Cray Band [941]: California Center for the Arts,

Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

FEBRUARY

Dave Alvin [818]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 5, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Derek Trucks Band [950]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros

Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Steve Earle & the Dukes and Allison Moorer [783]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Bright Eyes [244]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 11, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [603]: 4th & B, Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dark Star Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 12, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Jill Scott: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, February 17, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Donavon Frankenreiter: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 23, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

MARCH

B.B. King [951]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

O.A.R.: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 8, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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- The Black Sheep Freaks:** Epicentre
- Bunky [251]:** The Casbah
- Clay Colton:** Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant
- Concrete Blonde:** Belly Up Tavern
- Cortical:** Soma
- Counter Strike:** Epicentre
- Crimson Letter:** Soma
- The Damnells:** The Casbah
- Dehra Dun:** 'Canes
- Delancey:** 'Canes
- Dishwalla:** 'Canes
- The Dog + Pony Show:** Soma
- Down with Leo:** 'Canes
- D.O.S.:** Blind Melons
- Earlimart:** The Casbah
- Ecliptic:** 'Canes
- Endris:** Squid Joe's
- Erase the Day:** 'Canes

- Eye-a-Mon:** Brick By Brick
- FrogUs Breath:** Epicentre
- Goodbye, Blue Monday:** The Casbah
- The Great Northern:** The Casbah
- Headtrip Superstar:** Epicentre
- Hoodstock:** Dreamstreet
- I.D.:** Blind Melons
- Ito:** Winstons
- Jimmy Eat World:** 4th & B
- Karate:** The Casbah
- Mike Keneally [379]:** Belly Up Tavern
- Lemora:** Soma
- Louie XIV:** 4th & B
- The Lymbic System:** Winstons
- Margin of Error:** Epicentre
- The Mickeys:** 'Canes
- The Midas Touch:** Soma
- Money Shot:** Blind Melons
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- Next Morning:** Squid Joe's
- On the One:** Winstons
- Optiganally Yours:** The Casbah
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- Pedro the Lion [123]:** The Casbah
- Phoenix:** 'Canes
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ROCK

- Advanced Wireless:** The Blvd. (San Marcos)
- Agave:** Tiki House
- Joseph Arthur [533]:** Epicentre
- Bad Credit:** Blarney Stone Pub
- The Bandana Band:** Pounder's
- The Bandits [451]:** The Flying Bridge
- Bent Member:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
- Boneyard:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- The Buzzbombs:** 'Canes
- The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons
- Brett Ellis:** Brick By Brick
- The Experiments [419]:** Blind Melons
- Fish & the Seaweeds:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- The Friction Addiction:** Dick's Last Resort
- The Funk Brothers:** Belly Up Tavern
- Mike Gardner:** North Bar Sports & Spirits, Mas FinaCantina
- The Christian Hastings Band:** Bub's Whiskey Dive
- Heaving Grooves:** Blind Melons, Brick By Brick
- Hera's Olive [461]:** Dick's Last Resort
- Hot Rod Lincoln [547]:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Jack City:** Fannie's
- The Jackson 3 [495]:** Island Sports & Spirits
- Jet City:** Fannie's
- The Joey Show:** Tio Leo's Lounge
- Jumpstart:** Humphrey's
- Laguna:** Carvers
- Larger Than Leon:** Blarney Stone Pub
- Local Tourist:** Boar Cross'n
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The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

Soul Lifter: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Stiletos: Henry's Pub, Second Wind (Santee), McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Storm Warning: Carvers

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub

Trophy Wife [555]: Tiki House

Viva Santana: Humphrey's

The Kim Wilson Band: Winstons

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Disco Pimps: Fifth Qtr.

The Flock of 80's: Henry's Pub

The Bob Lenz Band: The Flying Bridge

Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Ratz Pack: La Scala

Dean Paul Ratzman: T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant

Rising Star: Humphrey's

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Richard Samuels: The Calypso Cafe

Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Afro/Cuban Jazz Ensemble: Dizzy's

Agua Dulce [711]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

Kevin Axt: Dizzy's

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect

Breez'n: Fifth Qtr.

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Cocktail Groove: The Calypso Cafe

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, RedfieldsLounge & Bistro, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Deejha Marie: Caffe Calabria

Dulce: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

Janet Hammer: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

High Stakes: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Moray's Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Improvisation Ensemble: Dizzy's

The Sam Johnson Jazz Trio: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Jump Jones: Neimans Bar and Grill

Just for Fun: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Mark Lessman: Coyote Bar and Grill

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

The Joe Marillo Quartet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Charles McPherson Quintet: Dizzy's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho BernardoInn

The Mesa College Big Band: Dizzy's

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's JazzBar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Sue Palmer [641]: Caffe Calabria

Palos: The Calypso Cafe

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Sevilla

Reel to Real: Humphrey's

Rico Tumbao: Sevilla

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzy's

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The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

The Hank Show: The Pine Hills Lodge

The Merchants of Moonshine: Renegade Inn

Two-Lane Highway: Don's Cocktail Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Acousta Electric: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

The Acoustic Family: The Wired Cyber Cafe

Across the Room: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Christopher Dale: Brick By Brick

Dave's Son: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Kim DiVincenzo: Hennessey's Tavern (PB), Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Bob Duffy: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Simeon Flick: Brick By Brick

The Flounders: The Calypso Cafe

Free Air: Jay's Gourmet Pizza & Seafood Restaurant

Allison Gayle: Blarney Stone Pub

The Ghost Town Rockers: The Wired Cyber Cafe

Zach Goode: Brick By Brick

Patty Hall: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

David Houser: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Just John & the Dude: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Brehon Law: Tom Gibling's Irish Pub & Restaurant

Thomas Lee: Brick By Brick

Jimmy Lewis Acoustic: Tiki House

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Pat Molley: Egyptian Tea Room

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Joe Rathburn [871]: Galley at the Marina

Gary Rich: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort

Lisa Sanders [893]: Brick By Brick

Sven-Erik Seaholm: Brick By Brick

Shant: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Matt Silva: Brick By Brick

Martin Storrow: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

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Josh Wachtel: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Brett Michael Weisman: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Robert Wetzel: Hotel del Coronado

Scott Wilson: Brick By Brick

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The B-3 Four: Monroe's Cafe

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The Blue Aces: Redfields Lounge & Bistro

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Lafayette & the Leasebreakers [930]: Second Wind (San Carlos), Patrick's II

The LaTanya Lockett Band: Brick By Brick

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The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: The Kraken

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

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Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel

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Bad: Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, '80s, rock, and electro. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Rebar, 3404 30th Avenue, North Park. 619-291-3730.

Blitzkrieg Bop: First, third, and fifth Monday of the month, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, hip-hop, '80s, and soul

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The Boulevard: Thursdays, Club Boulevard, hip-hop and house with DJs Marc Thrasher and Van. Saturdays, Metropolis, hip-hop, reggae, and house, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 925 W. San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004.

Church of Noise: Second and fourth Monday of the month, new noise mixed with alternative rock classics. Hosted by DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Club '80s: Thursdays, the best of the '80s with DJs Bryan Pollard and Brian Anderson. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club '70s: Sundays, the best of the '70s, glam rock, glitter disco, and punk, with DJs B.P., Morgan Young, and Sickboy. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, ethereal-electro-fetish. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and IzM. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Electrum: Third Saturday of the month, rhythmic noise, power electro, and militant beats with DJs Bryan Pollard, Chuiy Bitios, and Thermal Detonator. No cover; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Faction-6: Tuesdays, elektroclash, indie, and synthpop with DJs B-czar, Talbot, and NarcoLept. No cover.



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Album Name: *Wear Yourself Worn* (2004)

Artist: Deadline Friday

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) String of Pearls 2) Across the Bar 3) Sweet Breathin' Thing 4) Jesse James 5) Driver 6) Jealousy 7) Meet Me on the Road 8) Surrender 9) Goodbye 10) Nogales 11) Angel

Price/Where Available: www.deadlinefriday.com for \$12

Band Members: Bill Coomes (drums and vocals), Jim Diez (guitar and vocals), Claudio Gutierrez (percussion), Earl Schreyer (bass), Mike Spurgat (guitar and vocals)

Extra Info: Deadline Friday plays Friday, December 31, 2004 (New Year's Eve), Blind Melons; show starts at 10 p.m., free

Website: www.deadlinefriday.com

On first listen, those expecting the excitement of fast country or the kind of lengthy folk that breaks into a raging rocker will

be disappointed. There are no intricate instrumentals that showcase the band's skills; portions of their sound wander into back-up band territory.

9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

G101 Lounge: Fridays and Saturdays, two rooms of fresh beats and atmosphere. 100 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown. 619-702-7101.

Hands on Wax: Thursdays, house, hip-hop, and downtempo with DJs SK, Matsu, and Dylan Jones; live percussion by Ken. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Surf 'N' Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Three-part vocal harmonies from Jim Diez, Mike Spurgat, and Bill Coomes provide the foundation. The guitar work from Diez and Spurgat is the highlight of the album. An airy chord structure in "Sweet Breathin' Thing" blends pop sensibilities with the resilience of tradition, but for the most part Deadline Friday sticks to the standards. A majority of the album is mellow acoustics with a bluegrass feel.

Tepid lyrics are propped up by a trifecta of vocals. "How quickly the blue skies turn to gray." And another: "You were so innocent / but I was the fool / you said that you love me / lord knows I love you." This song ends with the weak, "Your alibis tell the truth, why can't you?"

While the temptation to



Deadline Friday

stop the disc right here is stronger than ever, muddling on pays off at the end with the guys loosening up, hitting on tiny bits of something good.

(To hear a sample of *Wear Yourself Worn*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4404.)

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The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Friday and Saturday, *the Bob Lenz Band*, contemporary.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Mother Funk*.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Jay's Gourmet Pizza and Seafood Restaurant, 2633 South Highway 101, Cardiff by the Sea. 634-3353. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Free Air*, acoustic pop/rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues/rock. Friday, *Bill Magee Blues*. Saturday, *the Travel Agents*, alternative. Sunday, *Blues Brokers*, blues. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Call club for information.

Marriott Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 858-369-6032. Arterra Lounge. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ray Lipson*, jazz/pop standards/variety pianist.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Friday, live music. Wednesday, reggae.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Kyle Jester Blues Show*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-

6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland music. Friday, *Acousta Electric*. Saturday, *High Stakes*, swing. Tuesday, *Just for Fun*, jazz. Wednesday, open-mic.

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North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

The Pine Hills Lodge, 2960 La Posada Way, Julian. 760-765-1100. Saturday, 6:30 p.m., *The Hank Show*, vintage country.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the Bandana Band*, classic rock.

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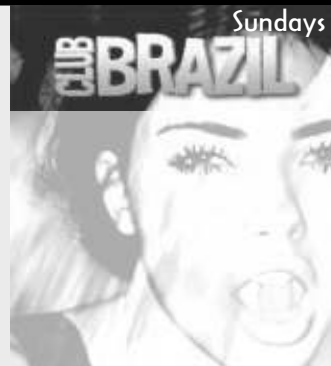
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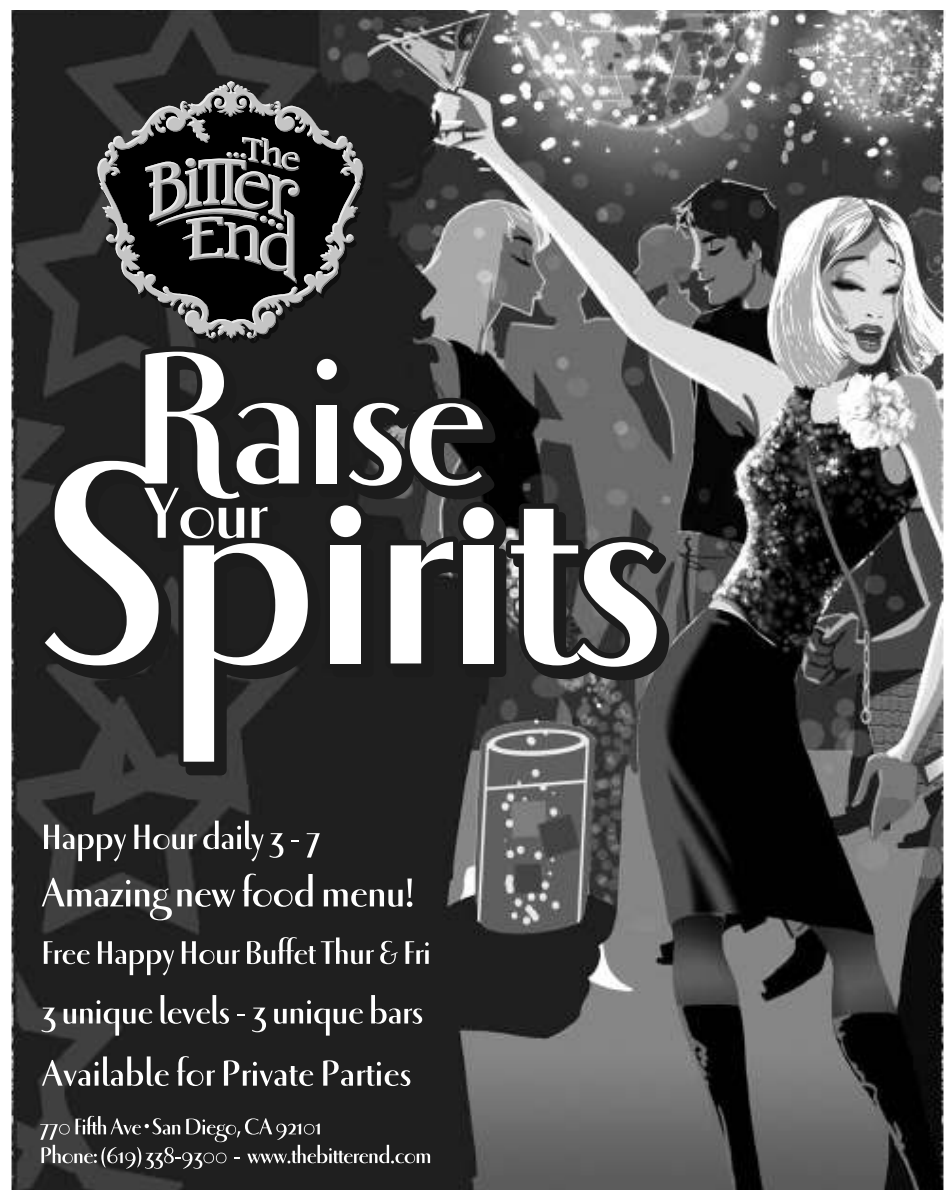
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A cheerful Christmas tree adorns the lobby. Designed by local artist Chris Gray, it's covered with laminated "leaves" decorated by schoolchildren. In the comfortable lounge, a few steps from the dining room, we found folks actually lounging — making new friends belly-up to the bar, or sinking into leather chairs to chat with old friends. Everybody was dressed to the threes — polos, tees, jeans or elastic-waist slacks. The restaurant was furnished with the same chairs, high-backed banquettes, and spacious tables as the lounge, and offers similar views of lighted lawns, passing trolleys, and the Convention Center; the best prospect was of flames shooting up at an outdoor patio (an *al fresco* continuation of the lounge), where a foursome was dining at one of several tables warmed by a waist-high gas fireplace. It doesn't take anything special to commandeer that cozy space for cocktails, appetizers, dinner, or post-theater liaisons. If there's a vacant table, it's yours.

The fare is all-American comfort food, filtered through a multi-ethnic California viewpoint that takes in Mexican, Asian, and Mediterranean flavors. The appetizer list is meatier than most Cal menus. Choices include Kobe beef sliders with Brie, skirt-steak skewers, and artichoke hearts with beef tenderloin, along with the same crab cakes and shrimp cocktail offered by every hotel-chain restaurant in the nation.

On the lighter side, pan-seared sea scallops are a splendid start. Purchased fresh from a small-scale local seafood purveyor, they proved that there are still sweet dry-pack scallops coming from New England waters — if you know how to shop for them. Crisply browned, well-seasoned with salt, pepper, and paprika, and served with arugula pesto for swabbing, they sat



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atop a moist risotto cake flavored with too much saffron. Avoid the other lightweight starter, skinny asparagus and shiitake mushroom slices served on (not in) puff-pastry shells. The night I tried it, the seasonings were unfocused and the pastry was stale and rock-hard.

This appetizer may be a sop, or a warning, to the occasional vegetarian who might wander in. Nor was I impressed with the "house" Caesar salad, featuring torn-up outer leaves (not hearts) of romaine. Whose house did the gummy dressing come from — Sysco or Kraft?

The entrées include a couple of Sterling steaks, from the top 10 percent of the Choice grade (just below Prime). There's a Kobe cheeseburger with Brie, a maple-glazed double pork chop, two free-range chicken breast dishes, and a pair of pastas. I found the seafood entrées the most tempting options. "Tortilla salmon" brought Mexican flair to a northern fish, a brick-shaped hunk of wild Pacific salmon, cut an inch-and-a-half thick, with no overcooked edge. The flesh was moist and full-flavored, comple-

mented by a crackly coating (both top and bottom) of spiced, crushed tortilla chips, and slicked on the topside with *crema agrio*, thin Mexican sour cream. Alongside was a zesty "latin risotto," spiked with cumin and diced Roma tomatoes. A swash of cilantro pesto lent the ideal grace note to this south-of-the-border flavor array.

As my companion rejoiced over his seared monkfish, a woman plunked down at the table behind us, rustled her menu, and asked the waiter, "What's a monkfish?" My date whispered, "The pet guppy of a neurotic TV detective." The waiter explained, "It tastes like lobster." The woman slapped down her menu. "Later for that!" she said, and stalked out. We could have told her that monkfish (a moderately-lean, firm, white-fleshed fin-fish) doesn't taste like lobster, but has a lobster-like texture that can fool the palate. This monkfish was cooked to optimal doneness, served with oniony hashed potatoes and crisp, smoky bacon, bringing the joys of a good breakfast to the dinner

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

New Leaf Restaurant

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

Hilton Gaslamp Hotel, 401 K Street (at Fourth Avenue), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-702-8280.

HOURS: Monday to Friday 6:00 a.m. to about 11:00 p.m.; cocktails and bar snacks until midnight on weekends.

PRICES: Salads and appetizers, \$5.25–\$13; entrées, \$9.50–\$22.50.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: American comfort food with California flair. Brief (under 40 choices) wine list, mainly Californian, with something for every taste and wallet, but markups more than 300 percent retail price; plenty by the glass, each at approximately the full-bottle retail price.

PICK HITS: Scallops with saffron risotto appetizer; monkfish with bacon-potato hash; tortilla-crust salmon; New York cheesecake.

NEED TO KNOW: Validated valet parking. Casual atmosphere and garb. Well-spaced, oversized tables (with room for paperwork) make this a good choice for business breakfasts and lunches. Outdoor seating options include one intimate patio with a few tables and a waist-high firepit.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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table. A spoonful of basil pesto completed the plate. This combination is so easy to love it might have enchanted even the lobster-hating lady.

"New Leaf Meatloaf" is dense, carrot-studded, bacon-wrapped and grill-hatched. The grill is likely responsible for the dryness of the loaf, which I found better served by (and in) the sandwich offered on the lunch menu. Two thin

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slabs of a sliced roll serve as bread. The inch-thick meat-loaf is topped by batter-fried onion rings; underneath are lettuce, tomato, and a sweet ancho barbecue sauce. The sandwich is so tall you might need to unhinge your jaws like a snake, but tasting all the layers at once is the key to enjoyment. At dinner, the loaf comes with the barbecue sauce, cheddar mashed potatoes, and veggies *du jour*.

Dryness, this time incurable, also curses a dinner entrée of crab-stuffed chicken, which arrives as roulades of boneless breast, each wrapped around a pocket of baby spinach, tomato, and wisps of desiccated crabmeat. The chicken pieces rest on a yolk-yellow saffron cream sauce that tastes strongly of saffron — and only saffron. Accompanying are logs of firm polenta. They look appetizing, with handsome

blistering on the surface and visible subcutaneous snips of green onion, and it's a pity to realize that their flavor is as neutral as naked tofu. The canola oil in which they're fried adds nothing to their nothingness.

There's no pastry chef, but all desserts are made in-house. A New York cheesecake was superb, with a nutty granola crust rolled thin enough to crunch, but without

Birkenstockish "crunchiness." The tall filling was airy and moist. That evening, the cake was glazed with raspberry syrup, which I found superfluous but many people might like.

When New Leaf was new, the opening menu featured seasonal local ingredients, but the restaurant's businessman clientele doesn't like change, and the menu was solidified to please them. An example is

a dessert titled "Fresh Spring Berry Brûlée." Nomenclature aside (it might be argued that it is spring right now — 14 air-hours south in Osorno, "the fruit-bowl of Chile"), the dish is an enjoyable mixture of fresh strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries splashed with Grand Marnier and topped with flawless (not too sweet) whipped cream and granules of caramelized sugar.

For the past 13 months, San Diego native Hannes Cavin (formerly of Dakota Grill) has headed New Leaf's kitchen, where he remade the bill of fare to its current image. By the time you read this, he'll have moved to Pacific Coast Grill in Solana Beach, but his menu and cooking style will remain here for at least several months while his sous-chefs run the kitchen. ■

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"I was going to be a pseudo-lab-and-cellar guy. I thought, 'I'll get to see all the different aspects.'"

Before 1976, says Jon McPherson, the only winery in Texas was Val Verde, down in Uvalde. There had been others, some of them dating back to the 19th century, but none survived past the '50s. Then, in the early '70s, two professors at Texas Tech — horticulturist Bob Reed and chemist Clint McPherson — got the idea that "they could grow grapes on the panhandle. They put in a little experimental vineyard, and the next thing you know, other guys were asking, 'What if we grew grapes? Could we make money at it?'" If you have a winery to buy the fruit, sure. "So they cooked up the idea to grow grapes and build a winery, and the Texas wine industry was born." Specifically, Llano Estacado Winery. Llano's cellar rat? Clint McPherson's son Jon.

By 1985, McPherson the Younger was ready to make a career out of wine, but not Texas wine. "I moved to California, because I wanted to get into sparkling wine production. I interviewed with several houses and got offered jobs with Piper Sonoma and Culbertson," then based in Fallbrook. "Piper was bigger, and I was going to be a pseudo-lab-and-cellar guy. I thought, 'Culbertson is so small; it's going to be hands-on. I'll get to see all the different aspects.'" He went with Culbertson. "I don't know if I chose poorly or not. There's a huge difference between Northern California and Southern California with respect

to what people say and think and feel about all of it. Sparkling wine is a very tough market. If you're not French, you can't drive the price on the high side, and if you're not Napa or Sonoma, you're not going to be recognized much anyway."

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

McPherson stuck it out down south, and continued to work at the winery through its move to Temecula and its name/management change to Thornton. But as the years went by, the winery's sparkling production lost ground to its still wines. And Temecula, if it didn't quite go to sleep, seemed to get a little drowsy. "This valley has been producing wine for going on 40 years, and we're still no different than we were 25 years ago. That's sort of a sad commentary. I've seen Temecula grow and change, but we're still not on people's lips when you start talking about wine. Amador was nothing; now, you say 'Amador,' and people automatically say, 'Oh yeah, Zinfandel.' Paso Robles — that was nothing until the last 10 years, and that's grown. What happened to us? We just kind of got forgotten." The perception grew that Temecula was content with its relative anonymity, happy to sell to tourists in the tasting rooms and leave the marketing to other regions.

Recent years, however, brought rumblings of change. A third wave of wineries cropped up, including Palumbo Family Vineyards, a winery

good enough and ambitious enough to get on the wine list at Arterra. New money came in to overhaul old operations — the Falkners taking over Temecula Crest, Imre Cziraki's transformation of Cilurzo into Bella Vista. And when local giant Callaway suffered managerial upheaval and decided to rebrand itself as Callaway Coastal, it set the stage for Jim Carter's entrance onto the scene.

Carter, who made his money in construction, had purchased a 400-acre parcel of land his father had found up in the Agua Tibia mountains. The parcel bordered the Cleveland National Forest, and McPherson says that Carter first considered turning it into a "sort of hiking and camping destination." Then, continues McPherson, Carter "got the idea to plant grapes. In the mid-'90s, he planted 140 acres of Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah, and Sangiovese. He had solicited Callaway, and he had contracts with them to buy his fruit. In 2000, his first year of production, he sold to them." But when Callaway went coastal, "they cut loose most everybody here in Temecula that was growing grapes for them. So there was Jim, with 140 acres coming into production and nothing to do with it."

What to do? If you have the means — and Carter did — the easy solution is to build a winery of your own to process your fruit. But Carter resolved to go further. According to McPherson, "He cooked up this whole idea: 'I'm going to build a resort. I'm going to put in villas, I'm going to have a restaurant and a spa. I'm going to make this a total destination, and it's going to be-



Agua Tibia mountains

involve around my wine and my vineyards." So was born the idea for South Coast Winery Resort & Spa.

Even with sufficient funds, starting a winery takes time. So Carter went to McPherson at Thornton and asked him to buy the Agua Tibia grapes. "We already had contracts out," recalls McPherson. "But Carter said, 'You've got to see my vineyards,' so I went out. I was blown away. I saw them and thought, 'What would have possessed you to think you could plant vineyards here?' But that's what he did; they're all at 2200-2300 feet of elevation. We're at about 1200 feet here in the valley."

The elevation — together with the combination of soil, drainage, topography, etc. — made for a grape-growing climate unlike anything McPherson had found in Southern California. He custom crushed some Cabernet for Carter in '01, and was amazed at what he had to work with. "He brought it in at 25 Brix," a measure of its



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sugar concentration and an indicator of overall ripeness. "But it was still at a 3.3 pH, with a titratable acidity of about 8. I've been making wine in this valley forever, and when you work with fruit from this valley, by the time you hit 24, 25 Brix on a red wine, you're typically looking at a pH of 3.6. You're having to add acid and everything. They were just spectacular reds coming off of those vineyards. They don't lack for extract, and we're able to get some incredible tannins, flavor, and color.

"Carter kept twisting my arm: 'You've got to come work for me.' I realized that there was no way I could not take the job. For a winemaker, the grapes are paramount, and I would have been passing up some of the most incredible fruit in Southern California. I decided I had to cast my lot with him." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashka lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, dressed

with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

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 frioles 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 pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check

out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Rosanna's Italian Deli and Trattoria 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. Long-time deli Rosanna's has grown into a full-service restaurant. The chef-owner couple, Jean-Louis and Rosanna Martin, are from France and Venice respectively, but their menu covers the map of Italy, with dishes from nearly every region. You can't go wrong with pastas like *rigatoni alla norcina* or the lighter-than-usual *lasagna della casa* done in Bolognese style. Save room for one of the ethereal custardy desserts, perhaps a *panna cotta* or *bavarese*. Best seats in the house are on the front and back patios — even Highway 101 is quieter than the charmingly rustic but rickety interior. Vegetarian friendly, with nearly 20 meatless pastas and pizzas. Wheelchair access to rest rooms requires help. Lunch and dinner daily. Pastas and pizzas low moderate, entrées upper moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners 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 (at I Street), 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-egg (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. 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)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and

pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slippups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W. (9/03)

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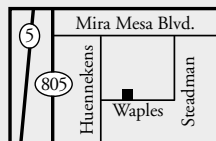
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Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian-themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (9/03)

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The

simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from

miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.* (8/04)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served

by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappuccini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel

Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell pep-

pers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp 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 *creme brûlée*. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneled, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef,

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chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the

earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333.

The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwae*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — M.N. (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays,

lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinner-time entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner.

Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs

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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)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch

and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch 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 mashed potatoes and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N. (8/99)

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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 *kiffo* (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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Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try

#5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. —E.B. (1/04)

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)

Stone Ground Coffee Works 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of joy) is a great place to bring your book or laptop, slurp coffee, and munch. The food is basically sandwiches, soup, salad, but it's all good and homemade. Try the turkey, avocado and bacon sandwich on dark squawbread, or the toasted tuna melt with tomato, cheese, and avocado. Half-sandwiches available. Other pluses: the owner's arty (she painted the whimsical tabletops and plays the hammer dulcimer) and she has a resident lady

ghost who's dying to meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. —E.B. (2/04)

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 otopus 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 beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there.

Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. —E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. —N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-Amer-

ican, shrimp *involtini* alongside apple-wood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. —A.M. (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "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

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy,

cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikki*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. —E.B. (4/03)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce char-broiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. —E.B. (10/02)

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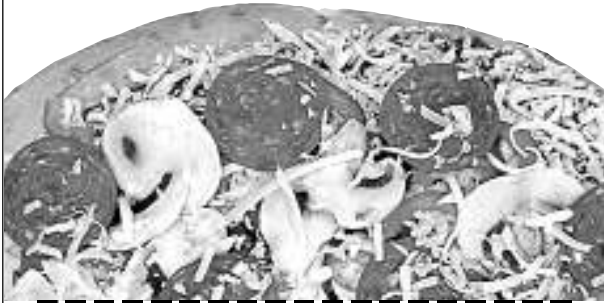
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El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy 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)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This 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)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

DOWNTOWN

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday.

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L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

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painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal omelet* (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carriño Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — E.B. (2/04)

El Faro De Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, 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.

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarf-

What the Chef Eats

SMILING JACK'S CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

BY JOHNNY DOWNES

Owner, Johnny Mac's, Vista

Chicken tortilla soup is an excellent idea for an entrée or side dish, especially for the holidays. It's hearty enough to be a meal.

I'm not a chef — I'm a restaurant operator — so this recipe came together through trial and error. I was trying to come up with something original because we are not a cookie-cutter kind of place. I wanted something that was different, bold, and hearty. It took a couple of weeks, and we finally hit it. It's a little spicy, and our customers love it. We are selling it in jars to take home.

It's very easy to make and the ingredients are

accessible. The spices required can be found at any market.

If I were serving this as an entrée, I would have a glass of wine with it. Chardonnay or Cabernet will work, but since I'm a Cabernet drinker, I would serve an Annabella Cabernet, or a Steven Bannus — both are easy drinking and would go great with the soup.

HOW TO DO IT

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake chicken breasts for 25 minutes. (Meanwhile, start the soup.) Cool, skin, shred, and season chicken with chicken seasoning and then reserve. Purée the

olive oil, green pepper, and onion in a blender. Combine all ingredients except the shredded chicken, and simmer uncovered for 45 minutes. Add the chicken and simmer until heated. Serve in large bowls topped with crisp crumbled tortilla chips and grated cheese. We serve it with shredded pepper jack and cheddar cheese.

This recipe serves 12 to 15 generously.

INGREDIENTS

2 chicken breasts
1 tablespoon chicken seasoning (Chef Merito)
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup green bell pepper, diced



1 small onion, diced
2 32-ounce boxes 99 percent fat-free chicken broth
1 tablespoon paprika
2½ tablespoons Louisiana-style hot sauce (such as Louisiana brand)
2 tablespoons seasoning salt (Trade Winds)
1 tablespoon ground black pepper
1 diced tomato
5 stems fresh cilantro, finely chopped
1 cup cooked white rice
Crisp tortilla chips and grated cheeses (e.g., jack or pepper jack, cheddar), garnish as desired

ing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jockey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like

octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (12/04)

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but

to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marinade and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Olay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

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 Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. 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), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — N.W. (12/04)

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Best Laid Plans

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These things happen in the life of a film critic. He has determined from his screening schedule that if he catches the first of two scheduled screenings of *Ocean's Twelve* he will have enough grist to fill up the hole on the week of December 10, and he can skip the screening of the Italian art-house item, *Remember Me*,

My Love, and catch that one after it opens. He has nothing better to do before the first *Ocean's Twelve*, for which he has no great expectations anyway, than to attend a screening of *Blade Trinity* (or *Blade: Trinity*, according to preference), which might come in handy as filler in the event that *Ocean's Twelve* merely meets, or fails to meet, or at any rate fails to rise above, expectations. He could have held off a week on *Closer* instead of throwing it in a pile with *Alexander*, *Christmas with the Kranks*, and others, but timeliness in film criticism (as in all other areas of journalism) has evolved from a simple virtue into a total mania, and he must keep up as best he can. So, all right, then. *Ocean's Twelve* and *Blade Trinity*. A couple of

mass-audience sequels opening in the same week; two peas in a pod; a topic. But then, without warning, the first of the screenings of *Ocean's Twelve* gets cancelled, and the second one will be too late for his deadline, and he has already skipped *Remember Me*, *My Love* and frittered away *Closer*, and now all he has left is *Blade Trinity*. He is me.

This, the third installment in the god-awful series about the preening and posturing vampire-hunter out of Marvel Comics, would not be worth discussing if not for dire need. I could take a page out of the Manohla Dargis playbook and use the occasion to expatiate on the vampire genre in general (where it's been, where it's headed), or on the acting career of Wesley Snipes (where it's been, where it's headed), yet the occasion, to be blunt about it, is not one to rise to; it is one to sink to. The previous installment in the series at least had the curiosity of a slumming Guillermo del Toro at the helm. He, in the meantime, has taken his slumming elsewhere (*Hellboy*), leaving the scriptwriter of the first two installments, David S. Goyer, to assume



Blade Trinity

command. If so gifted a filmmaker and so strong a personality as Guillermo del Toro could make no (or little) difference, a novice will have no (or little) chance. Especially if the novice has been the man writing these god-awful scripts.

The present one literally digs up the original *Dracula* (in Iraq, to be exact, "about six months ago"), now

going by the name of Drake and looking rather like a skinhead soccer hooligan (Dominic Purcell), when he isn't shape-shifting into a gargoyle Lucifer. ("You shouldn't have woken me," grumbles Drac or Drake, with some prescience.) His minions, digging him up to be the *führer* in their "final solution" (world domination, no less), have successfully set up their nemesis,

Blade, to kill a human being by mistake. "Staked you with silver. Why aren't you ash?" he muses over the body that stubbornly refuses to disintegrate as a dozen others have done in the teeth of his special arsenal of anti-vampire gun, whip, samurai sword, hallogen headlights, etc. Not only have they got him to kill a human, fooling him with a pair of plastic novelty-shop incisors, but

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they have got him to do it on videotape, plastered his picture on the cover of *Weekly World News*, turned public opinion against him, and landed him securely behind bars.

Lucky for Blade, in desperate need of rescue, an independent team of swaggering, swashbuckling vampire-hunters, calling themselves the Night Stalkers ("We were going to go with the Care Bears, but that was taken"), have emerged under the leadership of an *au courant* Kick-Ass Chick (Jessica Biel) who has her own arsenal of vampires-to-ashes weapons: switchblade boots, silver-tipped arrows, laser hacksaw, etc. This turns out to be the daughter of Blade's personal weapons manufacturer, wheezily played by Kris Kristofferson, who gets killed for the second time in three movies. (As that character was called Whistler, the new character would be Whistler's Daughter.) Right-hand man of the Kick-Ass Chick is a traditional Smart-Ass Sidekick (Ryan Reynolds), who lowers the

tone another couple of octaves: "Unlike typical vampires," he says of the Parker Posey vampire, "her fangs are located in her vagina." No less vital a part of the team are the behind-the-scenes scientists at work on a chemical weapon code-named Daystar, an anti-vampire virus capable of wiping out the entire race in one fell swoop. (Dracula's connections to Iraq really do not bear thinking about.) To believe that this is in fact the "endgame" — the advertised "final hunt" — you would have to believe that things like common sense and common decency can trump things like greed and impoverishment of imagination. The box-office will call the tune. Certainly there still remains, after three movies, the unanswered question of who does Blade's hair.

For filler, I have belatedly had to go where I had no intention of going: to *The Spongebob Squarepants Movie*. Somehow I had completely missed out on the "phenomenon" of the Nickelodeon TV cartoon show, brainchild of writer and director Stephen Hillenburt, which I understand appeals to all ages and intelligences. (I mean I understand *that* it appeals, I don't mean I understand *why* it appeals.) It is

rather sobering, to say the least, to contemplate how much culture can pass you by when you're shut up in movie theaters. Like many another transplant from television, *Spongebob* offers the preoccupied moviegoer a deferred initiation — or, in keeping with the submersion motif, a baptism — but it does not provide him a means of comparison, a standard of the typical, an adequate background.

After a campy musical number with a crew of live-action pirates (singing an infernal tune I now can't get out of my head), we pile into a movie theater, in the company of the pirates, to watch the cartoon we thought we had come to watch in the first place. There, we are introduced to the ocean-floor community of Bikini Bottom; to the title character who looks as much like a block of Swiss cheese as like an O-Cel-O sponge (the rectangular pants, something like a step-in flower box, do not identify him either way); to his starfish pal, Patrick; to his boss, Eugene Krabs, owner of the Krusty Krab eatery, home of the Krabby Patty; and to the latter's envious business rival, a specimen of plankton who runs the unsuccessful Chum Bucket and steals the secret recipe of the Krabby Patty, along with the crown of King Neptune (exposing his bald spot and fragile ego), and frames the crab for the crime. It's up to Spongebob, the Krusty Krab's fry-cook who covets the position of manager in the newly opened Krusty Krab 2, to set things right. Is he *man* enough for the job, or is he just a *kid* who likes to blow bubbles and eat ice cream? A live-action David Hasselhoff comes to the rescue in a campy climax that balances the campy prologue.

All of this is apt to sound viable enough in summary. The actual artwork, on the other hand, when you get down to brass tacks, is willfully primitive, knowingly naive, or, without the equivocation, just plain lousy, and the voices are almost unanimously annoying. A newcomer to the terrain might be struck by the number of phallic shapes on parade. Phallic heads, phallic snouts, phallic appendages. The phallic eyes of the crab are even covered, on and off, with roll-down

condom-like eyelids (if that's the proper crustacean word). Such a newcomer may, even so, have a hard time convincing himself that this constitutes an appeal to the adult. The same may be said of the self-conscious mythicizing: the quest motif, the growth motif, the deliverance motif. Even that, in the aftermath of *Star Wars*, has become kids' stuff. No doubt there's a creative touch or two, possibly three: the sandwich car, one or two of the sea monsters. The rest is not quite all the way to appalling, but it's nearer that than amusing.

The hole has thus been filled. *Ocean's Twelve* can go jump in a lake. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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After the Sunset — Rhinestone heist thriller (a brandished DVD of *To Catch a Thief* establishes a standard of comparison) about a couple of high-tech jewel thieves in smug retirement in the Islands: "Now the challenge is to find joy in simple things." But then the third of the priceless Napoleon Diamonds, of which our couple have already stolen the other two, sails into port, preceded by an obsessed FBI man. Pierce Brosnan flirts with homophobic jokes, and Salma Hayek models several acres of copper skin along with several square inches of skimpies. Woody Harrelson, Don Cheadle, Naomie Harris; directed by Brett Ratner. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Alexander — The Great, that is. Not great movie, mind you, just great Alexander. The movie, on the other hand, is a lumbering three-hour uncinematic spectacle that traces the Macedonian conqueror (or uniter, depending upon your politics) from his days as a young lad to the end of his days as a young man — or more concretely, from a child actor who's a pretty fair look-alike, and even Irish-accented sound-alike, for the star of the show, a bleached-blond Colin

Farrell — while his mother, Angelina Jolie, rolling her *r's* in some vague Mediterranean tongue, doesn't age a day. Oliver Stone, in quest of another exposé, exposes himself as pretty much a fraud of a filmmaker. Oh, he may shower the hero with rose petals upon his triumphant entry into a computer-generated Babylon, and he may scare up a harem of wriggling and shimmying concubines, and he may marshal some trick photography for the battle scenes: time-tested slow-motion, of course, but also the more modish (post-*Private Ryan*) sorts of jerky and jumpy motion, and a totally bloodshot screen when the hero takes a spear in the chest. Most of the movie, though, is rudimentary face shots, in talky, speechy, shouty, bellowing scenes that are virtually unstaged, and are not more powerful for the rising volume of the voices. To a human battering ram such as Stone, the liberty to depict the switch-hitting sexual mores of the Ancient Greeks (Jared Leto in eyeliner) might have seemed a worthwhile advance over the mid-Fifties handling of the material (Richard Burton in the hero's sandals), but this smidge of historical pedantry, no less than the general tedium, seems unlikely to rally the moviegoing troops. Only the background music of Vangelis, for an authentic Greek flavor, gives the viewer the intermittent illusion that he is watching an epic: clearly the better option than Yanni. With Val Kilmer, Rosario Dawson, Anthony Hopkins, Christopher Plummer. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Alfie — A new, updated, relocated Alfie — an Alfie for America, for the Bedhead generation, for the erectile-dysfunction era. He's still a Brit, and still talks straight to the camera, but now our lady-killer must be a chiselled Adonis (Jude Law) instead of a legitimate heir to Michael Caine (a Rhys Ifans, for instance, or a Paul Bettany). There are changes in the storyline as well, but nothing to resemble true imagination. Unfortunate shot: Omar Epps polishing an automobile in front of huge capital letters spelling out the word "shine." With Marisa Tomei, Nia Long, Susan Sarandon, and Sienna Miller; directed by Charles Shyer. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Asesino en Serio — Comic serial-killer mystery from Mexico, with Jesus Ochoa, Rafael Inclan, and Santiago Segura, directed by Antonio Urrutia. (HAZARD CENTER 7, 12/10 THROUGH 16)

Being Julia — Annette Bening takes to the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betrayals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, *Theatre*. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo. 2004.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Birth — The sophomore effort of director Jonathan Glazer, after his auspicious debut with *Sexy Beast*, is nothing if not ambitious: a reincarnation mystery wherein a somber little ten-year-old (Cameron Bright, the little creep of *Godsend*) shows up at the doorstep of a newly engaged widow (Nicole Kidman in a Peter Pan haircut) to inform her that he is her reborn husband. A couple of generations earlier, such a starting point might have led to a racy farce in the tradition of Thorne Smith. But that was then; this is now. When the jealous fiancé takes his half-pint rival over his knee to paddle his behind, it isn't for laughs; it's in

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spluttering response to the breath-stopping episode in which the tiny tyke strips down and joins the full-bloom woman in her bathtub. There's no knowing whether the farcical approach would have worked, then or now, but it's a certainty that the striven-for note of New Age wonderment (what modern woman, especially with a fiancé as damp as Danny Huston, could resist so transcendent a love?) is the wrong one. And the working-out of the plot serves only to invalidate the treatment. It's almost as if no one had troubled to read the script all the way to the end. A number of serious actors, including Anne Heche, Peter Stormare, Arliss Howard, Alison Elliott, Cara Seymour, Ted Levine, and Lauren Bacall, are left looking pretty foolish. But there's no fun in it for anybody. The musical score by Alexandre Desplat, all by itself, would see to that, administering the aural equivalent of a Chinese water torture, with the flutes, the harps, the horns taking turns attacking our fortitude. 2004.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Blade Trinity — Reviewed this issue. With Wesley Snipes, Jessica Biel, Ryan Reynolds, Parker Posey, and Dominic Purcell; written and directed by David S. Goyer.

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Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason — A case of ill-advised expansionism, not so much (or not just) in the sense of Renée Zellweger packing the pounds back on (without polishing up her English accent), but in the sense of a modestly profitable corner cookie store envisioning itself as the next Mrs. Fields.

Granted, it's well within the realm of reason that life, for Helen Fielding's self-deprecating heroine, does not run smoothly into the sunset: "Another year, a brand-new diary." It runs instead in circles — she keeps on being an insanely possessive idiot, and her prize catch of a boyfriend keeps on being

big about it — till she spirals off on a tangent that takes her over the edge and into a Thai prison for drug smuggling. A tacit admission, that, of the depletion of the material. Though it's too late by then to return to reason, it's never too late to return to convention: a climactic crosstown dash (staple of romantic comedies) in three distinct stages, to four different pop songs. The new director, Beeban Kidron, is a more experienced hand than Sharon Maguire on the first film, but the experiences have tended to be sullyng ones: *Used People* and *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*. Like her predecessor, she provides a feminine touch only to the extent that the proverbial bull in the china shop might well be a cow. Some of the uniformly anemic images are strangely grainy into the bargain, as if sections of long shots or medium shots had been marked off and blown up into closer shots. Colin Firth and Hugh Grant — the rock and the hard-on — have come back to do their respective things, with half a heart each. Jacinda Barrett, Jim Broadbent, Gemma Jones. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Christmas with the Kranks — Holiday comedy, adapted from an anomalous novel by John Grisham (*The Firm*, *The Client*, *The Chamber*, *The Rainmaker*, *The this*,

The that), about a suburban couple who opt, after their only offspring has flown the coop into the Peace Corps, to buck the Christmas tradition and resist the social pressures of their neighbors. A promising premise, unfulfilled in the early stages and broken to bits once the offspring announces her return to the coop with a Peruvian fiancé. One tradition upheld from the start, ripe to be bucked, is that of the annual Tim Allen Christmas film. He has one scene, at least, that Chaplin could have been proud of, had Chaplin lived in the age of Botox: trying to eat fruit cocktail with immobilized mandibles. And the sight of the middle-aged Jamie Lee Curtis in an itty-bitsy bikini arouses admiration for her courage, if it arouses nothing else. With Dan Aykroyd,

M. Emmet Walsh, Julie Gonzalo; directed by Joe Roth. 2004.

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Closer — Reekingly urbane Mike Nichols chamber piece, prone to be seen as a long-distance companion to his *Carnal Knowledge* in its dirty talk and its romantic disillusion. The quartet of players — two American females, a stripper (but of course) and a portrait photographer, and two British males, an obituarist and a dermatologist —

align and realign over an extended period of time. (The title is presumably to be pronounced with a soft s, synonym of "nearer," not a hard s, synonym of Mariano Rivera.) A lot of important events transpire off-screen — in between scenes, in the blink of an eye — and it would not be amiss to say that the most interesting parts of the film are the skips. Nor would it be amiss to point out that these are common devices in theater, where indeed the film originated. While the

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action has, as they say, been "opened up," the brittle dialogue still echoes of the stage. (Patrick Marber adapted his own play.) Clive Owen, normally a bit of a Gloomy Gus, is surprisingly the liveliest member of the ensemble; and Julia Roberts, hardly less surprisingly, is the most restrained, and most recessed. (She nevertheless remains the gracious recipient of the contractually required line: "You're beautiful.") Natalie Portman and Jude Law occupy the middle ground, fighting uphill battles to humanize their porcelain perfection. 2004.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.

★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 12/9)

Facing Windows — Italian women's film, from Turkish-born filmmaker Ferzan Ozpetek, filtered through the sensibility of a vaguely discontented wife, a drudging accountant in a Roman chicken factory and a moonlighting pastry chef too old (at thirty) to start anew as an apprentice baker, with a shiftless husband currently on the night shift, and an attractive bespectacled bachelor neighbor (looking a bit like a young Rosanno Brazzi, especially around the writhing mouth) whose comings and goings across the way are observed with casual voyeurism. The plot strand to do with a disoriented old man taken into their home as a transient (the late Massimo Girotti, a strapping athlete in his salad days), whose only form of identification is a concentration-camp number tattooed on his forearm, is at least as exasperating as it is



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intriguing. The woman herself, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, is very natural, harried, distracted, and, for all her undisguised eye appeal, unvain and unglamorous, something of an Italian Debra Winger. And there is a true climax, a decisive dramatic moment, when the heroine enters her neighbor's candle-riddled apartment with every intention of committing adultery and becomes instead a reverse voyeur on her own world from the neighbor's point of view. Raoul Bova, Filippo Nigro. 2003.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/13, 6:30 P.M.)

Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of *Peter Pan* from the soft clay of his real-life re-

lationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: "There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, and why?") The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie's stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright's prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance*), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play's subtitle, "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up," applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of

it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

Garden State — Small-screen actor Zach Braff, who also wrote and directed, as the most impassive sadsack this side of Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*: impassive amid the surrounding panic of a plane-crash dream scene; impassive in the sanatorium ambience of his bedroom, lying motionless on his back and listening to the news of his mother's death in a phone message from his father; impassive in the face of abuse from customers in his moonlighting job as a waiter at a Vietnamese restaurant. (Hard to picture him being as impassive in his other job: actor.) There turns out to be a medical, a medicinal, reason for his impassivity, but no such internal rationale arises for the nonstop assaults on the hero's, or the viewer's, sensitivities: the excessive vibrato of a Jewish funeral singer in a graveside rendition of "Once, Twice, Three Times a Lady," the knight-in-armor at the breakfast table, the guide dog who humps the hero's leg in the doctor's waiting room, the backyard pet cemetery. It goes on and on like that, an endless parade of embarrassments and bizzareries. The real, the external reason for this onslaught of oddities, photographed with a Diane Arbus-like bluntness, might be sought in the filmmaker's commonplace desire to be Wes Anderson. Another way to say the same thing, in broader terms, would be the filmmaker's dread of being dull and ordinary, notwithstanding his ostensible concern for ordinary people in a dull New Jersey suburb. The anticipation of the next little kink, the next little quirk, takes the place of story interest or character interest, a poor inducement to stay in your seat.

Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard, Ian Holm. 2004.

● (LA PALOMA, FROM 12/10)

The Grudge — A remake of a Japanese film, *Ju-On: The Grudge*, which was not much good to begin with. Perhaps, there, a better-than-usual rationale for a remake, especially because the same man occupies the director's chair, Takashi Shimizu: a second chance to get it right. No change, either, in the Tokyo locale, albeit repopulated with such Western invaders as Sarah Michelle Gellar (boning up on a Japanese phrase book), Clea DuVall, KaDee Strickland, and Bill Pullman. The rudimentary haunted-house premise (a curse on all ye who enter here) permits little development — a fact underscored by the backward jumps in time — but permits nonstop games of hide-and-seek and peekaboo with a tag team of malevolent spirits. If the game-playing is slicker the second time around, that's precisely what's wanted when you're pulling a series of fast ones. The means are still modest, and the frights honest. Best of them: the police detective, alone in his office, watching a surveillance tape of an inky shadow that pools in an empty hallway, solidifies into a female form, and advances straight toward the camera — or is it toward the TV screen? 2004.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; VOGUE)

The Incredibles — A Pixar computer cartoon about a married-with-children team of superheroes in enforced retirement under the Superhero Relocation Program. The tweaking of superheroes has long since progressed beyond a mere trend into a full-blown state of cultural decadence, but there's no particular reason to hold it against this little tag-along. The topography of the volcanic island that serves as the archvillain's lair is well rendered, and the imitation-007 musical score hits a high number of right notes. With the voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jason Lee; written and directed by Brad Bird. 2004.

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Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors — three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typeset John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device —

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right at the outset and at intervals throughout — of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species — carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon's *Gods and Monsters*), amounts to a clarion endorsement. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Machinist — Christian Bale, doing a Raging De Niro in reverse, put himself on a Dachau diet and lost in the neighborhood of sixty pounds — and for what? A suspenseless psychological thriller about a factory worker with a distorted reality. The distortions are eventually explained, if anyone's still interested. Director Brad Anderson has settled down his camerawork since *Next Stop Wonderland* and *Happy Accidents*, and has alighted instead on a different sort of affectation: color-drained photography and blue-tinged photography. With Jennifer Jason Leigh and Aitana Sanchez-Gijon. 2004.

★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 12/10; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 12/9)

The Motorcycle Diaries —

Mythologizing biopic on the critical year of 1952 in the life of Che Guevara, before he was Che, when he was still just a med student called "Ernestito," embarking with his biochemist best friend on a road trip from his native Argentina, up the entire west coast of South America, on the back of "an aged, leaky 1939 Norton 500," nicknamed "The Mighty One." The motorcycle, after four spills, conks out in Chile, but the journey continues on foot: a desultory, mildly diverting narrative that, in the end, turns quite touching. With Gael García Bernal and Rodrigo De la Serna; directed by Walter Salles. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Napoleon Dynamite — A catchy name for a movie, but not a name that fits its owner: the nerd of nerds at Preston High in podunk Idaho, a misfit for much more than just his name. Sporting a tumbleweed of kinky blond hair atop his gangly slope-shouldered frame, breathing through a troutlike open mouth, speaking in a monotone by turns belligerent and resentful, peering out at the world through half-closed eyes and an oversized pair of aviator glasses, he is almost an Expressionistic caricature of adolescent discomfort. And the unknown actor, Jon Heder, gives not so much a performance as a mere presentation: here I am, like it or lump it. His unfamiliarity (is he *really* like that?) harmonizes beautifully with his many discomforts: his clumsiness with the opposite sex ("I see you're drinking one-percent. Is that 'cause you think you're fat?"), his mortification over his closest relatives (an older brother involved in an Internet courtship, an uncle pathologically nostalgic for his footballing heyday in the Eighties: "It's a time machine, Napoleon. We bought it on-line"), his bond of alienation with the only Latino in his class, his favorite pastime of solo tetherball. The



Seed of Chucky

clever credits sequence, composed of unappetizing plates of food and assorted other mundanities (a Chapstick, a library check-out card, and so on), correctly forecasts the relentless quirkiness of the film, a feel-odd comedy that takes a hard turn at the end toward a feel-good comedy (not without adequate preparation: a closed-door practice session in which the hero "gets his groove on" with a dance-instruction video found at a thrift shop). The equally unknown director, Jared Hess, whom we might like to imagine got to know his star by way of alphabetical seating in Study Hall, would appear to have undergone some sort of artistic epiphany while watching a Wes Anderson film: flat, squared-up images, dealt out in a kind of hammer-and-anvil

rhythm. The consistency of it all, not just the rhythm but the tone, is ultimately persuasive. The viewer is given plenty of time to attune, to adjust, to acclimate. He is given no special inducement. Jon Gries, Aaron Ruell, Efen Ramirez, Tina Majorino. 2004.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

National Treasure — Juvenile adventure yarn about a treasure hunt for the legendary booty of the Knights Templar, handed down to their natural successors, the Masons, and squirreled away by the American Founding Fathers, with clues to its whereabouts written in invisible ink on the back of the Declaration of Independence. The Jerry Bruckheimer treatment (Jon Turteltaub the

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nominal director) blends bombast and grandiosity with insolence and insouciance, in such a way as to appeal strictly to the tone-deaf or tone-indifferent (or more exactly, juveniles). Nicolas Cage reverts to his action-hero mode, which is to say his take-the-money-and-run mode. Justin Bartha, the mentally challenged younger brother in *Gigli* (if you're one of the forty-two people who saw it), is the sardonic sidekick who seems to be doing an impression of Dennis Miller. Diane Kruger, the Face That Launched a Thousand Ships in *Troy*, is Just Another Pretty Face. And Sean Bean is just another British baddie, albeit slightly more justifiable as a present-day descendant of the Redcoats. With Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Christopher Plummer. 2004.

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Ocean's Twelve — Steven Soderbergh's heist sequel with George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Julia Roberts, and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

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The Polar Express — Neither an "instant classic" nor the polar opposite, but a middling addition to the holiday repertoire: computerized illustrations of the Chris Van Allsburg children's book about a little boy already too old to believe in Santa ("This is your crucial year"), snatched out of his bed on Christmas Eve for a faith-restoring train trip to the North Pole. Is seeing believing? — or vice versa? (The answer to the explicit question, "Could this be nothing but a dream?," is a firm "No!") The fundamental animation technique of drawing on top of live-action figures — as in Ralph Bakshi's version of *The Lord of the Rings*, for example — is nothing new, but it has never looked quite like this: a mobile billboard or magazine ad airbrushed to the thickness of cake frosting, giving the image a velvety, mossy, furry, peach-fuzzy feel. Filmmaker Robert Zemeckis, who really did foment a revolution in animation in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, does not now appear likely to repeat the feat. But only time will tell. (Maybe when computer-generated touch-ups have become as commonplace in Hollywood as cosmetic surgery, we'll look back on *The Polar Express* as the breakthrough.) There are some marvelous sights on parade — the ghostly first appearance of the choo-choo out of a clearing cloud of steam and swirling snow; the wind-borne ticket that returns to its holder via a relay network of a pack of wolves, an eagle, a rolling snowball, etc.; the perilous slog over the top of the railcars against a relentless salvo of blinding

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discreet framing, however, de-emphasize the famous derriere — the center of the universe is not just *that!* — and it falls to a different, fuller-figured gal to protest, if only as a diversion, “Stop lookin’ at my ass.”) The muddy photography, to seal the doom, casts a pall over what is — or was — an overt fairy tale. With Susan Sarandon, Stanley Tucci, Richard Jenkins, Lisa Ann Walter. 2004.

● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY)

Shark Tale — Subaqueous computer animation; or, Finding *Nemo*’s Sunken Treasure. Not only is the plasticity animation done by computer, but also the plotting, scripting, casting, everything. We have here, plugged in as variables in the formula, hip-hop fish (voice, and lips, of Will Smith), Mafia sharks (voice and facial mole of Robert De Niro), a temperamental blowfish (voice and eyebrows of Martin Scorsese), Rastafarian jellyfish (Ziggy Marley, Doug E. Doug), and so on. One of the younger sharks (Jack Black) is “different,” specifically vegetarian (read “effeminate”), symbolically whatever you please. Pop-culture references are rife: the sharks hum to themselves the theme from *Jaws*, etc. Wordplay is compulsory and compulsive: shell phones, prawn shop, Coral-Cola. As long as the box-office stampede persists, there is no reason for the manufacture of these things to slow down or aim higher. With the voices, also, of Renée Zellweger and Angelina Jolie; directed by Bibo Bergeron, Vicky Jensen, and Rob Letterman. 2004.

● (VOGUE)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and wine-tasting a week before the former’s wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete; the hack and the artist. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the



The *SpongeBob SquarePants Movie*

bridegroom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous entanglements and his torturous extractions, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let’s say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About Schmidt*, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what’s best for the film rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker’s wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other

areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the *New York Times* crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother’s birthday card as he walks from his car to her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And the depiction of masculine deceit — self-deception, congenital mendacity — extends as far and as wide as a whole way of life, a fundamental condition of existence, a subject for a film of substance. 2004.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24;

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The SpongeBob SquarePants

Movie — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Tom Kenny, Bill Fagerbakke, Alec Baldwin, and Scarlett Johansson; written and directed by Stephen Hillenburg.

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Team America: World Police

— The idea — as gleaned from the trailers on television and in theaters — of an anti-terrorist action film with marionettes, and animatronic faces for their closeups, seemed a good one: a hipper *Thunderbirds*. But just because a filmmaker — Trey Parker, in partnership with his *South Park* collaborator, Matt Stone — has one good

idea does not mean that others will follow. And yet the entire opening sequence, of the elite American commando unit in a firefight with Middle Eastern terrorists on the streets of Paris, has much to say about Hollywood action films (the puppets, otherwise known as “distancing devices,” provide an automatic shortcut to parody) as well as about the jingoist mentality of shoot-first-and-aim-later. Too, the minutely detailed miniature sets are invariably fun. And an air of giddiness can be recaptured at any instant by the herky-jerky movement of the puppets, as when disco-dancing in celebration of a commando victory; or by their scale, as in a montage of D.C. monuments to a country-rock song entitled “Freedom Isn’t Free,” with a soul-searching marionette standing no taller than the headstones at Arlington National Cemetery. Too often, and for too long at a time, however, the movie gets stuck in adolescence. The lovemaking montage might have been as giddy as the soul-searching montage had it not lost sight of the target of parody and turned into a triple-X lovemaking montage. The obsession with homosexual oral sex is no less off-base. And potty talk is not wit. And vomit, even at fire-hose force and swimming-pool volume, is no funnier from a puppet than from any other creature. And despite the mandate of journalistic balance or satirical indiscriminability, it hardly constitutes a lampoon of Hollywood liberals (poor likenesses of Alec Baldwin, Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, et al.) to conscript them into apologists, and even armed security guards, for North Korea’s Kim Jong Il (his speech infected with Elmer Fuddisms), and then to blow their heads off one by one. The trailers, needless to point out, did not have any of that sort of stuff. Which leads to the speculation that maybe the movie would have been better off, in a five-minute *Saturday Night Live* spot or somewhere, as a make-believe trailer for a nonexistent movie. Maybe it was never really such a good idea for a movie after all. 2004.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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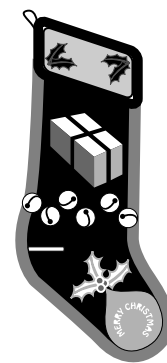
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Major duties include: reviews existing and new work orders; works with production supervisors to establish priorities for work; follows up on work in progress and work completed; and monitors janitorial services and other facilities reports. In addition, monitors and maintains the IMPET work order system; analyzes and produces reports from the IMPET system. Plus, develops and audits cost containment and budget methods for all maintenance and facility areas. Hands-on working supervisor.

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Sarah Zanaretu
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Hippies and yuppies are equally bad. In her day, my mom was a hippie. My dad's family had been more affluent when he came to the United States from Chile; so, he was a bit of a yuppie. You can't blame my mom, though, because it was the '60s. I try not to be prejudiced by classifying people; it's better to try and accept all people. I've dated a hippie in the past and I might date one again as long as he showers. As far as dating a yuppie, I wouldn't be against it as long as he's reasonable and independent.



Brent Hanson
Student
Linda Vista

Yuppies are worse than hippies. They're too concerned about money and material possessions. I'm down with hippies because they want to have a good time. Unfortunately, I'm friends with more yuppies than hippies and it's just a different mentality. I think it comes down to where I'm from; I'm from a small town in Northern California called Grass Valley and there are definitely more hippies there. I'm sure I've been called a hippie before just because I got long hair, but I have good hygiene so I'm not sure if the title exactly fits.



Brent Warnken
Student
Linda Vista

Yuppies blow. I hug the tree-huggers. I have these views because my parents are most definitely yuppies and their views haven't helped their lives; they're in pursuit of happiness through material gains. That includes my stepmother; she showed up with three daughters like in *Cinderella*, and I'm not sure, but I think some of their evil stems from the over-valuing of material goods. Moving away from them was my glass slipper, but I turn back into a pumpkin when I'm around them too long. When I'm older, I'll grow up to be a young urban professional, but I'll still be true to the hippie inside. If I turn out to be butt-ass rich, I'll balance out my success by buying boatloads — no, SUV-loads of weed.



Courtney Rangel
Student
Downtown

I think hippies may be worse. Most of them think they have these counter-culture ideas, but so many hippies become yuppies that hippies have become a phase in a lot of people's lives. It's nice to pretend that their brand of idealism can overcome, but it's a delusion; all of those products that say they're organic aren't really organic. As far as fashion, tie-dye went out 30 years ago. I dated a hippie and it wasn't good. He was flighty; he changed his mind and was very unstable. Boys that tend to be yuppies or more preppy know what they want and know how to go about getting it.



Reese Ruiz
Legal support
Pacific Beach

I think yuppies are worse than hippies. Although I work in legal support, I tend to lean more towards my instincts that I have as an artist. In my line of work I meet some good lawyers; they're solid people even though they have the stigma of "young urban professional" attached to them. I'm more into the casual lifestyle that might be closer associated with hippies. The downfall of yuppies is what defines them; that being their desire for more. Hippies tend to be more content with a nice day, a guitar, and good buzz.



Erica Terriah
Young adult pastor
Clairemont

Hippies tend to be more mellow, a free-flowing kind of people, which can be cool. If they're into drugs, that'd be bad. Free love really isn't something that I condone because a person isn't being pure. I could see it being a dangerous way to live. As far as the down-to-[earth]ness about them, I think that's a beautiful thing. We all tend to lose that part of ourselves, so I think there are still positive aspects. It's hard to separate the connotation of the term yuppie from a person who may be a successful person, but not necessarily caught up in all that entails the stereotype around that person.

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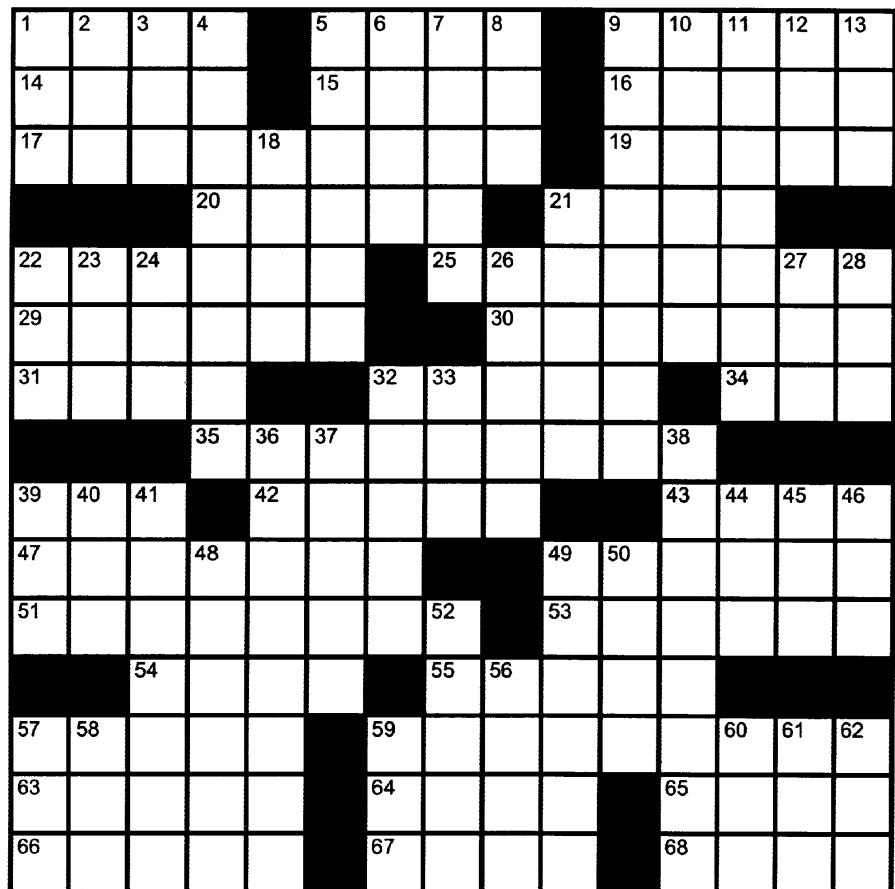
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5. "Even ___ speak..."
9. Farsi speaker
14. With 68-Across, she designed the outfits of the Philadelphia Eagles' cheerleaders
15. "Titanic" soundtrack singer
16. Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
17. Pip
19. Sound from an aviary
20. What the "Lo" stands for in "J.Lo"
21. "___ there, done that"
22. Not meant to be repeated
25. Pup
29. Waters at the mouth
30. Books that get "cooked"
31. Utah's state flower
32. "Dee-fense!," e.g.
34. Raiding party?: Abbr.
35. Pap
39. Big sizes, briefly
42. Stays fresh
43. Estimator's phrase
47. Major ___
49. ___ Fitzgerald
51. Pep
53. Give the cook the night off
54. Musical staff symbol
55. "... had a farm, ___"
57. Playwright Fugard
59. Pop
63. Farm machinery pioneer
64. Come crawling back?
65. Not-so-bright comics canine
66. Retail mark-downs
67. "Got it"
68. See 14-Across

23. Afore
24. Gear tooth
26. Several Norwegian kings
27. Quite a lode
28. Govt. property overseer
32. Where the heart is
33. Part of a right triangle: Abbr.
36. They're plucked
37. "___ I care!"
38. "Ragtime" author
39. Year in Claudius' reign
40. Hawaiian wreath
41. Paige on the mound
44. Milne marsupial
45. Alphabet trio
46. Polo Grounds hero Mel
48. Aplenty
49. "Little Shop of Horrors" demand
50. "You ___ a mouthful"
52. Cartoon shrieks
56. "Would ___?"
57. Some pop-ups
58. Good source of antioxidants
59. Top-rated TV show of 2002-03
60. Rhoda's TV mom
61. "Delta of Venus" writer
62. Frat party dispenser

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Church of Brethren, 3850 Westgate Place, San Diego. John, 619-295-2720.

ANYONE WHO HAD contact with black servicemen in the Pacific Theater, World War II: I'm researching their experiences. I need your input, please. neverforgetWW2@hotmail.com.

ATHEIST COALITION: "First it is necessary to stand on your own two feet. But the minute a man finds himself in that position, the next thing he should do is reach out his arms." —Kristin Hunter. Newsletter and website, www.atheistcoalition.org or 858-459-8273.

BISEXUAL FORUM SAN DIEGO. Friendly group meets monthly 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm for discussion, support. New location, The Center, 3909 Center Street, Hillcrest. 858-259-8019.

BOOK CLUB. Fourth Wednesdays, 7pm, Mira Mesa. Each author about 6 months. Start: Margaret Atwood. First meeting December 22. Bring ideas. shell@san.r.com.

CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT (Association Cannabis Therapeutics). Nonprofit. Seeking patients with questions about local guidelines. Proposition 215, doctors, 24 indoor plants, pound, evaluations, Peace. edzapp@yahoo.com or 619-528-0907.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. For information: www.sdccoda.org or 619-222-1244.

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CREATIVE WRITING CLASS, free. Mondays, 10am-1pm, Joyce Beers Community Center, Hillcrest area of University Avenue. Call instructor, 619-528-8425.

CROSSDRESSER/TRANSGENDERED? Nonprofit support group. Monthly meetings/newsletter. Education, socializing, friendship. Neutral Corner, PO Box 19008, San Diego 92159. www.geocities.com/neutral-corner or 619-685-3696.

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS. Do you have problems with debt, overspending, credit card use? There is a 12-step program that can help you! Call today, 619-525-3065.

DIVORCE HURTS. Find help at Divorce-Care. Special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Sponsored by Canyon View Christian Fellowship. Information, 619-468-0075.

DOWN WITH STRESS? Simple meditation class to help relieve daily anxieties. Saturday, December 18, noon, Ocean Beach Club, 2160 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. info@mantramed.org; 858-831-1770.

DOWNTOWN'S RETIRED Single Group. Free museum tours plus memberships. Write to Tom Evans, PO Box 1202, San Diego 92101-6043. I will call you for registration.

EGG DONORS NEEDED. Women ages 19-30. Earn \$3000+. Physician run service. Call Stacey at 619-200-3828 or stacey@proxyfertility.com.

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FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER GAYS (FOG). Free, strictly confidential information. Social club, full calendar of activities. PO Box 4271, San Diego 92164-4271. www.geocities.com/westhollywood/park/9411. 619-298-1388 or 619-702-4566.

FREE CD on "The 861 Evidence" of income tax collection fraud. Learn if your own income is taxable at all. www.861.info.

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS! "How to Start a Business" for people with Disabilities. 12/14, 1pm-4pm, Mental Health Systems, 9465 Farnham (off Ruffin Road, near Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Bus Stop: Corner of Ruffin Road and Farnham, Bus #20. Sponsor: Able-Disabled Advocacy, 619-231-5990 x315.

FREE PSYCHIC HEALING/Lecture Clinic. Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students. 4305 Gesner #200, 858-509-7582.

HELP FOR YOUR LIFE. Lonely? Dial hope, 858-277-8060. Scripture, new thought, prayer, request prayer (recorded message changed daily). Helpful messages, 858-277-2389. Sunday service, 10am, Linda Vista Presbyterian Church, 2130 Ulster Street, San Diego 92111. 858-277-8060.

HERPES (HSV)/HUMAN (HPV) Papilloma-virus support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org. Recorded message, 619-491-1194.

IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, age 18-55, who has suffered a traumatic event, which has led to repeated painful memories, ongoing irritability, anxiety or depression, then please contact a UCSD research team seeking to find out how these symptoms, along with a study drug, and their treatment may affect how your brain works. This is an 8-week study, all visits, treatment and care will be free and you will receive up to \$200 for participation. For more information, please call Kelly at 858-534-9442.

INFORMAL, small Spanish conversation group is forming. Those with intermediate and advanced levels of proficiency preferred. No fee is required. 619-200-8606.

LUPUS INTERNATIONAL Support Group meets the third Saturday of every month from 10am to 12pm in Rancho Bernardo. This is a free support group. For more information and meeting location please call Danielle at 888-532-2322, x4.

MEDITATION HOUR. Learn and practice spiritual techniques: grounding, centering, running energies, using clairvoyance, and chakras. Weekly, easy, fun. 619-991-0944.

MENOPAUSE STUDY for women ages 50-75, UCSD. Effects of hormone replacement therapy on mood, sleep and behavior in healthy menopausal women. (Nonsmoking, not currently using hormones.) 6 overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-5575.

MOTHERS. Were you spanked? Do you have a child age 7 or older? Have you never spanked him/her? Yes? \$50 research compensation. Marie, 858-336-8477.

MOVIE BUFFS. Interested in watching a movie every 2 weeks and discussing it afterward (like book clubs)? Please call 858-272-8727 or 619-934-2602.

OVERWEIGHT men, ages 25-55, needed by UCSD School of Medicine for nutrition and physical activity health promotion research study. Participants will be paid. 858-457-7282.

PARENTS, FAMILIES and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings monthly in Hillcrest. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PATHWORK discussion. "Abundance and Appreciation." December 20, 2004. 4716 32nd Street, San Diego 92116. Open meeting. No fee. Materials available. Information, 619-280-9075.

PATHWORK discussion: "Giving and Receiving." December 16, 2004. 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar 92014. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 858-259-1880.

PMS SLEEP and light study. Women ages 20-45 not on medication or birth control pills with regular menstrual cycles needed for 5-month UCSD sleep and light study, 8 overnight hospital stays required. Payment to \$500. 619-543-7393.

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING adoption? We can help! We specialize in matching families with birth mothers nationwide. Toll free 24 hours a day, One True Gift Adoptions, 866-921-0565. (AAN CAN)

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PROBLEMS TORTURING YOU? Relationship setbacks, addiction, anxiety, stress, pain, falling apart. Impact your life with Spiritual Solutions. Free community service. Call 858-272-3246.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/codependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 S. Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

RESEARCH participants needed. Earn \$50 gift card. Women with PMS between 20-35 living with partner at least 1 year. 760-944-6294.

RESEARCH STUDY. Help me graduate! Mexican/Chicano and Caucasian/white research participants needed for study on emotion. Movie ticket and \$100 lottery. Jackie, 858-752-8748.

SALK INSTITUTE researchers looking for volunteers, ages 18-40, good health. English first language, to participate in ongoing studies on cognition. Compensation provided. Call Nasim, 800-434-1038.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163. 619-685-7211.

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VOLUNTEER AS A MENTOR. Change a life. Need responsible, caring adults to serve as volunteer mentor for youth at risk, 10-17. Kristian/Partners Mentorship Program, 619-584-5797.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused/neglected children need you. Serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate or Educational Surrogate. Training provided. Next information sessions: Wednesday, 1/12 and 2/9. Voices for Children, 858-

569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

WITNESS to car accident, took place 10:30am, Wednesday, 12/1 at 163 and Mesa College Drive intersection. Cars involved: red Honda Accord, red Chevy Nova. 619-692-4435.

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AIRLINE TICKET. One roundtrip, plus drink coupons, anywhere Southwest flies. Make reservations good through 10/8/2005. Completely transferable. Some blackout dates apply. \$350 cash only. 858-259-9100.

AIRLINE TICKETS, roundtrip on Southwest anywhere they fly, \$350 cash. La Jolla area. 619-846-4000.

AIRLINE TICKETS. Southwest, 6 one way, transferable to anyone, anywhere, last minute, reservations only. \$180 each way, use 2 for roundtrip. Security fee \$5 extra. 619-464-3111.

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AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies, includes drink coupons, \$350. 858-547-0097.

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8-DAY COSTA RICA ADVENTURE. Includes flights from San Diego, hotels, continental breakfast, ground transportation. Flexible dates. From \$979 per person. Restrictions apply. Fares subject to change. CST#2038366-40. Adventure Travel, 619-544-0800. sandiego@atcadventure.com.

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FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks a few platonic pals for movies and happy hours. Age 40. I call back! (12/15) ☎33343

VIENNESE WALTZ PARTNER. 30ish-40ish female sought by gentleman for Viennese Ball, 1/22/05. Intermediate level preferred, dedicated practice required. (12/15) ☎33331

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks others. Black or Hispanic and no flakes or attitude. Must be flexible and outgoing. (12/22) ☎33384

MATCHES
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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, European Mexican, 5'8", 140lbs., 39 years old, fun, educated. Seeking good looking Caucasian, 40-50 years old. Fun-loving, romantic,

possible long-term relationship. (12/22) ☎33709

SHALL WE DANCE? Affectionate, active senior lady of color from Central America wishes to meet classy gentleman to enjoy the holidays and New Year together. (12/15) ☎33694

EASY TO LOVE. Spoil this beautiful, sexy, childless black goddess Diverse interests included. Prefer a humorous, humble, unencumbered white male of substance. Delectable pleasures. (12/22) ☎33726

BLONDE, BIKINI LOOKS, 5'8", 135lbs., classy lady. Seeking 45-55, single white male, 5'10"-6'4", financially secure, homeowner, handsome. Genuine dates, fun, romance, trips. (12/15) ☎33685

ANY GOOD ONES LEFT? White, full figured, attractive, loving, outgoing. Seeking white male, 21-50s, serious relationship. Play no games. Honest, romantic, and like kids must. (12/22) ☎33710

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it big boy! (12/15) ☎33680

NO GIRLY MEN. Committed Christian woman, 40s. Seeking teddy-bear type. Professional, outgoing, friendly, flirty, loves animals, travel, arts. Seeking believer, 40s, assertive, honest, trusting. (12/15) ☎33683

UNIQUE, 47, SECURE/STABLE professional searching for nonsmoker gent, secure/stable. If ready for great relationship, no games, call. You won't be disappointed. Race unimportant. (12/15) ☎33700

MAKE YOUR SOLSTICE/NEW Year's glorious! Spend it with me! Lonely, yet beautiful brown-skinned dreadlocked diva seeks communion with tall, prosperous, handsome, spiritual, intelligent man! (12/22) ☎33735

TIRED OF THE ORDINARY? Extraordinary gal, pretty, petite little bundle, great smile, humorous, romantic, nature, honest, with pizzazz, good heart. Seeking male counterpart, 58-68, nonsmoker. (12/15) ☎33705

ACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS, energetic, explorative, educated, fun(ny), sense of humor, good natured, retired. Seeking nonsmoking, healthy gentleman, 70-75, like

qualities. Let's have some fun together. Wow. (12/22) ☎33737

WANT A FRIEND AND A LOVER? Me too. Sexy, black lady seeks a cutie who's under 40, social, smart, free, ready, eclectic, race open. (12/22) ☎33724

37, WHITE FEMALE, outgoing, professional, financially secure. Seeking affectionate male, 35-40, for laughs, romance, adventure, compassion. Call me. (12/15) ☎33703

LOVING CUBAN FEMALE, 46, 5'5", 146lbs., romantic with great morals. Seeking educated, romantic man that's seeking a rewarding relationship. Let's share everything life has together. (12/15) ☎33690

LONELY CAUCASIAN, brown-haired, brown-eyed woman, 32 years old. Seeking serious relationship with Caucasian male who is financially and emotionally secure with himself. (12/15) ☎33689

HOLIDAY CHEER, MISTLETOE! 32, 5'4", professional, curvy, happy, fun, affectionate, caring, active woman seeks nice guy, 29-43, educated, nonsmoking, honest, upbeat, communicative, for sincere relationship. (12/22) ☎33734

Feeling Like 16 Again

White, 57, outdoor lady, horse owner, self sufficient. Seeking physically fit, young at heart, all-around fun guy. Must be animal lover. (12/22) ☎33715

NEW TO AREA. 42, educated, articulate female seeks local male activity partner. Interests include culture, the arts, sight-seeing, dining and dancing. (12/15) ☎33702

EMPTY NEST SYNDROME. Cute blonde, gym rat. Quiet, loving, North Coastal wants good natured teddy-bear type, 50s-60s, overall secure. Maybe African-American, American-Indian, Italian. (12/22) ☎33717

PASSIONATE, SENSITIVE gentleman, tall, 58+, wanted to share romantic fun-filled adventurous times with good looking, sexy lady. Awesome kissing and hugging is required. (12/22) ☎33728

FEMALE, 56, HAPPY, sexy, loves life, outdoorish type. Seeking male, 54-62, for friendship, dating, good conversation. Only a gentleman need reply. No smokers please! (12/15) ☎33707

JUST ONE WANTED! Latina, sexy, healthy, fun loving. Seeking a gentleman, must be honest, knows what he wants, attractive, with sense of humor. Race open. (12/22) ☎33721

YOUNG MAN WANTED for Christmas, age 25-40s. Young 50-year, attractive woman seeks a handsome man to spoil and be spoiled. Lots of love. (12/22) ☎33722

FAMILY, IDEAS, KIDS and love. World peace, quiet, and vegetarian food. Tranquil woman, 37, 140lbs. Seeking kindred spirit for hikes, health, exercise, a shared life. (12/15) ☎33697

MOUNTAIN MAMA, CUTE, slim, musician, passionate, adventurous, positive attitude. Seeking 45+, tall, rugged, outdoorsman, creative genius, into playing music, togetherness, nature, travel, long-term fun. (12/15) ☎33693

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FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, 63, 5'7", intelligent, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, arts, nature, dining. You: 57-63, healthy, nonsmoker, life-loving for friendship, romance. San Diego preferred. (12/15) ☎ 33688

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BLONDE GERMAN-BORN, blue-green eyes, 5'6", very good looking, passionate, easygoing, adventurous. Desire tall, educated, romantic, quality male, good sense of humor important, 40-50. (12/15) ☎ 33698

TALL, LONG-HAIRED, open-minded, honest man, 49 years young. Wanting a fun-loving lady to enjoy some intimate and friendly fun with. (12/15) ☎ 33342

TROW DOWN YOUR BRAINS and come out drooling! Sensual beer drinking vegetarian. Spiritual interests, wild side. Pisces, 55, 6', 150lbs., bald, single, stable, monogamous, clean. (12/22) ☎ 33365

APPLICATION FOR FUTURE. Want a friend, long-term relationship, honesty. Like outdoors, barbecues, number one in someone's life. If yes, let's get started. Race open. (12/15) ☎ 33336

HONEST, WHITE GENTLEMAN, 5'9", 160lbs., kind, considerate, caring and humorous, vibrant, good health, nonsmoker, clean cut, intelligent, romantic, loving. Seeking a slim lady, under 120lbs. (12/22) ☎ 33374

BLONDE, SMART, SLIM, FIT? Executive engineer, MBA, 42, 6'3", 175lbs., slim, fit, handsome (ask my mom), well dressed, Spanish descendant with accent, manners, personality. (12/15) ☎ 33356

STILL BELIEVE IN HONESTY, traditional values, lasting relationship. Seeking nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (12/15) ☎ 33353

AFFLUENT, TALL, HANDSOME, healthy widower. Retired successful business owner, homeowner, financially secure. Has everything! Seeks slim, attractive, curvy, affectionate, happy lady, 49-65. Dates, fun! (12/15) ☎ 33324

TALL, ATHLETIC, professional, 43, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle. Seeking thick, athletic lady, 30-48, for biking, tennis, sailing, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (12/22) ☎ 33373

HERPES RARELY, yet always there. Am I alone? Why risk others. Perfectly good 37, Caucasian, great looking, good physique, stable. Seeking similar, special 30s gal. (12/22) ☎ 33377

BLACK MALE, 6'. Looking for friendship, maybe more with tall, plus-size female, Hispanic or Caucasian. Pleasant personality and be career-oriented. Love big woman. (12/22) ☎ 33363

OPEN MINDED WANTING SAME. Caucasian, 62, slender, wanting to meet lady to 65, who enjoys wearing heels, nylons, dresses, for travel and intimate times. (12/22) ☎ 33387

68, HEALTHY, ACTIVE, good natured. Enjoy cruises, movies, car trips, outdoors and retirement. Looking for quality time with a nice lady. East County. (12/15) ☎ 33335

NICE GUY, 53, SEEKING nice girl, 46-50, slender, active, nonsmoker, playful, love music, animals, laughter, for warm, romantic, passionate relationship, friendship, partnership. Call now. (12/22) ☎ 33392

GOOD COMMUNICATOR, sensual, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful, mid-50s. You: 37-47, nice figure, childless, North County. (12/15) ☎ 33329

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 50+, white male, fit, good communicator, kind,

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ROMANTIC LOOKING FOR LOVE, 49, 5'6". Construction worker desires friendly, honest, sincere lady who enjoys outdoors, travel; for lasting relationship. Age/race not important. (12/22) ☎ 33367

58-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for female in North County, nonsmoker, good person, sense of humor, happy with herself, non-stress person, just life myself. (12/22) ☎ 33386

TALL, ROMANTIC professional, 6'4", 52, well educated, open minded, spiritual, romantic, skier, sailor. Seeking one special woman for fulfilling relationship. Let's grow together. 92101. (12/22) ☎ 33371

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE. Physically fit, intelligent, humorous, caring, 52. Seeking woman, 40-50, with similar qualities for serious, honest relationship. North County. (12/15) ☎ 33333

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Happy Holiday

43, 5'11", 190lbs., open, honest, energetic male into working out, walking, movies, cooking and adventure. Seeking active, balanced, caring female. Sense of humor a must. (12/22) ☎ 33389

RETIRE AIR FORCE PILOT seeking travel companion. Healthy, active single. No baggage. Lady with military ID a plus. Any age over 50. Long-term relationship. (12/15) ☎ 33320

YOUNG RETIREE, 52, WHITE, 5'11", 175lbs. Humorous, affectionate, considerate, responsible, attractive. Enjoy conversation, movies, reading, cultural events, family, friends. You are slim-medium, 40-55. (12/15) ☎ 33326

OCEANSIDE GENTLEMAN, 52, 5'9", self assured, honest, playful, positive, kind, giver, romantic. Seeking good friend for quality fun, theater, movies, dining, walks, weekend getaways, nonsmoker. (12/22) ☎ 33380

LET'S BOTH LEARN to salsa. Young looking, attractive, fit, humorous, romantic, spontaneous. Seeking an intelligent, witty lady. I'm 38, 5'11", 165lbs., age and race unimportant. (12/15) ☎ 33346

BLACK MAN LOVES JAZZ, blues, reggae, beach walks, picnics, cooking together, live plays, museums, weekend getaways, very honest, cuddling, snuggling, great conversations. Nonsmoking, race open. (12/22) ☎ 33359

SEEKING MISCHIEF, mayhem, earth trekking? Very attractive, successful Jewish guy from midwest, 40. Seeking creative and adventurous younger woman. Healthy rebels and nonconformists welcome. (12/15) ☎ 33354

CARING, FUN, FIT, romantic, stable, white male, 54, 180lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (12/15) ☎ 33341

ATTRACTIVE GENTLEMAN, 37, financially secure, physically fit, black. Enjoy dancing, movies, walks, music, sports. Seeking attractive, fit lady who's honest, professional, adventurous, joyful. Let's talk. (12/22) ☎ 33370

ANY ITALIAN LADIES out there? I'm 53, successful, creative, fit, funny, well-traveled and a great cook. Seeking smart, petite, considerate, witty lady, 42-53. (12/22) ☎ 33390

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures, ice cream, simple pleasures of life. You: somewhat attractive, one-to-one relationship. (12/22) ☎ 33362

HANDSOME, WELL ROUNDED, blonde, blue, healthy, humor, fun loving, 39 but look late 20s. Seeking petite Asian gal who's pretty, fun loving, friends first. (12/15) ☎ 33323

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 60, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (12/15) ☎ 33319

RETIRE MARINE. Solid, fun, hip, 65, 6', 198lbs, laid back, but ready to jump up. Old dead head looking for friend, companion. Willing to explore. (12/15) ☎ 33339

NORTH COUNTY, young 58, brown/blue, slender, varied interests, stable, reliable, and loving. Looking for my match for long-term relationship. (12/22) ☎ 33383

I WOULD LIKE to meet an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker, acting and being myself. (12/22) ☎ 33378

DIVORCED PROFESSIONAL, attractive Caucasian, homeowner, to meet 60-year-old Caucasian Barbie, plastic or not, to share quiet and not so quiet fun times. (12/22) ☎ 33394

CHRISTIAN MALE looking for long-term relationship with lady, 45-55, country-girl type. East County. (12/15) ☎ 33351

OPEN MINDED, SENSE OF humor, passion, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue-grey. Enjoy coffeehouses, rock music, stimulating conversation, movies, books, nature, walks. Seeking friendship relationship. (12/15) ☎ 33347

GENTLEMAN, KIND, 50s, into live music, indie films, basketball, eats all, languages. Are you related to Scarlet Begonias, 45-60? Let's listen to the music play. (12/22) ☎ 33393

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COLORFUL GREEN/BLUE EYES, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 40, 6'1", 215lbs., German-Irish, family oriented. Seeking attractive, intelligent, unencumbered white, 24-34, possessing inner/outer beauty. (12/15) ☎ 33352

IF YOU ARE ATHLETIC, successful, traveled, cultured, enjoy camping, hiking, sailing, and more. Then you are about to meet someone 45, genuine, fun and interesting. (12/22) ☎ 33369

LIFE'S GOOD. 6'2", brown/blue, athletic, educated professional. Enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, dining, conversation, music. Seeking special girl, slim, 35-45, similar interests, friends first. (12/15) ☎ 33350

WIDOWER, 80s, seeks lady companion, 70s-80s, for friendship, dinners, theater, concerts, travel, and all other pleasurable pursuits. Sense of humor, positive attitude a big plus! (12/22) ☎ 33379

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, older female sought by tall, attractive, white male, 53. I'm warm, loving, affectionate, financially secure, unencumbered. Enjoy dining, culture, music, romance, intimacy. (12/22) ☎ 33358

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NEW ENGLAND CHARM. Health researcher, medium build, attractive, easygoing, Christian values. Seeking outgoing, fit, nonsmoker, 38-48, who enjoys dining, dancing, walking, reading, good conversation. (12/22) ☎ 33364

USHER-LIKE 47. Seeking dancing, 28-44, slim, beauty, into coconut body scrub, hot bubble baths, cuddling, good humor, undivided attention. Must like sports, hanging out. (12/15) ☎ 33327

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, romantic, fun loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoking. (12/15) ☎ 33355

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TURBOCHARGED, OUTDOORS type. 57, 5'11", 165lbs., blue eyes, with hair, enjoy swimming, cycling, running, movies, dining, hiking. Seeking loving relationship with nonsmoking, slender lady. (12/22) ☎ 33381

CAREGIVER, SWEET, WHITE, 39 and strong. Wanting white or Mexican. Age, weight doesn't matter. You enjoy loving, movies, walks and picnics. North County area. (12/22) ☎ 33385

LARGE WHITE FEMALE WANTED. Attractive, intelligent black artist seeks devoted, passionate, monogamous, proportioned, attractive. Seeking a permanent relationship. (12/15) ☎ 33334

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, 37, 160lbs., open minded, caring, romantic, outgoing. Looking for sexy, passionate, kind woman. Any age/race for some great times. Nonsmoker/nondrugs. Call. (12/15) ☎ 33328

YOUTHFUL 75, SHARING LIFE, movies, theatre, dining, dancing, caring conversation, with compassionate, nonsmoking, healthy lady. Radius 15 miles around Lakeside. Seeking lady for sharing. (12/22) ☎ 33388

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SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 56, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, cats, fun at home. La Mesa area please. (12/15) ☎ 33321

POWAY, WHITE, HEALTHY gentleman, 55, 5'9", 177lbs., great qualities, well groomed, intelligent, creative, romantic, loving. Long-term relationship with Poway woman for activities. Age open. (12/22) ☎ 33360

ROMANTIC, YOUNG, 63, East County, very fit, nonsmoker, nice guy. Imagine Richard Dreyfuss, share life, love music, dining, movies, ideas. Seeking curvy, 5'6"ish soul mate. (12/15) ☎ 33349

GUY NEXT DOOR, 40, seeks big lady for friendship, fun, a little romance leading to a long-term relationship. I am a good listener. (12/15) ☎ 33330

OPEN-MINDED single Hispanic male, 36, nice smile. Looking for sweet, tall, long legged, honest female, 21-35. Must love outdoors, skiing, dirt bikes and me. (12/15) ☎ 33338

ITALIAN, 45, HARD WORKER. Seeking lady for long term. Race open. Nonsmoker/nondrinker, no kids. Enjoy music, romantic, dining, sports. No games. Call me. Ciao. (12/15) ☎ 33348

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AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial African-American and white, 65, 6'4", 220lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (12/22) ☎ 33382

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Last week's place: Chief "Golden Bull," a wooden carved figure in front of Racine and Laramie's tobacconist store at 2737 San Diego Avenue in Old Town (opened at this location in 1868). Acquired from a Laguna Beach dealer in 1969, the Indian doesn't have any known historical value. The old chief's most famous moment came in 1974-'75, when he was stolen and he lost part of his nose when the thieves dumped him in Presidio Park. Now he is wheeled inside every night. (Last week's winners: John Strauch, Witold Martynowicz, Donaji Piceno, David I. Baron, Vincent Cuseo)

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CLAIREMONT, NORTH. \$450 plus 1/4 utilities. Female to share large house near shopping, freeways, buses. Laundry/kitchen privileges. No drugs/pets. 858-274-5234.

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SANTEE. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. New tile/wood flooring, fresh paint. Near 52 freeway, \$1750, \$1500 deposit. Available now. 9720 Domer. 619-445-5898.

SANTEE. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, swimming pool, spa, laundry, 2-car garage, on a cul-de-sac, near Town Center. Available now. \$2900/month. 9517 Hinton Drive. Call Richard Woods Real Estate Services. 619-347-9866.

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SERRA MESA. \$2100. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Swimming pool, enclosed patio, dishwasher, fireplace, hardwood floors, washer/dryer hookups, parking, close to 805. 18 month lease. Available end December. 858-565-2638.

SERRA MESA. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-car garage, fireplace, large fenced yard with gardener. Close to I-805. No smoking. Pet on approval. 858-749-3070.

SERRA MESA. Super cute home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. All pets welcome. New washer/dryer/carpet/hardwood. Backyard. \$2300. Must rent! Call for pictures. 858-692-4321.

SOLANA BEACH. \$1300. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage in a lavish garden setting. Wood floors, skylight, own washer/dryer. No dogs. 210 North Cedros Avenue. 858-395-9942. 858-756-9941.

SOUTH BAY/IMPERIAL BEACH. \$2300. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry hookups, fenced yard, 2-car garage. Pet negotiable. Move-in special! 619-423-7439.

SOUTH PARK. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 garages. On quiet cul-de-sac canyon. Wood floors, large deck, great light. Available January 1. \$2500. Call 619-840-0071.

SOUTH PARK. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with fenced yard in quiet neighborhood. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, bright. Newly remodeled. Washer/dryer. Walk to park, businesses. Pets ok. \$1600. 858-335-3566.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1450. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Family room. Large fenced yard, patio. Washer/dryer, 2 car garage. 531 Hotz Street. 619-281-0030.

SPRING VALLEY. \$2100/month. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home available, immaculate in and out, 1638', 2-car garage, no pets, no section 8. 10486 Moorpark Street. Call 619-461-5800.

SPRING VALLEY. Must see! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Huge home with big backyard. New carpet and paint. All appliances. Quiet street. \$1595. 619-886-2782.

SPRING VALLEY. Old 2 bedroom, 1 bath flat. Utilities and cable include. Refrigerator, stove, stackable washer/dryer. No yard or garage. \$975/month. 619-303-4292; 619-808-3386.

SPRING VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage, laundry hookups, new carpet/paint, fenced yard, extra storage. \$1450/rent. \$1450/deposit. Pets OK. Teresa, 619-972-6870, 619-660-9200.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1600. Spanish beauty. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 story, 2-car

garage. No pets allowed. Beautiful neighborhood, views, on cul-de-sac. Agent, 858-815-7368; www.sandiegobestrentals.com.

TALMADGE/KENSINGTON. \$1880. Great house. Living room, fireplace, dining room, new kitchen, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Jacuzzi, deck, private backyard, garage. Small pets. 619-286-0148.

TIERRASANTA. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. \$2350. 2200+ square feet, quiet cul-de-sac, fireplace, panoramic/sunset views, jacuzzi, 2-car garage, nice yard, gardener, dishwasher. No pets. No smoking. 619-895-3006.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman home. Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer. Large kitchen. Off-street parking. 4019 Alabama Street. 619-246-6807.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Private yard. Pet OK. Carport, hardwood floor, tile kitchen and bath. Quiet neighborhood. Utah, north of Adams. 619-255-4163.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Craftsman house. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer, new paint, garage, backyard. 4558 Texas Street. 858-735-3783.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1000. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Private yard and garage. \$1000 security deposit, no pets. 925-631-0594 or e-mail: rmtscanlan@aol.com.

VISTA. \$1395. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. All appliances. Washer/dryer, fireplace, fenced yard, private entrances to all rooms. Off Escondido Avenue. Available now. 760-271-1782.

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APARTMENTS / CONDOS

ALLIED GARDENS/MISSION VALLEY. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1144 square feet, lower unit, 5543 Adobe Falls #6. For pictures, go to www.TheEquityCompany.com. 619-528-2337.

ALLIED GARDENS. Huge 800' square 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Back house with separate entrance, kitchen, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors. \$1100/month, free cable! 619-582-0740.

ALPINE. \$1045. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No deposit OAC! Fireplace. Balcony. Pool/spa. Laundry facilities. Small pet on approval. Available 12/15. 1434 Marshall Road. 619-445-2669.

BALBOA PARK. Clean, quiet, furnished studios from \$59/day or \$210/week. Private bath, shower, microwave, refrigerator, phone, cable TV. Air conditioning, laundry, barbecue. Weekly maid service. Downtown/Banker's Hill location near trolley/bus/freeway. Ideal affordable, short-term stays. 1840 4th Avenue. 619-236-1600. www.sdreader.com/rent/2037.

BALBOA PARK. Gorgeous bright 1 bedroom condo, golf course view with balcony. Cathedral ceiling, fireplace, complete security. Covered and secure parking. Refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Huge attic storage. Lease required. \$1275. 3 car garage is included. Harvey 619-233-1301.

BALBOA PARK, WEST. \$935. Nice upper 1 bedroom. Attractive older complex, well-arranged interior. Hardwood floors, ample closets, move-in condition. Patio, laundry. Available now. 619-670-0624.

BALBOA PARK. \$1450. 3 bedroom. Deluxe fireplace. Carport. Gated access. Laundry. Across from zoo and Prado. No pets. Available 1/8/05. 619-299-1530.

BALBOA PARK, EAST. \$699. Large studio. Hardwood floors, new appliances, new kitchen and bathroom floors. 2034 30th Street. 619-813-8853.

BALBOA PARK. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Immaculate, bright upstairs apartment. Beautiful new carpet. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Garage. Laundry. Controlled access. Peaceful location in Morely Field. No pets. 3736 Arnold Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-296-8802.

BANKER'S HILL. Live like Gatsby! \$675-\$1400. Furnished/unfurnished rooms, studios, 1 bedroom apartments. Available in unique reflection of Americana. Amenities: expanded cable, HBO, some private parking, storage units, planned common library, rooftop barbecue deck, laundry. City, harbor views. Utilities paid. No pets.

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BANKER'S HILL. Studio, \$740. Laundry, parking, classic Spanish building. 2003 Second Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

BANKER'S HILL. \$675. Small studio apartment. All utilities paid. Laundry, 2142 Fifth Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

BANKER'S HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$790-\$890. Studios, hardwood floors, pet-friendly, 1/2-month free rent, 2311 Fourth Avenue. Ask for Linda or Mike, 619-260-1262.

BANKER'S HILL. \$675. Efficiency 1 bedroom. All utilities paid. 619-234-7572.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1195. Renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors. New kitchen. Small, gated community, laundry. Cats/dogs under 20lbs. OK. Available 1/1/05. 2058 Second Avenue. 818-989-9929.

BANKER'S HILL. \$750, Studio, \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Cozy, near Downtown, hardwood floors, laundry, cat OK. 345 Laurel Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

BANKER'S HILL. 1 bedrooms, \$1000, includes all utilities. Remodeled distinctive historic building. Original hardwood floors. Laundry facilities on every floor. Controlled security access. Quick stroll to Balboa Park. No dogs. Ask about our move-in special! Must see! 619-235-5601.

BANKER'S HILL. \$600. Lovely remodeled studio. Classic building designed by Gill. Gas included. Laundry in building. Near bus. No pets. 619-280-5177.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1125. Beautiful, large, remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Oak floors. Coved ceiling. Appliances. Some harbor view. Laundry in building. In flight path. 619-280-5177.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1095. Beautiful spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex apartment. Private patio, hardwood floors, stackable washer/dryer. Over 900 square feet! Views of the bay. Available 1/15/05. 619-865-6699.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1195. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, balcony. Pet OK. 314 and W. Hawthorn. Upstairs/downstairs. 619-820-6035. www.coastpm.com.

BANKER'S HILL. From \$950, 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. From \$1250, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Great storage. Secured parking included. Laundry on site. 619-239-7313.

BANKER'S HILL. \$695. Cozy 1 bedroom apartment in old Victorian house. On-site laundry, 2330 Union Street. Monthly rental. No pets. Xlarent.com, 858-492-8744.

BANKER'S HILL/DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Small condo complex. All new kitchen and bathroom. Hardwood floors. Available now. \$1500/month. 619-237-1364.

BANKER'S HILL. \$875. 1 bedroom apartment and \$750 studio. Great location. Laundry, view. 130 Grape. Manager, 120 Grape. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

BANKER'S HILL. Condo with amazing view! \$1950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1037 Square foot. 2 Car garage. Gated. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Refrigerator, dish washer, balcony. Must see! www.century21award.com.

BANKER'S HILL/HILLCREST. Studio, \$695 and 1 bedroom, \$925. 2027 Front Street #1 and 2011 Front Street #9. 1/2 month free, 6-month lease. Views! Laundry. No dogs. 619-459-1781.

BANKER'S HILL. \$875. 1 bedroom. Canyon views. Small complex. Laundry. Controlled access. Cat accepted, 3102 First Avenue. Call 619-299-7727. See website: www.sreader.com/rent/1015.

BANKER'S HILL. \$895. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath home with new carpet, vinyl, paint and more! Located in a restored 1920s building with private balcony and laundry on site. 1964 Fifth Avenue. 619-239-2972. www.msblrowar.com.

BANKER'S HILL. \$720. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$525 deposit. Garden setting. Near all. 2037 2nd Avenue. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, underground parking, telephone entry, washer/dryer in unit. Reserved parking. 2825 Third Avenue. 619-233-4182.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1250/month. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath Victorian apartment. Bright, sunny, beautifully landscaped. 2440 Front Street. Credit check required. 619-233-9251, 619-316-2268.

BANKER'S HILL/HILLCREST. \$1750. Brand new luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Marble, granite, and all stainless steel appliances. Laundry in-unit. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Secured building. Easy freeway access. 3 minutes to Gaslamp. Adjacent to Balboa Park. Walk to shops, restaurants, bars. 619-295-4609.

BAY HO. Ask about move-in special! Studio apartments, \$750. 1 bedrooms, \$900. 2 bedrooms, \$1250. Easy freeway access. Covered parking. Minutes to beach, bay, restaurants, shopping. Newly remodeled. Lush landscaping. Pool and spa. 24-hour fitness center. Gas barbecues, picnic area. Pacific Bay Club, 4070 Huertano Avenue. For details, 858-273-3401.

BAY PARK. \$1290/month-Half off first month! 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath 2-story condo. Cat OK, parking. Available now, 6-month lease. Pool, clubhouse. Gail, 619-994-4245.

BAY PARK. 1 bedroom (studio), \$750, utilities included! Lease, \$500 deposit. Behind very quiet private home with view, patio. No smoke/pets. 619-275-2202 or kk6622@sbcglobal.net.

BAY PARK. \$795, includes utilities, cable! Furnished 1 bedroom. Separate en-

trance in tri-level home. Cul-de-sac. Washer/dryer. Quiet area. New ceramic tiles, new bed. 858-272-1594.

BAY PARK. \$1000. Utilities included! Recently remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Indoor cat OK. 2553 Chicago. 619-275-5329.

BAY PARK. \$1200. Utilities included! 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit with partial bay view. Indoor cat OK. 2553 Chicago. 619-275-5329.

BAY PARK. \$850, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$975, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Close to Mission Bay Park/freeway. Fresh, clean. On-site laundry. Pets OK. 619-276-0606.

BAY PARK. 1 bedroom at \$850 in beautifully maintained property. No pets! Open house Saturday 12-2pm, 2525 Chicago Street. www.debonair.info, 619-405-7200.

BAY PARK. \$850-\$900 month to month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, pool. 2556 Chicago Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

BAY PARK. 2 bedroom at \$1100 in beautifully maintained property. No pets! Open house Saturday 12-2pm, 2525 Chicago Street. www.debonair.info, 619-405-7200.

BONITA. \$1000-\$1050. Luxury 2 bedroom, 1 deluxe bath in beautiful view property of Bonita Valley. Central air conditioning. Fireplace. Covered parking. Extra storage. Pool/spa. 5151 Robinwood Road. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-470-6693.

BONITA. Villas De Bonita. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, refrigerator included, balcony, fireplace, storage, pool, 1-car garage, great location, near golf course, shopping centers. 619-200-1635.

CARDIFF. \$1785. Ocean lagoon view 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. 1250 square feet. Near beach. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. 2416 Caminito Ocean Cove. 760-942-2597.

CARDIFF. \$1800. Pets OK! 2 bedroom plus office, 2 bath townhome. Nice yard, canyon view, fireplace, hardwood floors, refrigerator, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. 619-540-4652.

CARDIFF. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$2050. Duplex. Unbelievable ocean view! Move-in special: \$500 off 1st month's rent! New wood flooring, new blinds and ceiling fans. Wood deck with unbelievable ocean view. 2-car garage and washer/dryer. Close to shopping, restaurants and freeway access. Pet friendly! Must see! 2210 Edinburg. 858-571-1970. www.sunriseliving.com.

CARDIFF. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, \$2150, utilities included. Blocks from beach, shops. Ocean view, beautiful, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, gardener. 760-230-2065.

CARDIFF. Studio, \$900/month, \$600 deposit, spacious credit report. 354 square feet. Full kitchen. Bath. Balcony. Park view. Off street parking. No pets. Quiet. Craig, 760-942-2551.

CARLSBAD. \$1600/month. Flexible rental terms. Upgraded 2 bedroom plus den/office, 2 bath townhome. Gated community with pool and spa. David, 858-229-4770.

CARLSBAD. Up to 1-1/2 month free! Brand new gated 1, 2, 3 bedroom townhomes! Ocean, lagoon views! From \$1435. \$199 deposit! New appliances, washer/dryer. Computer niches, Internet. Central air. Patios/balconies. Sports club. 2 pools, spas. Barbecues. Archstone Pacific View, 5162 Whitman Way. 1-866-716-0704. www.sreader.com/rent/2087.

CARLSBAD. \$1600. 4 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. 1452 square feet. 3475 Roosevelt Avenue #2. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

CARLSBAD. Now renting! Studio and 1 bedrooms. Beautiful, gated, garden community with pool and on-site manager. Close to shopping/freeways. Sunriseliving.com, call for an appointment at 760-729-5830.

CARLSBAD. \$1450. Single-level 2 bedroom, 2 bath with 1-car garage, 1 space and storage. Washer/dryer in unit. Pool and spa. 3205 Costa Alta Drive #92. No pets, no smoking. Broker, 858-481-8185. www.TheLaskers.com.

CARLSBAD. \$1495. Beautiful new 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, 2-car garage, pool and recreation room. Includes washer/dryer, refrigerator, no pets. 858-720-0706 or 858-335-9836.

CARLSBAD. \$1750. 2 bedroom (masters), 2.5 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, air conditioning. Private patio. Pets considered with deposit. Year lease, available 1/1/05. 760-807-3199.

CARLSBAD. 2 bedrooms from \$1240. Holiday surprise, and it's not plum pudding! Charming, intimate community with babbling brook, fireplace, appliances, pool and spa. 2 blocks to beach and village. 327 Walnut. 760-729-2155. www.rasnyder.com.

CARLSBAD. \$1180. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome with large patios. Clean garden complex, 2 blocks to Tamarack Beach. No pets. 370 Chincupin Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management, 760-729-8132.

CARLSBAD/VILLAGE. \$1,220, luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Near beach, Coaster. Gated community. Like new! Microwave, laundry on-site. No pets. 760-720-0849, 760-214-2894.

CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE, SOUTH. \$1500/\$1100. Walk to ocean, lagoon/trees. Balcony, privacy, quiet, bright, 1000-square-foot 2 bedroom apartment. Garage available. No smoking/dogs. 699 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE. \$875. South of Vista Way, walk to ocean. Quiet, bright, newer decor. Older, charming 1 bedroom apartment. No pets/smoking. 701 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH. Windham \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, living and family rooms, fireplace, pool, view. 2-car attached garage, like new. Poway Schools. 503-650-3647.

CARMEL VALLEY. Brand new! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-level townhome. 2-car garage. Fenced yard, pool, spa. Near shopping, restaurants, theater. \$2990. Available February 2005. no pets. Agent 619-370-7103.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Garage, pool, jacuzzi, refrigerator, microwave, barbecue area, washer/dryer, private patio. No smoking. Elysian complex. 760-753-4573, 858-793-6782.

CARMEL VALLEY. New luxury 3 bedroom Regents Square, 2000 square feet, granite, stainless steel, fireplace, Jacuzzi tub, washer/dryer, pool, spa. \$2390 introductory rate! 619-249-4279.

CARMEL VALLEY. Looking for affordable luxury living? 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1150! Move-in specials! Quiet! Near Del Mar beaches, shopping, easy freeway access, award winning schools! Free tennis, swimming lessons! Washer/dryer. Covered parking. Fitness center. Pool. No pets. Club Torry Pines, 12646 Torrey Bluff Drive. 1-866-354-2096. www.sreader.com/rent/2106.

CARMEL VALLEY. Condominium with 2 master bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths. Unfinished, 2-car garage with washer/dryer. Maple and carpeted floors. Immaculate. No pets. \$1795/month. 858-509-1242.

CARMEL VALLEY. Brand new! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 3-level townhome. 2-car garage. Fenced yard, pool, spa. Near shopping, restaurants, theater. \$2850. Available immediately. Agent, 619-370-7103.

CARMEL VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome. 1100 square feet. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Hardwood. Small, private complex. \$1850, \$1500 deposit. Available 1/1/05. 619-435-8123.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1700. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. 1-car garage. Pool, tennis court, near shops. No pets. 619-300-8385.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$2100. Remodeled townhome, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, garage, fenced patio. Washer/dryer, fireplace. Close to beach, 5, 56. Tennis courts, spa, pool. 619-410-3192.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1900. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. 2-car garage. Pet OK. 12764 Via Nieve. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR HEIGHTS. \$1500. Totally private suite in large, luxury home, includes 15x15 living room/dining area. Plus bedroom, office and full bath: all private. Includes kitchen privileges. Free utilities, cable and Internet. Available 1/4/05. Call Bob, 858-792-6300.

CASA DE ORO. \$995. Ask about move-in specials! 2 bedroom apartment. Spacious floor plans. Refrigerator. Range. Dishwasher. Disposal. Pool/spa. Park-like setting. Close to shopping. At foot of Mount Helix. 3917 Conrad Drive. Open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, Saturdays. Call Jackie, 619-697-6323.

CASA DE ORO. 2 bedroom, 1 bath luxury cottage located in the heart of Conrad Villas Apartments. 1200 square feet. Next to pool. Lots of extras. Call Jackie, 619-697-6323.

CASA DE ORO. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath spacious condos. Great location, upstairs, air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups. Must see! 3939 N. Bonita. 619-741-4145 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. View of lagoon. All appliances plus air conditioning. Access to 2 pools. Available. Beautiful location! 619-884-0254.

CHULA VISTA. Starting \$795, including garage. Large 1 bedroom apartment, walk-in closets, laundry on site. Pool, jacuzzi, gas grill, park-like setting. 619-425-0670.

CHULA VISTA. \$740-\$950. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. \$400 deposit. Refrigerator, stove, microwave. Off-street parking. Freeway close. 619-425-6460.

CHULA VISTA. \$1000/up plus deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath units available. Pool, laundry. Section 8 OK. Se habla español. Manager, apartment Q. 619-427-6550.

CHULA VISTA. \$1850/month. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, brand new home. 1500 square feet, 2-car garage. Fenced patio, Sun-bow, close to 805. Agent, 760-703-0100.

CHULA VISTA, NORTH. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1050. Beautiful courtyard building near village. Sorry, no pets. 122 3rd Avenue. 619-426-5233. www.WexfordLiving.com.

CHULA VISTA. \$100 move-in special! \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 baths, pool, laundry, gated parking, newly remodeled. No pets. Call 619-933-8847.

CHULA VISTA. \$100 move-in special! Extra large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, ceiling fans, dishwasher, pool, laundry room. 433 D Street. Call 619-691-9415.

CHULA VISTA. \$100+ move-in special. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all utilities paid. Laundry, barbecue, pool, \$750. 556-60 Arizona Street. 619-691-9415. www.melroypropties.com.

CHULA VISTA. \$1050. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated, central air/heat, dishwasher, balcony, laundry, off-street parking. Available now. Deposit \$600. No pets. 619-425-6511.

CHULA VISTA. \$795. 1 bedroom, upper unit. On-site laundry, off-street parking, 238 Davidson Street (between 2nd and Del Mar). 858-598-1111 x193. Utopiamanagement.com.

CHULA VISTA. \$875. Bright, beautiful, quiet 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Everything new. Free broadband internet. Private backyard. Carport. Small pets considered, except dogs. Nonsmoking. 249 Elder. 619-322-6651.

CHULA VISTA. \$750. Utilities included! Cute 1 bedroom, upper or lower unit available. Laundry on site. Parking. Great neighborhood, minutes to everything! Move-in special! 318 G Street. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

CHULA VISTA. Move-in special! \$695 and up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, pool, parking. 600 square feet. No pets. Pepperwood Apartments. \$400 deposit. 657 Sea Vale Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

CHULA VISTA. \$725/month. \$150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$1300. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1-car attached garage. All appliances, washer/dryer, air conditioning. Gated community. 619-271-3113 or 619-723-7052.

CHULA VISTA. 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms from \$875. Free 1st month's rent! Open house: Saturday/Sunday 9am-3pm. Beautifully renovated apartments, conveniently located near downtown Chula Vista, close to dining/shopping. Pool, parking, on-site laundry. Office open daily. 515 Glover Avenue. 619-476-6659. www.rasnyder.com.

CHULA VISTA/OTAY RANCH. \$1650. Brand new townhome. Silversage Development. 3 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath. Each bedroom has its own bath. Pool, spa. Call Val, 619-507-2613.

CHULA VISTA. Move-in special—1/2 off deposit! \$1425. Large, upgraded 3 bed-

room, 2 bath condo with dishwasher, washer/dryer hookups, garage and community amenities! 554 Telegraph Canyon Road #G. Agent, 619-886-4115; 619-843-3505.

CHULA VISTA, EAST. Beautiful Otay Ranch townhome. Never lived in! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 1850 square feet. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. 1555 Caminito Zaragoza. \$1800. 619-409-8552.

CITY HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, washer/dryer, gardener, garage, off-street parking, pets OK. \$1500/month. 619-405-9650.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story townhouse with garage. Laundry hookups. Fresh paint, balcony. No pets. Section 8 OK. Agent, 619-741-4378.

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CITY HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Pets welcome. Fenced patio/yard. 3724 40th Street. Call toll free, 24-hour details: 866-202-6045 x60.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$800/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled, all new fixtures, finishes, and appliances. Move-in special! Gated, secure parking. 4058 51st Street. Se habla español. 619-280-8167.

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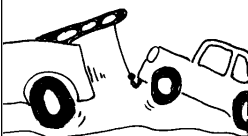
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HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$825. Spacious 1 bedroom in well-maintained 1920s building. Clean, quiet, new paint and carpet. No dogs. Nonsmoking. Available about 12/18. 619-291-0147.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spectacular view of bay, airport. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry, pet considered, nonsmoking. 2516 Union. Frank, 619-295-4270.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1050. Bright, cheerful 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with brand new paint and carpet. This charming upper apartment features a dining area and large closets. A garage is included. 4384-1/2 Louisiana Street. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Very clean. New carpets, paint. Great location. Close to all. Quiet. Fountain. Gated building. Laundry. 619-298-2802.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$895. 2 bedroom duplex. Spanish courtyard setting. Hardwood floors, garage, laundry facilities. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. 1 bedroom, \$950. Extra-large unit. Huge private patio. Security building. Laundry. Parking. Quiet. 4063 Albatross. 619-683-9380.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$850. 1 bedroom cottage/duplex in Spanish courtyard. Hardwood floors, balcony, prime, convenient location, antique

charm. 1732-1/2 Meade Street. 619-293-7426.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1100. Downstairs, quiet, parking, laundry. No dogs. 1/2 month free, 6-month lease. 4584 North Avenue #1. Agent, 619-471-2216.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry. Good location! Cat OK. 4430 North Avenue. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1095. Sunny upper half of Victorian house. New carpet. Cat OK. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in attractive gated building near UCSD Medical Center. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-692-1837.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1045. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Cute tiled kitchen and bath, walk-in closet! Laundry, parking on site. Very quiet. 3620 Georgia. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 2 bath totally remodeled. New kitchen/baths, Pergo floors, great private patio, off-street parking, washer/dryer, excellent location. Available. 3842 Dove. 619-247-8516.

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IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom townhouses and ground floor units available. Steps to beach! Ocean and mountain views, fireplace, community pool. \$1095-\$1500. Agent. Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, secured parking. 823 13th Street. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeeccompany.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1189 Ebony Avenue. Available December. Upstairs. Cat OK. Off street parking. Laundry facilities. www.homes4rent.com. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2-story townhome style apartment. New carpet, paint, laundry on-site. Off-street parking. 732 Calla Avenue. Jim, 619-435-0145.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$825. Deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Very nice property with courtyard. Pool. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management. 619-575-0778.

KENSINGTON. \$975/month. 1 bedroom, newly renovated condo in small, secure building. Air conditioned, parking, laundry onsite. 4360 42nd Street. Call 619-546-0621.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. \$1040. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Nice, newer building. Washer/dryer included, fireplace, carport. No pets. 4452 Highland Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

KENSINGTON. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great neighborhood, 9-month lease, gas paid. 5107 Marlborough. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

LA COSTA. \$1395. Beautiful, spacious 2 master bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, garage and washer/dryer. Gated, pool, spa, tennis, parklike views. Maxine, 858-204-0632.

LA COSTA. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, two story. 1450 square feet. Laundry room. Appliances, upgrades. Patio/balcony, views. Pets OK. imranclark@hotmail.com. Must see! 858-336-5575.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. 1/2 off first month! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1300. Quiet community, upstairs unit, vaulted ceilings. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Available now. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1275-\$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Prestigious La Costa community with views of golf course. Amenities include washer/dryer. Fireplace and central air conditioning with each apartment. 2385 Carina Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful view complex

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LA JOLLA VILLAGE Square. \$1850. Near UCSD, west of I-5. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage. Dishwasher, washer/dryer. Pool/spa. Pets OK. 858-204-0493.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Must see! Quiet, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. Block to Prospect. 7757 Eads. 858-597-6100 x321 and 619-818-1188.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE Tennis Club tri-level condo. Near UTC. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New carpet. Hardwood. Fireplace. Laundry. 2-car garage. Great location! \$1995. 602-549-2279.

LA JOLLA. \$1400. 2 bedroom. \$350 off! Walk to UCSD, shops. Balcony. Garden window. No pets. Available now. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive #11. 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$2650. Tri-level townhouse with 2-car garage, pool, spa and tennis in complex. Younie Company Real Estate, Charles, 858-454-3023.

LA JOLLA. \$2000, utilities included. Oceans views! Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood, tile throughout. Dishwasher, double oven. Extra closets/storage! Garage, pool, laundry. 818-384-5259.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Amazing location 1 block to ocean in heart of Village on Prospect! Kitchen with appliances. Walk-in closet, laundry. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

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LA JOLLA. \$2550. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1550-square-foot townhome. Fireplace, balcony, dishwasher, washer/dryer. 2-car parking in garage. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856. www.booneproperties.com.

LA JOLLA. \$960. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 2-car carport, cat OK, refrigerator, stove. Free. See quest search at: www.sdrrentals.com. 858-272-7368.

LA JOLLA. The Casa's community of premier apartments. South La Jolla coastal location, steps to beautiful white, sandy beach. Ocean view from select apartments. All with spacious floor plans and balcony. Sparkling pool and spa. Controlled access and night watchman for your comfort. 1 bedrooms at \$1315. 2 bedrooms at \$1795. Stunning 3 bedroom penthouse at \$2500. Sorry, no pets. Call 619-405-4200. www.casahermosa.info.

LA JOLLA. \$1800. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, wood floors, 1-car garage. Call Charles at Younie Company Real Estate, 858-454-3023.

LA JOLLA. \$900. Studio, charming, minutes from beach, on-site laundry, 396 Kolmar #3. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$1175. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 7307 La Jolla Blvd. Includes single car garage, yard and patio. Year lease. No pets. 858-232-3027.

LA JOLLA. In Village. \$1845. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. Gated entry. 7601 Eads. Open Saturday 12/11, 10-11am. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-699-3851 or 858-454-4209.

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LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath ground floor apartment. Close to beach. Private patio. Coin laundry. Parking. No pets. 6043 La Jolla Hermosa. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA/MT. SOLEDAD. \$2500. Townhome, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, pool/spa, fireplace, quiet planned community, single level. 858-459-2059 or page 858-494-2083.

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LA MESA. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors, newly remodeled kitchen, crown moldings, private yard, hot tub, washer/dryer. 619-246-1172.

LA MESA. \$100+ move-in special. Beautiful complex! 1 bedroom, \$695. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury apartment for \$950. \$500 deposit. Upgraded units with pool, dishwasher, gated, air conditioning, laundry on site. Assigned parking. Carports available. 7481 Mohawk Street. Call 619-466-6149.

LA MESA. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Cable, water and SDG&E paid. Beautiful views. 7998 El Capitan Drive #B. American Heritage Properties, 858-695-9400.

LA MESA. \$850. Clean 1 bedroom. New appliances, new carpets. Fresh paint. Shared patio. Quiet neighborhood. Near Grossmont Center. Call 619-465-8258.

LA MESA. \$1125. 3 bedroom duplex. Washer/dryer hookups, courtyard setting.

Water and trash included. Small indoor pet OK. 4954 Commanche Drive. 858-598-1111 x193. utopiamanagement.com.

LA MESA. \$1125. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Gated complex, parking. Elevator. View of beautifully landscaped courtyard. Laundry room. Spa. Cat OK. Extra large studio also available, \$760. Utilities included. 619-464-5592.

LA MESA. \$1100. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Downstairs, large patio, yard, storage room, laundry hook-ups. Cat OK. 8428 Sunrise Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

LA MESA. \$730. Studio. \$860. 1 bedroom, \$1050. 2 bedroom. Low deposits. Carport space, storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Large grand room downstairs. 2-car garage. Community pool. Small front yard. Great view. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with 2-car garage. 4782 Garfield Street #J. Call Bob Cota Realty 619-465-9934 for details.

LA MESA. \$1250. Very large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool. Carport. Laundry facilities. 8600 Lemaon Avenue. Ask about great move-in special! 619-466-1532.

LA MESA. \$925. 2 bedroom, with garage, balcony, \$600 off! Dishwasher. Blinds. Intercom entry. Laundry. 4311 Parks Avenue. 619-460-5406.

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LA MESA. \$895. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath in courtyard setting. Excellent condition. No pets. Ask about holiday special! 3717 69th Street. Open Sunday 12/12, 11am-1pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-583-0575.

LA MESA. \$800. Low deposit! 1 bedroom, 1 bath spacious apartment homes. Quiet, peaceful living within lush, beautiful landscaping and wide open spaces. Excellent location, sparkling heated pools, soothing spas, lighted tennis court. Water, trash, recycling included in rent. No pets. Baltimore Properties, 5353 Baltimore Drive. 619-466-8517. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2074.

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LA MESA. 2 bedroom, luxury apartments, fireplace, laundry hookups, patio/balcony, pool, spa, gated/covered parking. 5519 Lake Murray Boulevard. For pricing, 619-698-7600.

LA MESA. Beautiful, peaceful La Mesa location. Studio, \$760. Junior, \$795. 1 bedroom, \$920/up. Ask about move-in special! Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Laundry. Gym. Patio or balcony. Covered parking. Clubhouse, pool, spa, sauna. VillaSangriaApts@att.net. Villa Sangria Apartments. 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. www.sdrreader.com/rent/1002. 619-462-1633.

LA MESA. Free, free, free rent! Quiet community with large, airy rooms with spectacular La Mesa views. Cat friendly.

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LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. \$1200. Mint upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath, over 1054 square feet. Small complex. Pool, recreation room. 6927 Amherst #11. www.TheEquityCompany.com. 619-528-2337.

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ing and garage, laundry facilities, short walk to beach. 1717 Vulcan Avenue. See habla espanol. 760-632-6330.

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LINDA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhouses, \$950-\$1050. Great location, assigned parking, private backyards. Deposit same as rent. No pets. 2451 Ulric Street. Move-in special! Call for an appointment. 858-278-3610.

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LINDA VISTA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Dishwasher, parking, storage. No pets. 3262 Ashford Street. 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

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LOGAN HEIGHTS. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Washer/dryer hookups. Large secure backyard. Off street parking. 1 month security. 307 South 31st Street. 619-885-1706.

MESA COLLEGE. 2 bedroom, 2 bath top floor condo, washer/dryer/trash chute same floor, private balcony with planter boxes, 2 parking, Jacuzzi, pool. \$1125/month. 619-518-1774.

MIRA MESA. Creekside. \$975. Large 1 bedroom. Washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, spa. New carpet and paint. I-15 at Carroll Canyon. Available now. 760-789-6610.

MIRA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath bottom unit in well-located complex. Pool/spa and laundry facilities. Great location. \$1000/month, \$500 deposit. Pets negotiable. Call 619-518-3442.

MIRA MESA. \$1250. Bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with balcony. Nice view. Well-maintained property near shopping and library. Appliances, laundry, pool/spa. No pets. 858-245-9079.

MIRA MESA. \$1450. Open Saturday, 12/4, 12pm-3pm. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, pet on approval, washer/dryer and refrigerator, patio, storage. 10559 Caminito Westchester. 858-220-1455.

MIRA MESA. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Highridge community. Great unit with patio, pool, jacuzzi. 10734 Dabney Drive #63. 858-598-1111 x190. www.utopiamanagement.com.

MIRA MESA. \$825. \$750 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove refrigerator, private patio, off-street parking, on-site laundry. 8767 Mira Mesa Boulevard #4. 619-804-3325.

MIRA MESA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer in unit, dishwasher, microwave, reserved covered parking. Very clean. No pets. Available now. 858-945-1914.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1975. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. Very bright with large picture windows. Garage plus plenty of parking. Steps to beach/bay, Island County. Year lease. Bettie, 619-307-0071.

MISSION BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom duplex steps to beach and bay with garage included. Second-story unit. Tenants share private courtyard. Will consider cat. Located on bayside of Island Court. Drive by 817-1/2 Island Court. Please do not disturb current tenants. Move-in special: Take occupancy by January 5 and receive \$200 off first month's rent. Rent plus \$700 moves you in. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

MISSION BEACH. \$765. Immaculate studio steps to sand. Second-story unit. Assigned off-street parking, laundry. Will consider cat. 3600 Mission Boulevard #13 (near Niantic Court). Move-in special: Take occupancy by January 5, receive \$200 off first month. Rent plus \$400 moves you in. Larry, 858-537-2262.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$675. Small studio plus garage. No pets. New carpet/paint. Share parking/courtyard. Quiet. Walk to beach. 747-1/2 Avalon Court. Agent, 619-275-3455.

MISSION BEACH. \$1400. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex on Island Court, parking garage, appliances, kitchen/dining/living room, walk to beach. Pets OK. 619-429-8123.

MISSION BEACH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 blocks from beach/bay. New paint/carpet. Affordable housing income requirements. \$975/month rent includes utilities, \$800 deposit. Leave message, 858-459-6670.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo on beach/bay with view. 1 year lease. No pets/smoking. 1 parking space. 858-273-4840.

MISSION BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom. Super clean, 1/2 block to beach. Quiet. Reserved parking. Year-round. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-539-0927 or 858-488-1632.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1700. Sunny, bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath, tastefully furnished apartment, all redone, hardwood floors, steps to sand, all appliances, parking. 760-632-1755.

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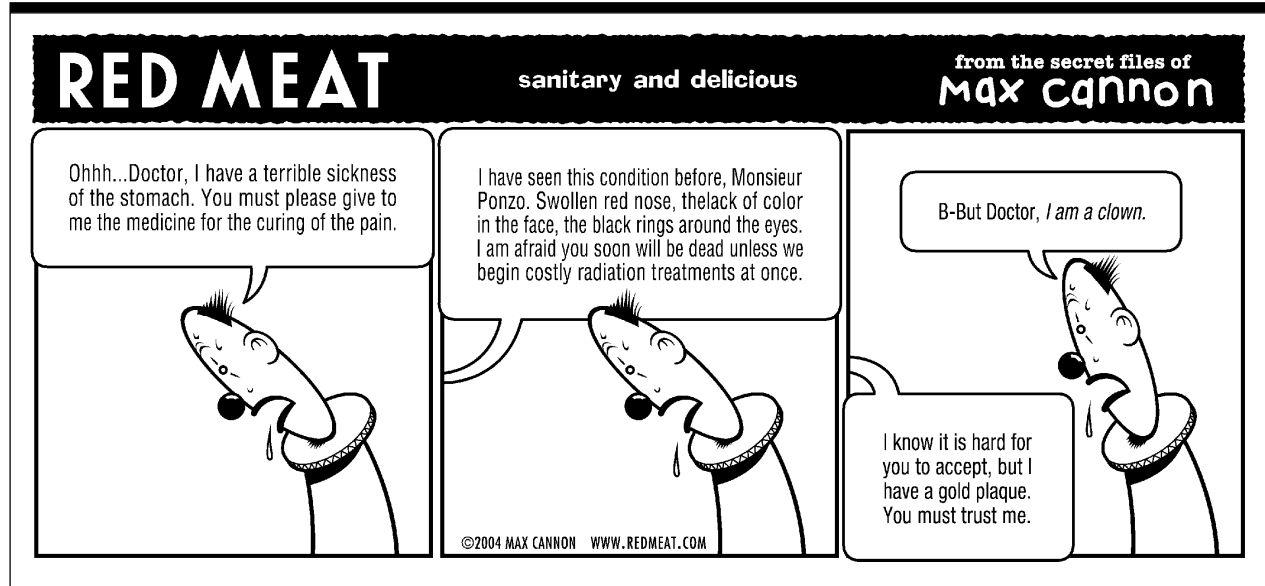
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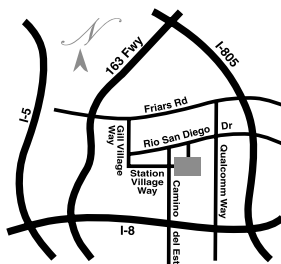
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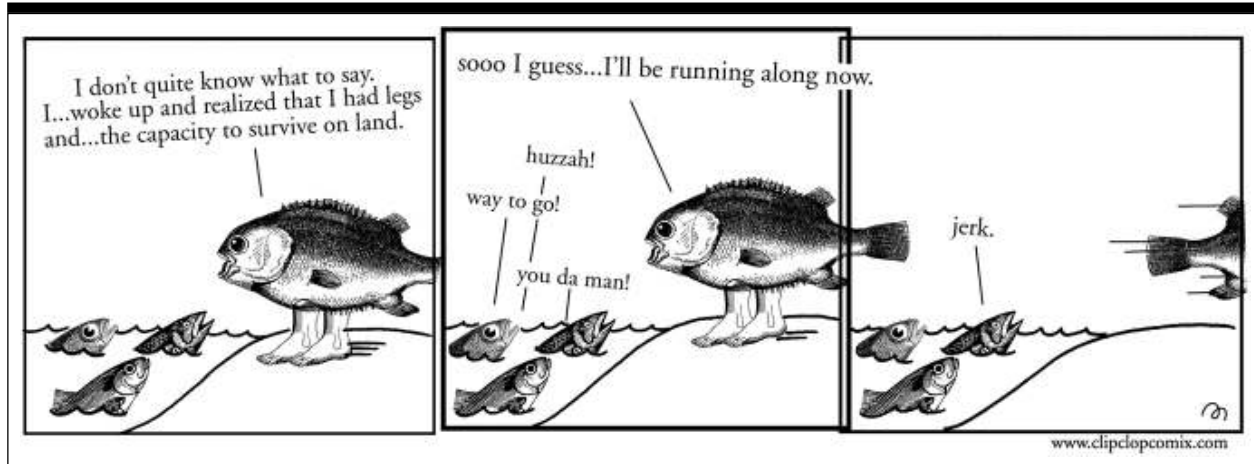
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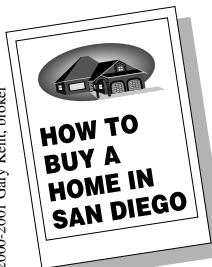
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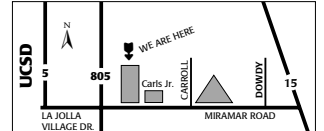
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GARAGE SALES

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BANKER'S HILL/HILLCREST, garage sale. Rain make up day! Saturday-Sunday, 12/11-12/12, 9am-2pm. Upscale household items, furniture, clothes. 3436 6th Avenue.

BANKER'S HILL, Estate sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 12/11. Dining tables, chairs, bookcases, housewares. Bring a truck, 2700 block of First Avenue, north of Nutmeg.

CARDIFF, Garage sale. Saturday, 12/11, 7am-2pm. Not to be missed! Housewares, appliances, mattress, etc. 859 Sandcastle Drive (North County).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Holiday crafts and gifts. Saturday, 12/11, 10am-2pm. Foothills Church, 315 W. Bradley, El Cajon, 92020.

CLAIREMONT, two-family sale. Saturday, 12/11, 7am-11am. Toys, children's clothes, Christmas items, aquariums and filters, sporting gear, telecom racks and panels. 4371 Chelford Street.

CLAIREMONT, Huge multifamily moving sale. Saturday, 12/11, 8am-11am. Furniture, clothes, household items. 5032 Millwood Road.

CLAIREMONT, Garage sale. Saturday, 12/11, 9am-5pm and Sunday, 12/12,

9am-3pm. Antiques, collectibles, militia. 30 years of treasures. All must go! 4323 Mt. Castle.

DOWNTOWN, Architectural estate sale. Saturday, 12/11, 9am. Art, antiques and office furniture. Everything must go! All day. 1025 15th Street.

EL CAJON, Rummage sale. 7am-1pm, Saturday, 12/11. Furniture, clothes, electronics, collectibles, kids' bikes. Meridian Elementary School, 651 South Third, 92019.

ENCINITAS, Moving sale. 8am-sunset, Saturday, 12/11. Everything must go! Furniture, clothes, kitchen items, sports equipment and more. 1075 Cornish Drive.

HILLCREST, garage sale. Saturday, 12/11, 10am-5pm. Original art on canvas, paper prints, CDs, DVDs, movies, 1984 Olympic posters, computer parts. 1935 Polk Avenue, in alley.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL, moving sale. Sunday, 12/12, 6:30am-12pm. Microwave, lamps, carpets, bookcases, bike, file cabinets, breakfast nook, wind-surfer, tables, dividers, full-size bed, couch. 3435 First Avenue.

LA JOLLA, Multifamily yard sale. Saturday, 12/11, 8am-12pm. Home electronics, household appliances, unopened toys, jewelry, clothing, more. 437 Nautlius Street.

LA MESA, Estate sale. Saturday-Sunday, 12/11-12/12, 8:30am-2:30pm. Original paintings, prints, books, silver chains, Christmas decoration and more. 8522 Chloe Avenue, #13. 619-200-1254.

LA MESA, Moving sale. Saturday, 12/11. Furniture, housewares, books, Christmas items, children's toys, clothes, daybed, crib, 3 strollers, maternity clothes. 4314 Maple Avenue.

LAKESIDE, Huge estate sale. Saturday, 12/11, 12/18. Moving, everything goes. Electronics, furniture, lawn equipment, Christmas stuff, washer, dryer. 13150 Julian Avenue. 619-443-7195.

MISSION VALLEY, Plant sale. Saturday/Sunday, 12/11-12/12. Small to large, great selection, moving, must sacrifice. 6337 Caminito Flecha (off Via Las Cumbres), Friars Village.

MISSION VALLEY, Moving sale. Saturday-Sunday, 12/11-12/12, 10am-4pm. Household items, bedroom set, couch, coffee table, washer, TV, microwave, lamps, hammock. 2539 Old Quarry Road, #2637, 619-640-7336.

NORTH PARK, Yard sale. Saturday, 12/11, 8am. Massive multifamily sale. Antiques, dolls, clothes, household, sports, books. Funky, arty, useful stuff. Life-size male mannequin. 4070 Kansas Street.

NORTH PARK, Moving sale. Saturday, 12/11, 8am-1pm. Everything must go! Furniture, appliances, clothing, etc. 2232 Meade Avenue.

NORTH PARK, garage sale. Saturday, 12/11, 8am-12pm only. Men's, women's and kids' clothing, furniture, electronics, appliances. Great stuff. 4177 Iowa Street.

PACIFIC BEACH, moving sale. Saturday, 12/11, 8am. Collectibles, ladies clothing size 8-10, table, chairs, miscellaneous furniture, books, old linens, more. 845 Loring, in back.

POINT LOMA, Yard sale. Saturday, 12/11, 9am-7pm. Furniture, clothing, kitchen, tools, TV, VCR, electronics, desk, stove, sports equipment, jewelry, collectibles. 3021 Quimby Street (off Rosecrans).

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TV, 27" Sony Trinitron, stereo, with remote, \$150. Yamaha surround sound processor, \$50. Denon dual cassette, \$30. All with box and manual. 619-980-9282.

TV, 33" RCA Color Trak Plus with picture in picture and remote, excellent condition, \$200/best. Michael, 858-499-5067.

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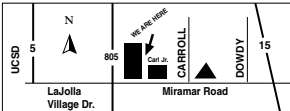
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LEAD STORY

— “Anal-wart researcher” heads *Popular Science* magazine’s second annual November list of the worst jobs in science (visual inspection being the only way to detect anal cancer from the human papillomavirus). However, “worm parasitologist” can be just as challenging, especially for anyone studying the *Dracunculus medinensis* (which can grow in humans to a length of three feet and then must be removed carefully after its thousands of offspring burst through the skin). Other contenders: “tampon squeezer” for the study of vaginal infections; a Lyme-disease “tick attractor” (who must sing, to keep bears away, while trolling in the woods); and “monitors” at warm-climate landfills (where garbage has been reduced to steamy, liquid condensates).

Majority Rules

— Perhaps the strangest election result this year was in Orange County, Calif., where a school-board seat went not to the favored establishment candidate but to an unknown, Steve Rocco, who never campaigned or appeared in public. (He did tell a friend after the election that he would appear at the board meeting on Dec. 9.) Among the little information known about him: His candidate registration included one page of “densely typed text cut and pasted together, and filled with rambling prose” (according to the *Los Angeles Times*); and several years ago, Rocco hosted a 17-episode interview series on public-access TV while wearing dark glasses.

Suspicious Confirmed

— In November, four University of Memphis basketball players who share an apartment on campus reported a break-in. Items missing (according to the police report obtained by WPTY-TV) included \$6000 worth of shoes, \$4000 of custom-made shirts, \$6000 of trousers, and \$40,000 of mink coats.

More Scenes of the Surreal

— (1) The September nomination of Michael Kostiw as executive director of the CIA was withdrawn almost immediately when the *Washington Post* revealed that he, while in a previous stint

with the agency, had been caught shoplifting a \$2.13 package of bacon from a Langley, Va., grocery store. (2) While demonstrations about Iraq usually either support the troops or criticize U.S. involvement, a group of porn-video actresses staged an idiosyncratic protest in August in Los Angeles, denouncing the U.S. military for offering breast implants to female soldiers (as a way to help keep combat surgeons sharp for battle-related plastic surgery). One sign read, “Honk if you love natural breasts.”

Questionable Judgments

— Asking for Trouble from the Spirits: Kenneth Rabalais, 19, was charged with desecrating a grave in a suburb of New Orleans after he opened the crypt of a young relative, believing that other relatives had buried “tribute” money and drugs to help ease the deceased’s transition to the afterworld. (Apparently, the deceased left un-tributed.) ... In Hawaii, Wal-Mart opened a store in October despite warnings that it had been built on an ancient grave site. The remains of 44 bodies turned up during construction. Wal-Mart said it is protecting the remains while it seeks state approval to rebury them.

— Colin Hancock, a convicted drug dealer serving time in Perth Prison in Scotland, filed a lawsuit in October, asking the equivalent of about \$55,000 because of an improper rectal exam (responding to his symptom of urine blockage) given by a prison physician. Dr. Alexander MacFarlane said he was forced to use, as lubricant, milk from a bowl of porridge because that was all the prison had on hand.

Oops!

— In August, a pilot cruising over Forest Grove, Ore., reached out the window to scatter the cremated ashes of a man over the Mountain View Memorial Gardens, but the four-pound bag slipped out of his hand, eventually crashing through the roof of Barbara Vreeland, who lives near the cemetery. The deceased’s family paid for the damage, but Vreeland later told a reporter, “I think some of [him] is still in our attic.”
— The child-pornography collections allegedly belonging to two men were inadvertently exposed

in separate incidents in October. Robert Medvee was arrested in Frederick, Md., on 96 counts after workers spotted a stash as they were making repairs on his home following recent tornado damage. And part of the collection of the late Todd Darow was spotted by police, who had gone to his home in Livonia, Mich., to inform his widow that Darow’s body had been found (at a church where he was a part-time custodian). A search of the house turned up a more extensive holding, including videotapes of children being molested in the church restroom.

Creme de la Weird

— In October, Los Alamos National Laboratory nuclear-research officials evicted Roy M. Moore, 56, who had been living undetected for years in a hard-to-access cave on the grounds (though not in a high-security area of the property). Moore had equipped his cave with a wood-burning stove, solar panels, a bed, a glass door, and satellite radio. ... In Houston in October, police calling at the home of Ronnie Luhn, 37, regarding the theft of a newspaper vending box, arrested him after finding 181 of them crammed floor-to-ceiling in the one-bedroom house he shared with his wife and three children.

Least Competent Criminals

— (1) Frances Lea Shaw, 41, was charged with arson of her home in Greensburg, Pa., in August after police and firefighters discovered that her most valuable household items (clothes, TV set, microwave oven) had already been placed in the yard under a heavy tarp by the time they arrived at her burning home. (2) John DeWitt, 18, fled from a security guard at the Orlando Ale House (Orlando, Fla.) in September after the guard suspected he was about to burglarize the building. DeWitt’s flight ended when he attempted to hide in a garbage can that turned out to be discarded restaurant grease.

Recurring Themes

— “News of the Weird” reported in 2002 on a rooftop brawl in Jerusalem’s Church of the Holy Sepulchre (under joint control of six Christian faiths, whose adherents sometimes get snippy with

each other), when a cleric placed a chair in an area reserved for another faith. In September 2004, Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox clerics had a fistfight (resulting in at least five injuries) after a Catholic left a door open during an Orthodox service. On almost the same day in Bedford, Ohio, police said that more than 100 Sikhs were involved in a brawl over proper clerical dress at the Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Temple.

Almost All True

— Three of these four things happened recently. Are you cynical enough to figure out the made-up story? (a) A California Highway Patrol officer ticketed the operator of a Jeep off-road vehicle driving on Interstate 5 while tending to two hamburgers cooking on a portable grill. (b) A Texas state representative had his house and yard toilet-papered by a group of adult women who were supporting his opponent. (c) A Louisiana man arrested for indecent exposure confessed to police his longstanding hobby of photographing himself nude in unusual locations. (d) Police called to a Utah man’s house to stop him from slitting his wrists also found the man’s mother trying to commit suicide by automobile exhaust in the garage.

Readers’ Choice

— In October, with the homeowner away on vacation, Beverly Valentine, 54, broke into a house in Douglasville, Ga., and made herself totally at home, commandeering owner Beverly Mitchell’s clothes, having the utilities changed to her name, ripping out carpeting, having a new washer and dryer installed, and painting a room, among other changes. When Mitchell returned after 17 days in Greece, she was dumbfounded that her key wouldn’t work. Valentine has not yet explained, but a former neighbor said she has had some “problems.”

Answer to Almost All True: (b), (c) and (d) are true.

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Location: 727 East San Ysidro Boulevard
Time/Date: 11:40 p.m. on 11/14/04

Officer's Investigation: I responded to a radio call regarding an intoxicated person at the McDonald's Restaurant. Upon arrival, I spoke with Victor L., a security guard. L. told me he asked Dave C. [the suspect] to leave several times. C. responded by saying that he hated everyone in uniform. C. also said, "I will kick your ass."

I also spoke to Alfredo J., a Brinks security guard. J. told me that C. got in the way as J. was trying to fill up the ATM machine. J. asked C. to



move several times. C. refused to move away. C. was preventing J. from doing his work.

I saw that C. had an unkempt appearance. He also had red, bloodshot eyes. Upon speaking with C., I smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. I placed C. under arrest for being drunk in public and creating a disturbance.

PURSE SNATCH

Location: 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa
Time/Date: 10:05 p.m. on 11/16/04

Investigation: A 30-year-old female had her purse snatched while in the parking lot of the Grossmont Shopping Center. The victim and her 28-year-old sister were standing in the parking lot, in the area of Barnes & Noble bookstore, next to her car. They watched as a



white car drove by their location. The car returned, and as it drove by the two sisters, a passenger hung out the right side of the car and grabbed the victim's purse. The purse was hanging from the victim's

shoulder. The victim was not injured. The sister was able to write down the license plate number of the suspect's vehicle.

Detective Andrew Golembiewski and Detective Greg Runge, along with two State parole agents, located the suspect's vehicle in the 600 block of Goetschl Street, San Diego. The suspect, Ade W., 24, entered the vehicle and later returned to his residence, where he fled on foot. The foot chase ended when officers from the SDPD, who had responded to assist, took Ade W. into custody.

Ade W. was on parole for attempted murder and was arrested for parole violation.

STABBING

Location: [7500] Gibraltar Street, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 9:32 p.m. on 11/18/04



Report: Investigation revealed that an unwanted acquaintance came to the Gibraltar Street home and caused a disturbance. The two residents of the home told the acquaintance to leave. The acquaintance left but returned approximately 20 minutes later and forced entry into the home by kicking in the front door. An altercation took place in front of the house with the acquaintance battering the two residents. The acquaintance was described as being out of control and irrational, as well as physically overpowering. One of the residents reported that he had stabbed the acquaintance once in

the torso with a kitchen knife to protect himself and his roommate. The resident who did the stabbing then went into the house and called police. All parties were present when the police arrived. The stabbing victim was transported to Scripps La Jolla where he underwent surgery for his wound. He is expected to survive.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 1000 G Street, East Village
Time/Date: 2:45 a.m. on 11/21/04



Officer's Investigation: T.T. was hit in the head with a brick by the suspect during a fight in the street. T. was agitated and it was difficult to get a complete statement from him. T. told me that tonight was his birthday. He said he had been celebrating and had gone down the street to the "Friend to Friend" halfway house, looking for a girl he knew. He said he ran into "Joey" down there, whom he knew from the street. He said he was upset with "Joey" because "Joey" had been talking bad about him to people on the street. He also told me that he was upset because "Joey" had been telling everyone that he was Samoan.

T. said he told "Joey" to stop telling everyone he was Samoan and that they had argued in front of the halfway house. T. said that they had started to fight, and that "Joey" had picked up a brick and had hit him

once in the head with it. He said that "Joey" then ran.

T. was taken to the hospital for treatment. The suspect was not located.

BATTERY ON PEACE OFFICER

Location: 450 Euclid Avenue
Time/Date: 1:38 p.m. on 11/14/04



Investigation: I responded to a battery on a Transit Officer at the Euclid Trolley Station. Upon my arrival, I could see another Transit Officer was restraining Owen M. [the suspect] against the trolley wall in handcuffs. M. was not making any sense when he spoke. M. used profanity and words like "genocide." A records check on M. found that he had a misdemeanor warrant [\$5,000].

Victim's Statement: I was riding the trolley from 47th Street eastbound checking fares, ensuring everyone had paid for the trolley. At about 1:30 p.m., I asked M. for his fare. M. mumbled something [and] did not show me proof of payment. When the trolley reached the Euclid station, I asked M. to step off. M. rushed and grabbed me, causing me to lose my balance. I fell out of the trolley door exit with him on top of me. I fought with him on the yellow platform. During the struggle, I was able to gain control and handcuff him.

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The ghosts of girlfriends past haunted my Friday night.

By John Brizzolara

A recent autumn Friday night brought an act to Patrick's II in the Gaslamp that I felt compelled to peek in on, at least, and possibly scribble over without turning it into an actual "review." The flyer read "Alan Iglesias and Crossfire: A Loving Tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble." Being as big a fan of Vaughan's as any (or as ardent a fan, anyway — there must be weightier and taller aficionados), the idea had much appeal and an equal potential for arch criticism if it came to that.

One looming trepidation was that Mr. Iglesias might turn out to be a guitarist I once lambasted in print some 12 years ago. I don't remember his name, and his band is now long defunct, mercifully, and best forgotten, so I won't mention their collective name. But the critical broasting came about this way:

We'll call them the Imitators. The Imitators had left phone messages for me, flyers, notes, and memos all urging me to come and write about them. Eventually I gave in and caught the boys at Fat City. They were, in a word, god-awful. I described the guitarist as being "in the tertiary stages of Stevie Ray Vaughan syndrome," and I had much fun at the expense of the rest of the group. My favorite description, if I may indulge myself here, was in relation to the drummer. His sound I likened to "a 55-gallon aluminum barrel of broken glass and household appliances tumbling down a flight of stairs." Lord,

I cracked myself up. As for the bass player, I suggested that if in the future he insisted on wearing his shirt open to the navel on stage that he "employ a stunt chest." The singer, who strode the stage with a violent mania I compared to "a pissed-off, rear-ended New York cabbie in his attempt at soulful intensity." Mercy, I was on a roll.

So, this Iglesias, if he proved to be the lead player from the Imitators, would be someone I would be wise to avoid. He would have cause for physical violence upon my person.

My fears: unfounded. Iglesias is a nice fellow and enormously talented. If he doesn't quite have Vaughan's chops, neither does anyone else. He has his feel, all right; and his band, Crossfire, is a fine backup unit. So much for the review.

I sat through their sound check and spoke with a woman drinking several red wines with extraordinary speed. Her name was something like Liz Taylor. She went on about how she had been coming to Patrick's II for 15 years and was at a loss when they closed for renovation, having found no other bar so Liz-friendly. Meanwhile I recalled watching Stevie Ray on stage in Anaheim just three weeks before his death.

I had attended the concert with an ex-girlfriend, a writer and a good one, who later became a music editor with little knowledge of popular music. She was impressed with Vaughan and was the one to call me on August 28, 1990, to tell me SRV's chopper went down after a gig in Wisconsin. He'd died the day before, on my son's 13th birthday. I think I cried and wondered why. I had never met the man. Some Italian thing probably.

Larry Matranga, the owner of Patrick's II, was very nice to me, glad to see me. This may have something to do with my having spent four billion dollars on whiskey in there during the peak of my drinking days. But Larry was always nice to me. His son, Mario, too. I always got a kick out of the idea of Italian guys running an Irish joint.

Liz Taylor was going on about the quality of clientele at PII, and I kept saying, "Uh-huh." The crowd that night was more yuppified than usual, and gray hair abounded from chins and temples. I thought about the one ex-girlfriend I mentioned. I did not realize the horror along that theme that loomed in the doorway of the establishment.

Stepping outside for some air, I must have walked right past her. I stopped on the sidewalk, turned to look past those patrons seated at the outdoor smoking counter, and saw Iglesias take the stage dressed in full Stevie regalia: the hat, the vest, etc. I smiled with rare (for me) nostalgia and read the act's promo sheet behind the glass display outside the bar. Crossfire's press was almost religious



Alan Iglesias

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in its reverence to Saint Stevie of Texas.

I looked up to see if the band was ready to begin when I saw Her.

This was another, later ex-girlfriend, one who had done a sadistic rumba on my heart, put my emotions into a Cuisinart, hit frappé, and sat back with glee in bed with guys with names like Gunner and Sledge.

When the sweat cooled on the back of my neck and forehead, I realized I could not stay. I could not avoid her in the small establishment, and I could not play at "good-natured-old-friends" and "How about that wacky relationship, eh?"

The ghosts of girlfriends past haunted my Friday night that was to be — as Iglesias and Crossfire had phrased it — "In loving memory of Stevie Ray Vaughan." The appearance of the second girlfriend was typical of her ability to ruin anything from a Christmas morning to a blissful erotic dream.

I walked toward Fifth Avenue and wondered if I'd weep again. I didn't think so. After all, it was history — a long time ago, and I now had emotional scar tissue like Bondo. If, however, I did weep, it would not be for the loss of a brilliant bluesman.

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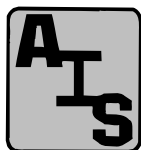
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"I guess his son was a surfer, because the Chevy was all packed with beach sand. It was in rough shape. It had been sitting 10 or 15 years. We bought it for \$600, all my paper-route

and lawn-mowing money.

"During high school my father and I worked on it together. Then I moved out of the house and started working on it on my own. There was a long period of time when it sat, when my interests were just in life and growing up. But I never sold the Chevy. It was always in the back of my mind."

I ask, "What have you done to it?"

"I had an '80 Camaro front clip put onto it, and —"

I confess I don't know what "front clip" means.

Mike tells me, "They cut the frame off at the firewall, and they grafted on the front end of a Camaro; and then I put the original front fenders and the hood and everything back on. It's safer now, with disc brakes and power steering, and I can get parts, brake pads, ball joints, whatever I need, at any Kragen or Auto Zone.

"I've done some bodywork, had it

painted, redone the interior, rewired it. I put in a small block Chevy 355 with the air blower, so it's probably 420 or 430 horsepower. The transmission I put in is a Muncie four-speed standard."

"Do you race?" I ask.

"Back when it wasn't so dangerous I did a lot of street racing. But I'm married now; I have a child. I haven't done any street racing for about five years. And I haven't been to the drag races yet, though I intend to. Right now, I'm afraid of breaking the stock rear end if I launch too hard, because the motor is that powerful. To finance the motor, I sold another car I owned, a Camaro. I sold it for \$6500, and I spent that and an additional \$800 or so on the Chevy motor."

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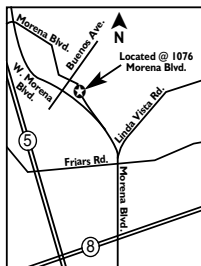
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"What?" I asked through static, "What kind of TV do you need two people to carry?"

"Actually, Jeremy's already here."

Even though his "old" 27-inch flat screen was in perfect condition, he was getting a new larger set, which apparently required three young men to lift.

We backed the truck up directly in front of the door to Sears and dropped the tailgate. Jeremy emerged from the store folding reams of Technicolor receipts and waving someone through the store, "That's it. Just to the left a little. Okay. The truck's right here."

That can't be it, I thought. It's too damn big. It won't even fit through the front door — the front door to Sears, for cryin' out loud. That must be a refrigerator for someone else...

My doubts were put to rest when Joe sprang from the tailgate to help the sales clerk free the monstrosity from its cardboard confines and tug the TV through the door. The four of us then hoisted it from its cart and shoved it into the pickup bed, "Good lord, I'm going to get a hernia," I grunted.

"Hey," my cousin responded. "You want to watch a lifesize *American Chopper*? Then shut it."

After several attempts to get it through the front door of their mobile home, we sat on the porch and started drawing up plans with a rusty nail. My fingers had been smashed into the door jam on the first few tries, so we were brainstorming new ways to get in. "I'll cut this wall out with a Sawzall," my cousin frantically offered.

"No, no," I had to remain cool or this would be ugly. "This isn't even your trailer, you rent it from Gram and Pop."

"Here, we'll take it out of the box. And flip it like this. Jeremy, get under it. Lift up. Now tilt. Bring it back. We're in!"

The black monolith dominated the tiny living room of the doublewide, and we all hustled around it — stringing wires from this box and this outlet, running energy and signal into its terminals. When blue-glow blared from it, we stood back in awe. "This is the sweetest thing I've ever seen," someone said.

"Wait a minute. Wait a minute," I interrupted. "What are you doing? You rent, from our grandparents, a mobile home with — no heat, holes in the kitchen floor big enough to drop a cat through, and a bare pipe for a showerhead. And you chose to buy this? What are you going to do, huddle around it for warmth this winter?"

"Who are you, my mother?"

"No, it just doesn't seem to be a rational decision...hey look, *American Chopper*."

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NBC 7 8:00 P.M.

Barry Manilow, desperately trying to remind the American public of his existence, trades microphones with the character actress from *Will & Grace*, trying to convince us she's not a character actress. Do I blame Clay Aiken for this effluvial discharge? No, I blame you, the American public. For it was you who made him an idol.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer

WB 5 8:00 P.M.

What fresh hell is this? As if the song weren't enough, someone decided to produce a television special. If you ask me, that's just downright asshole. Where do such lazy people have such good connections to get their lack of creativity into the public arena?

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NBC 7 9:00 P.M.

Speaking of lack of creativity, I offer the four

turds left on *The Apprentice*. Listen, kids: if you have to tell me over and over that you're intelligent, creative, and a born leader, then you aren't. The best thing about this episode is that two people will be canned instead of one. In my opinion, that's still not enough.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 Jeopardy!

NBC 7 7:30 P.M.

As I get ready to go out for the evening, I'll listen in and shout out wrong answers, "Constantinople! What is Constantinople? Fuck." That freak, Ken Jennings, isn't marauding all over the show anymore, so I might not feel like a complete idiot if I watch. I hope he chokes on that two and a half million bucks.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

WB 14 8:00 P.M.

This is the real one, folks, not that overproduced pabulum from Ron Howard. I'll watch the animated Grinch tie an antler to his dog's head, then whip the ever-loving-hell out of its canine hide as they sled down to pillage Whoville. If only they'd stop the show before his heart grows three times the size of a normal Grinch heart I'd be happy. I like my Grinches bitchy and mean.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Southern Steel

DSCP 35 7:00 P.M.

I want to see this second chapter because the first was hilarious. This show is basically *American Chopper* south of the Mason-Dixon Line. It's better, though, because when someone burns himself or drops a pipe on his head, the ensuing string of curse words are in a slow drawl. Someone doing stupid shit with a Southern accent just seems right to me.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)

NBC 7 8:00 P.M.

This is the second-best Christmas movie ever. Since it's Sunday night, what else are you going to do? Brace yourself for the workweek ahead by watching Chevy Chase tailspin into manic



National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

holiday senselessness. Of course, they'll censor out Randy Quaid's, "Merry Christmas! Shitter's full!" but any movie shown on TV is going to suck like that. By the way, *Die Hard* is the best Christmas movie of all time, in case you were wondering.

Desperate Housewives

ABC 10 9:00 P.M.

"You should watch *Desperate Housewives*. You should watch *Desperate Housewives*," people harp on me constantly. Oh, those poor middle-aged, wealthy women; I feel so sorry for them. Sex with the hired help and complaining about their husbands must wear on them so. That chick from *Lois and Clark* better show some skin in this episode or it's off my list.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

The Real Gilligan's Island

TBSP 33 8:00 P.M.

I have to see this. What a terrible premise: take an actual millionaire, an actual small-boat captain, a country bumpkin, a blah-blah-blah, and put them on an island in a re-creation of a fictional television show. Oh, the stink. Oh, the shame of these people. I just wonder what bit player they scrounged out of rehab for the role of the "movie star."

The Amazing Race 6

CBS 8 9:00 P.M.

If a show pisses me off as much as this, it is truly awesome. The young, bright people who would normally excel at most games are thrashed by the feeble and aged just out of bad luck and circumstance. All the people I hate on this show because they're old or weak or stupid are doing absolutely awesome. By the end, I'm red-in-the-face from screaming at the TV. Ah, good stuff.

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