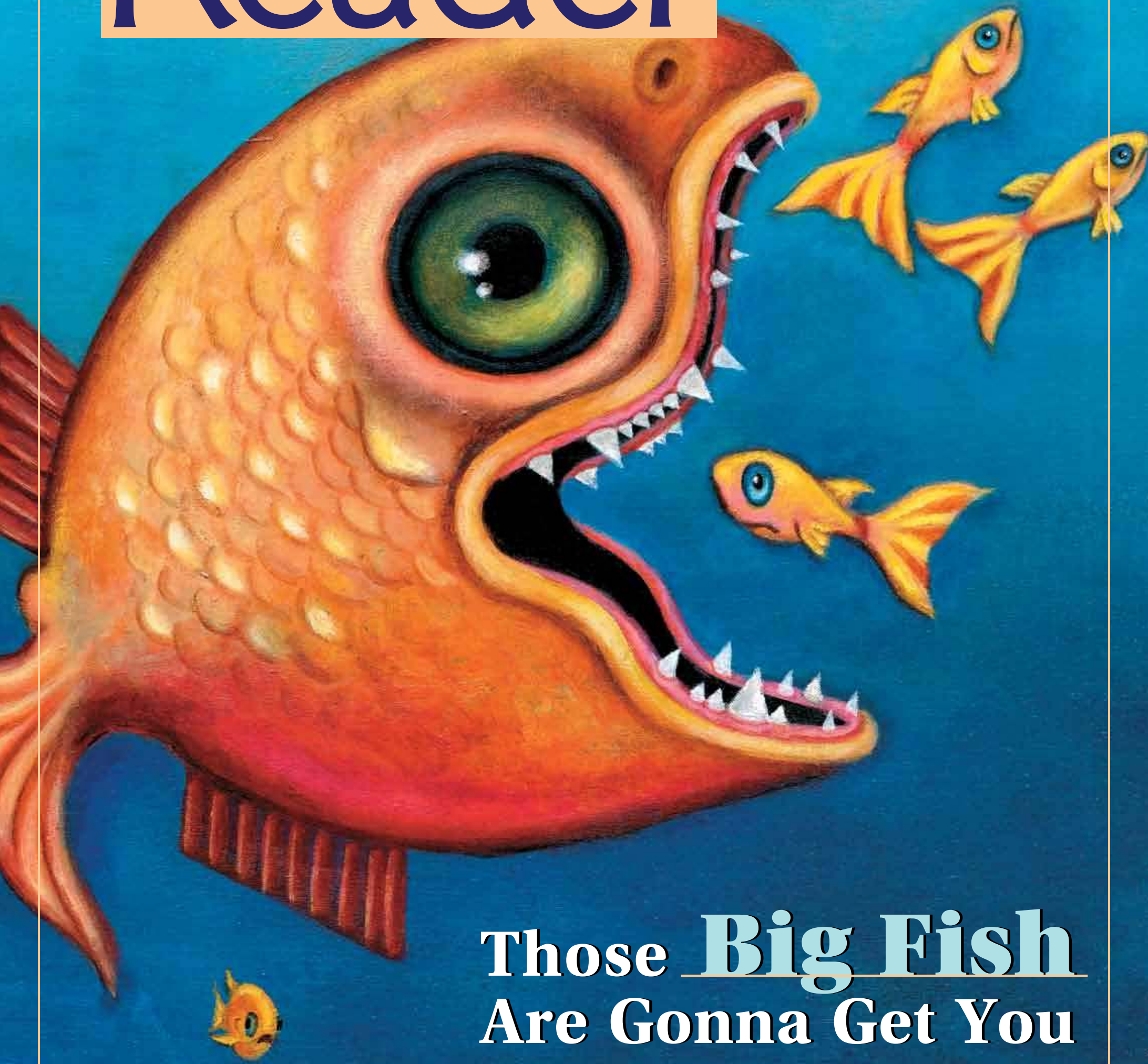


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Hateful Thing

This is regarding your "Off the Cuff" question on January 13: "Do you hate anything that other people think is cute?" The reply by Ginger Snappe, the dancer, regarding Asian female babies dying in their cribs is disgusting. She needs to get a life and grow up. That is the worst thing I've read in a long time for someone to say. I find it highly offensive that you even printed it and gave her the time of day to state such an ugly, hateful thing. That is just horrible. She's a perfect example of what's wrong with this world.

Lynn Conneaney
Mission Village

Six Racists

Congratulations, six out of six ("Off the Cuff," January 13). You must have conducted an extensive search before finding six ignorant, racist, and self-centered individuals to participate in your survey.

I particularly found Ginger Snappe's comment about Asian babies offensive. She obviously doesn't get out often or she would realize why people adopt children. I just can't understand her analogy and comparison between fish and babies.

Gary Mattison should think about a different career. I would hate to have my children in his classroom.

Scott Smith
San Diego

Sick Humor

While I'm without a doubt positive you've received a large number of responses regarding your "Off the Cuff" section this past week (January 13), I must add in my two cents. A certain reply made by a "bystander" regarding Asian female babies was not only sick, it was extremely stupid of your paper to print this reply. I'm a person who has a huge threshold for sick humor, but unfortunately this was not

humorous or even slightly "dark." It was just mean and an uneducated remark made by someone off the cuff. Whether the woman or the journalist saw humor or insight in her response makes no difference. No matter the circumstances, it was just plain poor judgment on your part. Sad, sad, sad.

Karena Endrizzi
Normal Heights

Hallelujah

The letter from Sal Gritz ("That Was Stupid") in the January 13 issue was super right on. His comments are exactly what most of us citizens feel about the subject. Please send him a prize for hitting the nail squarely on the head. Hallelujah for his common and logical reasoning. It was great!

Keith Price
San Carlos

Thanks Unveiled

Re "What's Going On at City Hall?" by Matt Potter (January 6). Very enlightening article...the quality one has come to expect from the Reader. Thanks for pulling back the veil of the city subtext for we non-movers 'n' shakers...a.k.a. Jane Q...

Karen Anderson
via e-mail

Crook Parade

This has been a historic night of seconds in San Diego. Once again we have a crook giving the State of the City speech ("What's Going On at City Hall?" January 6). First we had convicted crook, former Mayor Roger Hedgecock. Now we have the crooked judge Dick Murphy, who stole the vote from the people of San Diego.

This crook had some big words to throw out, such as, we need to find out who's responsible and insure that they are held accountable. Odd, coming from the man responsible for the economic mess San Diego has been plunged into, who destroyed the good image of San Diego and its financial standing with backroom dealings and illegal funding...yet Judge Dick Murphy takes no responsibility for the failure of San Diego under his watch, back when he was mayor. He has shown himself hardly accountable.

It's time to get our Mayor Donna Frye into office to run things right. Sometimes it takes a woman to do what

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Red cash, blue cash

The *Washington Post* is drawing heat for giving \$100,000 to the Bush Inaugural '05 committee, which has already raised a record \$20 million or so toward its record goal of \$40 million from private donors, mostly big corporations seeking favors from the administration. Closer to home, cell-phone giant Qualcomm of La Jolla, founded by billionaire Democrat **Irwin Jacobs**, has kicked in \$100,000 for the Bush bash. Chargers owner, Bush stalwart, and Stockton developer **Alex Spanos** has contributed \$250,000, this year's maximum limit. Donors are promised tickets to the best parties in town tonight, along with plenty of quality face time with regulators and legislators.



Irwin Jacobs

Spanos gave \$1 million to the GOP convention and \$5 million to a 527 group (a tax-exempt group organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code to raise money for political activities) that helped defeat **John Kerry**. As an underwriter, Spanos will reportedly sit down to lunch with Bush and V.P. **Dick Cheney**, as well as attend a VIP-only candlelight dinner. Jacobs, who gave \$25,000 last year to the Democratic National Committee, seldom if ever writes his own checks directly to the GOP. But he and other members of his extended business family are big contributors to Q-PAC, Qualcomm's political action committee, which then turns the cash over to both Republicans and Democrats.

For instance, 74-year-old **Richard Atkinson**, the retired president of the University of California who gave ex-UCSD professor Jacobs his first big break and has been on the Qualcomm board since 1991, donated \$5000 last summer. His wife **Rita** did the same. Ex-Reagan administration foreign-policy wonk **Brent Scowcroft**, another member of the board, came up with \$5000, as did fellow director **Diana Lady Dougan**, ex-ad woman and former assistant secretary of state under Reagan.



Diana Lady Dougan

The money was sprinkled around to an array of causes, including \$1000 to Blue Dog Democrats, the party's conservative congressional wing; \$10,000 to house speaker **Dennis Hastert's** "Keep Our Majority PAC"; and the same to New York Republican congressman **Thomas Reynolds's** "Together for Our Majority PAC." Five thousand went to house majority whip **Roy Blunt's** "Rely on Your Beliefs Fund." Incoming senate minority leader **Harry Reid** got \$5000 for his "Searchlight Leadership Fund," named after his hometown in Nevada. Kentucky Republican congressman **Hal Rogers**, a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, took home \$5000 for "Help America's Leaders PAC" — HALPAC for short. Ohio GOP congressman **Bob Ney's** "American Liberty PAC" got \$1000. And California's Democratic senators **Barbara Boxer** and **Dianne Feinstein** got \$8000 and \$4747, respectively.

Where there's smoke The owner of the popular Gran Havana cigar and coffee lounge at Fifth and J in the Gaslamp Quarter has lost another round

in his ongoing battle to keep his property from being condemned by Mayor **Dick Murphy** and his colleagues on the San Diego City Council. **Ahmed Mesdaq**, a 33-year-old refugee from Afghanistan, says a superior court judge turned a deaf ear to his arguments that the council's vote last spring to grab the property amounted to legalized theft.



Ahmed Mesdaq

Ramin Samimi's 5th and J, LLC, which has a deal with the city to build a posh high-rise hotel on the property seized from Mesdaq, has contributed at least \$15,000 to the local Republican Central Committee, which has spent at least \$17,000 on Murphy's campaign to hold on to his mayoral seat and a lesser amount on Councilman **Jim Madaffer's** behalf. Both voted to condemn Mesdaq, who has vowed to appeal the adverse court ruling ... The local chapter of the American Lung Association says San Diego officials have been less than forthcoming in accounting for the millions of dollars in anti-tobacco funds they've received under legal settlements with big tobacco companies. "We will be working with Qualcomm Stadium and other big venues to go smoke-free, and we will continue to ask for full disclosure from the City of San Diego to account for how it has spent monies from the Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco companies," says V.P. **Debra Kelley**. She adds that a public records act request to find out what happened to \$250,000 of the money specifically earmarked for anti-smoking causes was stonewalled. A proposed ordinance to require the city's tobacco retailers to be licensed is also facing tough sledding, Kelley adds. "The City of San Diego has not provided sufficient information about how it is spending the funds it receives from the Master Tobacco Settlement. It is important that at least a small share of these funds go to enforcing the laws that will keep tobacco out of the hands of minors."

Scrambled waves Del Mar literary agent **Sandra Dijkstra** has come to the defense of fired KPBS radio personality **Dirk Sutro**. "The San Diego book scene is just realizing the enormous cost of KPBS's sudden firing of Dirk Sutro and canceling of the *Lounge*, a program which was so essential to the cultural state of our city," she says in an e-mail circulated to local media. "I know I am not alone in deploring this action: culture-lovers and booksellers around the city and the county are very unhappy too." Adds Dijkstra, who previously went after the San Diego State University owned-and-operated KPBS for canceling **Bill Moyers** during pledge weeks, "We can only wonder that a listener-subscribed radio station would do such a thing, and do it so precipitously. We sincerely hope you will reconsider this action, and bring Dirk Sutro back (at another time slot, if that is the issue)." — *Matt Potter*



Sandra Dijkstra

City Promotes Finance Clowns

By Don Bauder

"The foxes are being promoted," says attorney **Michael Conger**. "You can't take seriously anything the city says about

cleaning up this mess as long as they keep giving promotions to the chief architects of the debacle."

Conger is the lawyer who successfully sued the city last year over the black hole in its pension system. He is commenting on a January 7, 2005,

jobs. Some chairs have been rearranged, but none has been shoved out in the hall or out the back door.

On January 7, Ewell announced that **Lisa Irvine** will become deputy city manager in charge of finance. **Bruce Herring** will be deputy city

in the **Vinson & Elkins** report, are being promoted," says **Carl DeMaio**, president of the Performance Institute, a San Diego-based think tank promoting government efficiency. "The cast of characters gets rewarded for rank mismanagement of the city's finances."

The financial community — already nervous about the city's cover-ups of mismanagement — will hardly respond positively. "I can't see how this possibly could instill confidence on Wall Street or with the bond-rating agencies," says DeMaio. The city's near-\$2 billion pension and health-care deficits have led to several credit downgrades.



Michael Conger, Bruce Herring, Carl DeMaio, Diann Shipione, Mary Vattimo, P. Lamont Ewell

memo from **P. Lamont Ewell**, city manager, to the mayor and the city council. Subject: "organizational structure and personnel changes." Essence: the same top city managers who were cited for ineptitude and secrecy in last year's city-sponsored **Vinson & Elkins** investigation and are now being interviewed by federal government probers still have fancy titles and responsible

manager in charge of community services. **Patricia Frazier** will be deputy city manager of development. **Mary Vattimo**, former treasurer, will be the new financial management director, working with **Irvine** and **Ewell** to balance the budget.

"These people under subpoena, chided as incompetent or out of touch with the financial management system

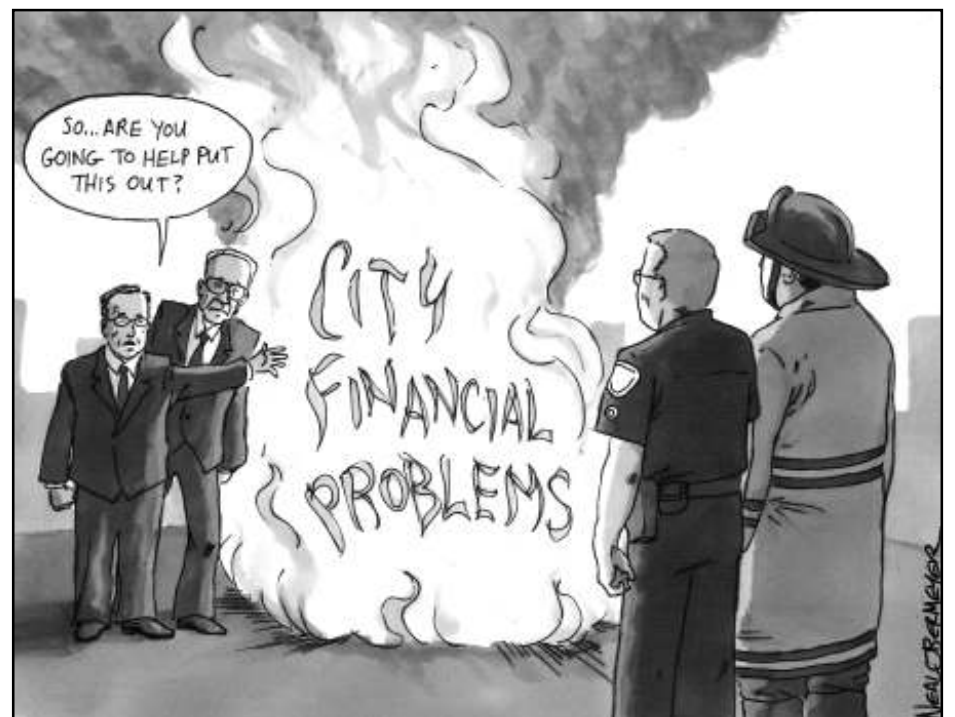
Standard & Poor's has suspended its rating of San Diego because the books have not been audited for 2003 and 2004.

"This doesn't help us reestablish our credibility with

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Why Not Allow Us to Help the Homeless?

By Joe Deegan

A major complaint we get," says Captain Trish Poochigian of the Salvation Army, "is that the homeless cross the street

illegally in the middle of traffic. So I told the clients, 'If you want to come to our programs, you need to cross at the crosswalks.' Then they started using crosswalks, but still against the red light. So I said, 'You're not quite getting this; you need to go when the light turns green.' You'd be surprised. I had 6'9", 350-pound, rough-and-gruff guys say, 'Yes, ma'am.' And they did what I asked, not because it's me, but

development Corporation may want to change how the Salvation Army does business in San Diego. In early December the corporation told Poochigian that providing food to people violated the Army's conditional-use permit. The corporation did not send a formal demand to end the practice, but on December 14 the Salvation Army voluntarily stopped giving out food.

Poochigian and her hus-

band, Captain Thom Poochigian, lead the Salvation Army's activities on E Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues. She understands that the Centre City Development Corporation does not like the homeless people loitering, throwing

trash on sidewalks, and violating traffic laws. "But our concern," she says, "is that we be allowed to continue the things that we've been doing downtown for a long time. Our mission is to reach out to people in need, point the way through our belief in Jesus Christ, and meet human suffering in His name without discrimination. We've never given anybody a false impression about what we do."

At issue is whether the Salvation Army's giving people food constitutes a "feeding program." Or is the food an integral part of the Army's religious events? "We call it a fellowship meal," says Poochigian, "and it's after our services. When people come late or when the service is over, we tell them it's not a feeding program. We've been doing meetings with meals afterward in downtown San Diego since

services? "They can choose to come or not," says Poochigian, "and they don't have to listen when they get there. But I'm a woman of faith and have the right to share that." The services consist of prayers, the singing of Christian hymns, and preaching by Poochigian or her husband. The conflict with the development corporation only began, according to Poochigian, after the Salvation Army added the meal to its evening program in the early fall. "Already," she says, "we were doing a continental-style breakfast for the senior community. And they knew we were doing it. What we started doing in the evening is the thing that bothered them. If we were violating the conditional-use permit in the evening, then the program that had breakfast in the morning was breaking it as well.



Trish Poochigian

"But I've got to believe that sometimes our city gets it wrong, even though they're trying to do the right thing. We believe we're in the right, but until we know for sure, we won't cross that line.

"If they only want to make sure we're within the law as they understand it," Poochigian continues, "then the Salvation Army will get a condi-

Jeff Zinner is pleased that the Salvation Army voluntarily stopped feeding people. "Many varied activities take place downtown," Zinner says, "and to allow them all to co-exist, people must comply with their different conditional-use permits." He wants to talk with the Salvation Army about "how and where it can provide its services. Additional changes will be coming in the near future," he says.

Two organizations several blocks east of Petco Park currently serve meals to people in need with the city's full blessing. God's Extended Hand, located at 16th Street and Island Avenue, serves an evening meal Mondays through Saturdays. The St. Vincent de Paul Center on Imperial Avenue offers lunch at 11:30 a.m. every day except Sunday, when it has a brunch at 9:30 a.m.

I ask Poochigian whether the Centre City Development Corporation sees programs like the Salvation Army's as helping to *keep* homelessness in the downtown area. "Now isn't that silly? There are 6000 homeless in San Diego," she says. "If I were feeding 6000, that idea would come closer to the truth. But I served a population between 150 and 300 for the four nights a week that we were doing it. We gave breakfast to only seniors in risk. I did not create homelessness, and I don't encourage it.

"The development corporation has been mandated by the State of California to find a plan that will eradicate homelessness downtown," says Poochigian. "But you don't eliminate homelessness by getting rid of people or denying them services and food. You get rid of it when you give people some possibility to find

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Outside Salvation Army Building, Seventh Avenue and F Street

on account of what the Salvation Army stands for. One of our sayings is: 'A heart to God and a hand to man.' And the homeless know that we respect them regardless of their background."

But the Centre City Devel-

opment Corporation does not like the homeless people loitering, throwing

1888." The Salvation Army served its recent evening meals four times a week. They included beef or chicken, starches, and vegetables.

Does linking food to a religious message pressure homeless people to attend religious

"But we are good neighbors," explains Poochigian. "We're civil-obedient. We temporarily suspended the two programs so we could look into what accusations were coming across. We want to follow civil codes and laws.

conditional-use permit to continue what we were doing. But what is their motivation? Do they want to stop us from continuing? That would be a miscarriage of justice."

Centre City Development Corporation project manager

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[accounting firm] KPMG, with Wall Street, or the rating agencies," says city attorney Michael Aguirre. KPMG won't provide a 2003 audit because it doesn't know if city employees have criminal culpability. Aguirre wants to provide KPMG and federal investigators with the information they have not been provided.

"It gives the appearance that nothing is wrong. They keep promoting people," says Diann Shipione, the pension-board member who blew the whistle on the billowing scandal in 2002 and whose challenge of a sewer-bond prospectus in September of 2003 led to the city's confessions that it had been putting misinformation in municipal-bond prospectuses dating back to 1996.

On December 16, Irvine, who is responsible for preparing the city's budget, was issued a subpoena by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is investigating the false information in bond

prospectuses. Among those ordered to turn over information to the U.S. attorney's office last February were Ewell and Vattimo. As Matt Potter revealed in the *Reader* on December 23, the city is picking up the tab for legal assistance to Herring in two federal probes into city-disclosure practices. On December 29, Ewell, Herring, Frazier, and Vattimo got subpoenas from the U.S. attorney's office.

Last week, Aguirre seized documents from Vattimo and acting auditor and comptroller Terri Webster, who replaced Diann Shipione, the pension-board member who blew the whistle on the billowing scandal in 2002 and whose challenge of a sewer-bond prospectus in September of 2003 led to the city's confessions that it had been putting misinformation in municipal-bond prospectuses dating back to 1996.

"Our evidence indicates that Bruce Herring was the primary architect of the managers' proposals" that led to the chronic pension underfunding, says Conger.

Both Frazier and Vattimo signed reports to the Securi-

ties and Exchange Commission that contained false statements, says Conger, who provided this information in his lawsuit. "Vattimo and Frazier signed statements saying that the city is required to pay the full actuarial rate [in funding its pension plan], but they forgot to tell bond investors that the city was not doing it," says Conger.

Indeed, this revelation was "our smoking gun that got the [settlement with the city]," he says. When Conger pointed out during negotiations that the city officially stated that it was required to finance the pension plan on an actuarial basis but was not doing so, "That was the final card that got them to come to Jesus. Before that, they wouldn't listen to our common sense. That got them into the church and on their knees."

Last year's Vinson & Elkins report, the city-authorized study of disclosure practices, mentions many of the people lauded by Ewell in his January 7 memo. For example, the Vinson & Elkins study discusses how in June of 2003, city officials met with repre-

sentatives of bond-rating agencies and for the first time gave significant information about the retirement-system woes. But some city-generated information was kept secret. Frazier and another finance official "cited confidentiality concerns as the reason to withhold the information," says the report.

In September of 2003, an outside bond lawyer, Paul Webber, received a copy of Shipione's criticism of the sewer-bond prospectus. Webber shared Shipione's misgivings, but city officials and pension-board members "vehemently disputed" her concerns, according to the report. Webster sent an e-mail to several people, including Vattimo, blasting Shipione's purported "damaging, false allegations." Webber stuck to his guns and insisted on a comprehensive study of the city's disclosures.

According to the report, Vattimo sent an e-mail to Frazier: "I don't think that [Webber] fully understands the agreements (or maybe I don't understand what he is communicating.) In addition, this disclosure is OVERKILL."

Says the Vinson & Elkins report, "The relationship between Mr. Webber and city officials became progressively more strained over time. Mr. Webber felt that city officials did not appreciate the seriousness of the disclosure issues."

In one e-mail to a city legal official, Webber, complaining that pension-deficit information was being withheld from him, said, "The angst and anger, I believe, has grown as disclosure day has approached. Mary [Vattimo's] response was 'much ado about nothing — all you had to do was ask.' Well, I did ask, and no one had bothered sharing that with me. So far that has not been answered, and I don't imagine it will be."

"When have we hidden anything from [Webber's law firm]?" Vattimo shot back in an e-mail. "I think we all need a rest from each other."

Says the report, "The city staff continued to believe the proposed disclosure [of pension problems] was unnecessary and potentially harmful." Vattimo said in an e-mail to Webber, "We are in an envi-

ronment where mountains are made out of molehills, and true credit issues could easily be overshadowed by this one issue."

Says the report, "Eventually, however, the city acceded to [Webber's] views." In January of 2004, San Diego admitted that it had been giving out false information. Shortly, bond-rating agencies began dropping city credit ratings, and the Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Justice launched investigations.

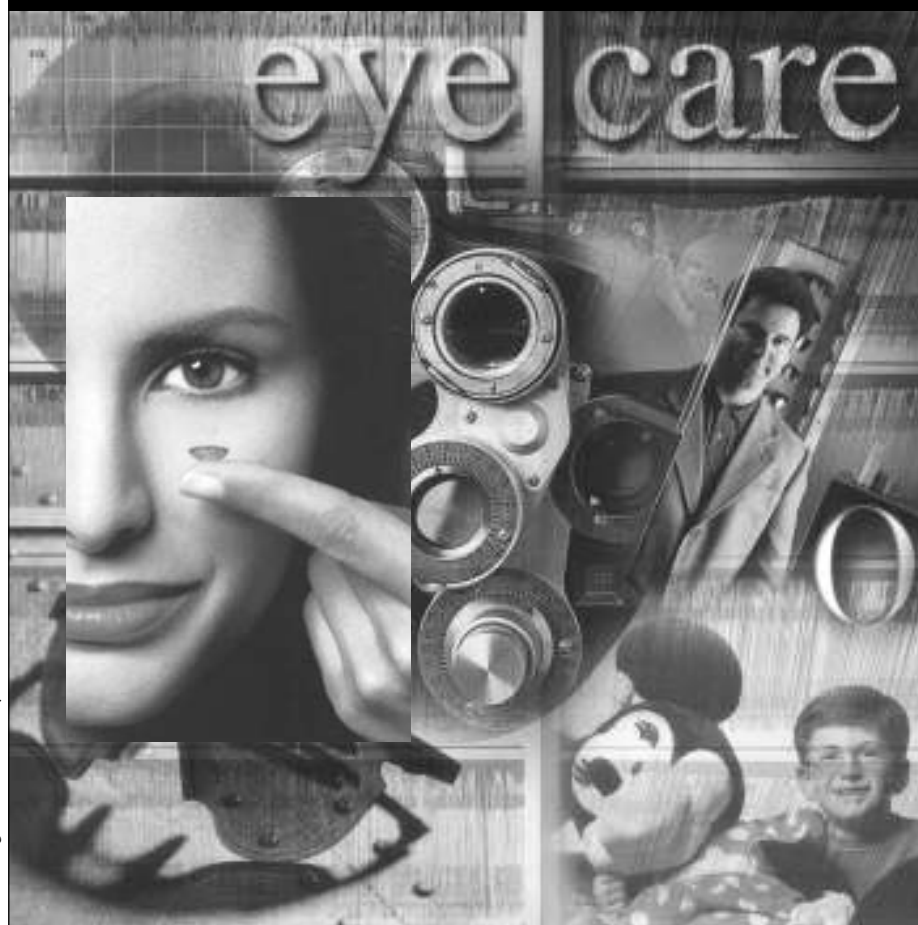
Says the report, "The exchanges [of testy e-mails] indicate both institutional stubbornness and the degree to which Financing Services and others had yet to fully grasp the dimensions of the problems in the pension system."

In its interviewing for the report, Vinson & Elkins asked Ewell about the "polarized environment" — one area of city government not knowing what another area was doing, and finance officials resisting full disclosure of the pension mess. Ewell allowed that the culture seemed inexplicable

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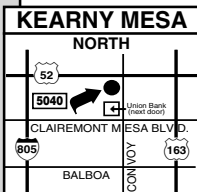
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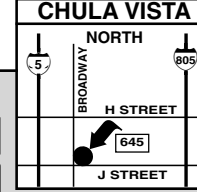
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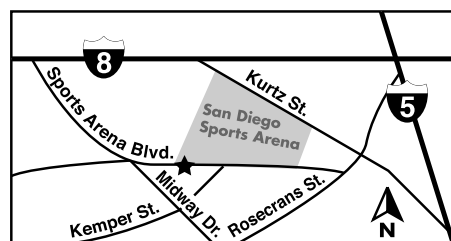
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Finance clowns

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but said, "Questioning the process was sometimes like questioning the Bible."

I asked the city's public relations representative, Gina Lew, for an interview with Ewell. I wanted to know why these people are getting and keeping cushy jobs in this so-called restructuring. And what will Wall Street think? According to Lew, Ewell told her, "This restructuring was not meant to address anything in the Vinson & Elkins report." Ewell added that "of the people named in the Vinson & Elkins report, no one has been found guilty of anything. The restructuring changes were made to put people in places to utilize skills that are important for the city's needs."

This was hardly responsive to my questions. Now I know how attorney Webber felt. ■

Help the Homeless

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hope in their lives and some structure that will stabilize their lives."

The Salvation Army's founder, William Booth, said, "People need soup, soap, and salvation," according to Poochigian. So its programs combine the physical and spiritual with life skills. "We want to connect them to stable things in their lives that will get them out of their circumstances. And we encourage them to be good citizens," she explains.

Is it possible, I ask, that the development corporation thinks its mandate is to move homelessness out of the center city to San Diego's periphery?

"I would never accuse them of that," Poochigian says, "though it's not something I couldn't believe. But how long would it take for homelessness to return? I heard that San Diego recently got a large sum of money to deal with the problem. Why not resource it to the organizations that do it well? I know that governmental agencies don't do it well, and that's because of the way bureaucracy works. A homeless man doesn't want to know what hoops he has to jump through to get a meal. He wants to know where he gets the meal.

"I want to support the de-

velopment corporation," continues Poochigian, "but in a way that is realistic and not discriminatory to people in need. People want to have the life they've worked hard for," she says, "and not to be disturbed by things that are un-

comfortable for them to deal with. So no one wants to see a homeless man or woman camped out. But we look at the homeless in a prejudicial way by thinking, for example, that they're all doing drugs. We have quite a few people that

are far from that, such as women whose husbands have died and left them nothing. They've never worked, so they don't know how to work. These people are being held in prejudice, because we see them as only not wanting to

work and taking advantage of the situation. But it's not so.

"Take the mentally ill. They do get Social Security income," according to Poochigian. "But being on the streets is all about survival. Am I going to survive today? If you had all your

mental capabilities, it would be a difficult route to go. But you get a Social Security check of \$800, you're not mentally stable, and no one's watching your finances. You go and cash your check and put the money in your pocket. There are

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quick, streetwise people out there that are trying to take from you. One day you have your \$800, and the next day you don't. Now you're looking for food. We see a lot of that.

"So homelessness occurs for lots of reasons," says

Poochigian. "I've had Harvard graduates and lawyers in the shelter. There was a CEO who had a mental breakdown. He was affluent, had a wonderful house and career, and provided for his family well. But he went through this mental

crisis and lost his job. His wife was unable to keep up their financial base. That threw him into an even greater depression. As their financial cushion dwindled away, they found themselves in our shelter. In some families that we have,

both people are working full-time, yet they were only able to get the lowest-paying jobs. Two people working full-time at a little above the minimum wage cannot afford to live in San Diego. The working poor have a hard time surviving.

"If the Salvation Army is willing to take on the challenges of homelessness," Poochigian continues, "then why not let us? I know we're doing it effectively. Many guys who were homeless a year ago are working today to help with

our Christmas program. I've had homeless guys who were able to stabilize their lives, find a place to live, and get jobs to sustain them. They are now productive, taxpaying citizens. It doesn't happen overnight, but it works.

"Maybe we should look at this realistically," argues Poochigian. "Are you going to get rid of homelessness? No. If you push it away, it comes back. But can you do something about it? Absolutely. And if the development corporation wants to see progress in this area, then let's look at the agencies that are doing it right and support them. Since we are willing to take on the tasks that we know will give homeless people the best opportunity for changing their lives, why not allow us to do those things. But only to deny them food? No.

"If every Christian organization that is now helping the homeless stopped today," Poochigian says, "the city would be a scary place. The people that we serve would start becoming civil-disobedient. I don't think we would want to see San Diego turn into that kind of community.

"If we're denied the ability to do what the Salvation Army has been doing for over 100 years," asks Poochigian, "who's going to do it then? Is city hall? The Centre City Development Corporation? If they want to take on the responsibility of taking care of the problem that will come when we don't do it, they're bigger people than I believe they are."

One municipal law governing social services in San Diego especially galls Poochigian. "It's okay to have all these bars they have downtown within a square quarter mile," she says, "but two helping agencies can't legally operate next door to each other. You don't want people in need congregating in one place? Well, excuse me. I don't want drunks driving around where I work."

And if you think the homeless do lots of jaywalking and littering downtown, Poochigian suggests that this spring you watch people leaving Petco Park after a Padres game. "What's the difference," she asks, "between some guy throwing cigarette butts out the window of his Mercedes and a homeless woman leaving a cup on the bus stop bench?" ■

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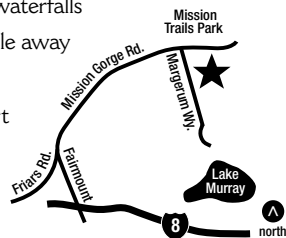
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Matt:

Man, I'm gonna clean your clock! What does clock cleaning have to do with it?

— Jackie, San Diego

Matt:

What about slap happy and punch drunk? Each conveys a happy, positive mood. I'd hate to be so happy I could accept a good slap. Is punch drunk referring to an actual fist punch or drinking too much punch?

— PNP, San Diego

The only reason these questions are here is because our intrepid illustrator, Rick Geary, wanted to draw them. The less I have to do with the word guys, the happier I am. Anyway, would you believe that “clock” has meant the human mug for, well, as long as round-faced clocks have been around? Imagine that. And anything that gets “cleaned” has been defeated. That’s 200 years old. “Clock” meaning “punch,” that’s 100 years old. Sooner or later, somebody was bound to put them together. “Punch drunk”? Some clever sports writer in 1918 thought that described the losing fighter’s stagger. “Slap happy”? As a synonym for goofy or giddy, 1936. A songwriter, I think. We love clever rhyming stuff. Enough.

Heymatt:

I haven't been to the dentist in a while and am due for a cleaning. Over the weekend I got sick and puked a few times. I swear the stomach acid in the vomit cleaned the plaque right off my teeth, and they now appear whiter. Can I save myself from the terror of a visit to the dentist by puking now and then?

— PW, the net

We’ve corralled the elves and taken them to see the staff tooth jockey, Dr. J, DDS. They look cute lined up in their little matching drool bibs. Grandma uses the opportunity to sit in the waiting room and tear interesting articles out of the magazines.

So, Dr. J, you won’t believe —

“Open wide.”

Hae Gok, khaaarg ik igglk gggheeg?

“Yeah, sure. What’s your question?”

Geh, ogay. Ihyoo ghro uk ugick keeh uhrrr keekkh? I geeg, ik u’g geeye, geeye khick.

“What? What kind of question is that? You do this for a living?”

Uh-hh...uh-hug.

“I think this information will be lost on anybody who would ask a question like that. But I’m a professional, so yes, it’s possible that this person noticed a difference. But I can’t see that vomiting would be more fun than getting a good professional cleaning.”

Yheeyee? Ikk’uh guhk? Hogy kchhhik!

“See, stomach acid — hydrochloric acid — is pretty powerful stuff. It could have stripped enough of the fuzz and plaque off the teeth to make them feel cleaner. Bile might have lightened some of the dark acid staining that develops on the plaque and calculus. Spit, please.”

Ptooy! So throwing up is jus —

“Open.”

— gaaack!

“Now I’m not saying that. We dentists smile knowingly under our masks when a patient says it’s been ‘a while’ since they’ve been in. Translated, that means anywhere from one to three years. Six cleanings. So there was probably a pretty good layer of plaque to begin with. I’m not sure a day’s worth of barfing is going to do the trick. But develop a good case of bulimia and the hydrochloric acid will eventually eat away your tooth enamel, starting with the backs of your incisors. Kind of like flossing with a belt sander.”

Ickghee? Gack! Uhh —

“But like I always say, you don’t have to floss all your teeth, only the ones you want to keep.”

Hokgae, Gok. Khagks.

Stop! Stop! Stop! Stop!

We still haven’t cleared the intersection from our four-way-stop question. One of the odder contributions comes from our friend Ken “Mr. Traffic School” Harrison in Oceanside. Just for you Alicelanders he offers this bit of wisdom, which is usually reserved for his class.

Says Ken, “If you have four vehicles come to the four-way stop at the same time, one is a mom in a minivan, a police car, a fire truck, or a postal delivery vehicle, which has the right of way? The mail truck, because it’s a federal vehicle, which takes precedence over non-emergency state, county, and private vehicles.” So if I’m a non-emergency pedestrian, do I have to jump out of the way of my mailperson? Is this part of the new Homeland Security rules? Who comes up with these things?

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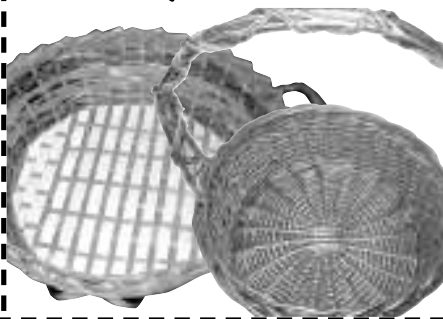
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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Local Boy Makes Good

What seems most remarkable in all this is that you're hosting a network TV show."

Conway Bowman says, "Yeah, tomorrow morning is the first show of the season."

Bowman, 38, a San Diego native, is a city employee working at Lake Hodges. He also hosts *In Search of Fly Water* on ESPN2. What follows is how he got there.

To begin, I wanted to know where San Diego stands in the world of fishing. "San Diego is a pretty dynamic place to fish," Bowman says, especially bass fishing. We have eight of the best reservoirs in the United States right here.

"Really?"

"I got my chops fishing all the city and county lakes. Also, fishing the jetties and in salt water on half-day boats. And my father had a little boat and I'd fish out of that.

"My dad was a school teacher. We spent our summers in Idaho. I developed my trout fly-fishing skills on some of the best ground in the United States. Then, I took that to the next level: I started fly-fishing for bass in San Diego city lakes..."

I laugh, "And then on to fly-fishing in the Pacific Ocean. Were you one of the first to fly-fish in saltwater?"

"There were four or five other guys doing it," Bowman says. "There were some old-school guys who did it back in the '50s, but nobody went for it out here."

"And, from there to hosting a show on TV." Love unplanned and fabulous success. "That's quite a jump, from city employee to..."

"And I'm still a city employee. I manage Lake Hodges. I've been working for the city since I was in high school. Back then, I bought a boat. I needed to pay for the boat, so I became a fishing guide and started guiding people. Started guiding in '97."

"And kept your 40-hours-a-week with the city?"

"Yeah. My days off were for fishing. That's when I took my clients out. During fishing season I had no days off, but I loved what I was doing. Plus, I have the best job in the world: I work at a lake. I'm around fishing 24/7."

Here's the bingo question. "How did you get from there to ESPN?"

"I was fly-fishing for mako sharks," Bowman says. "That's what I specialized in. Mako shark is an extreme, crazy fish; there's the potential that fish will kill you. They run anywhere from 50 to 250 pounds. They're super fast and jump out of the

water, which makes them great for fly-fishing. You use big saltwater flies, you can sight cast through them, which is the ultimate in fly-fishing."

"What's sight casting?"

"We go out, we're in the area where you'll see the fish spinning across the water looking for food. I throw these big flies, about eight ought; they're huge. We'll make a 50-foot cast. They'll either hit or they won't. We always throw to the fish we see. That's the extreme end of fly-fishing."

Okay. "Let's get back to how you got to ESPN."

Bowman asks, "Have you heard of the magazine *Men's Journal*?"

"Yeah."

"Their editor heard about what I was doing. He gave me a call and said, 'Hey, man, I'm coming out; I want to try this.' So, he came out and we fished and he caught a 175-pound Mako shark on the fly. He wrote this great article — how exciting it was, how this is the next big thing, the new frontier of fly-fishing, how I was taking saltwater fly-fishing to the next level, and I'm the only guy doing it on the West Coast.

"So from that, two producers for ESPN are flying back from somewhere. I think they were drunk. It's a few months after the article came out. Somebody left the magazine on the airplane, they saw the article and thought, 'That would be an awesome show.' I mean, these two producers happen to produce a show for ESPN that was a fishing show, a fly-fishing show, and it was called, *Cabela's Sportsman's Quest*.

"They called me and said, 'We want to come out and do a show with you,' and I'm, like, 'Great, come on out.' At first I thought the guys were b.s.ing me, but they came out. Turned out, I was the guide for the Cabela show's regular host.

"Long story short, that show aired, and somebody at ESPN saw it — I think he was the president of the outdoor department. He looks up and says, 'Jeez, why don't we get that guy to host a show for us. At the time, ESPN was going through some changes; they were sick and tired of the old hillbilly fishing host. They needed some excitement.

"So, right when they're having this big meeting, my show came on, and the main guy goes, 'Let's get him to host a show.'"

More Bowman next week. In the meantime, you can find him at Lake Hodges or Bowman Bluewater Guide Service or Sundays on ESPN2.

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Annual budget: In the \$40,000s
Weekly giving: "We don't publish numbers."
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to dressy
Diversity: white
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: www.sdchristianscience.org

Prior to service, the organist played "Largo" by Dvořák. Twenty-one people, nearly all elderly, were in attendance.

Service opened with "Communion Hymn" from *The Christian Science Hymnal*, written by Mary Baker Eddy. Mr. Hofflund read the lyrics before we sang. A woman in a green, flowing dress appeared out of a side-door to lead the congregation in singing. When the song concluded, the woman disappeared into a back room. Service continued as the congregation read Mary Baker Eddy's interpretation of the Lord's Prayer. One of the handouts explained that the interpretations are what Mary Baker Eddy "understands to be the spiritual meaning of the words."

Two readers conduct the Church of Christ service. Readers are elected by the local church to serve three-year terms. The readers sat behind a large box-shaped altar. The first reader was Paul Hofflund, dressed in a business suit. Hofflund's wife, Anne, performed the role of second reader. Mrs. Hofflund wore a black and white swirl-patterned dress suit. As her husband read, Mrs. Hofflund stared into the room without expression.

No sermon is prepared at Christian Science

Church services. "The Bible and Christian Science textbook [written by Mary Baker Eddy] are our only preachers," Mr. Hofflund remarked. "This constitutes a sermon undivorced from truth, uncontaminated and unfettered by human hypotheses, and divinely authorized."

The Hofflunds read excerpts from the Bible and correlating interpretations in *Science and Health* by Mary Baker Eddy. Sample interpretations included: that Jesus' death was not physical, but "Jesus demonstrated man's oneness with God"; at the Lord's Supper, according to *Science and Health*, Jesus "closed concessions to the material world." Many interpretations mentioned how to experience healing in life. The service concluded with people kneeling in silent prayer, followed by a hymn, the Communion Doxology.

I asked Mr. Hofflund how Christian Science could help people who were impoverished.

"If the poor improve their self-concept they could solve their problems." I asked Mr. Hofflund about the tsunami victims. "The victims could alleviate their problems by changing their way of thinking," Mr. Hofflund replied. "If I found myself drowned and naked, I would pray. You are led to your needs being met when you pray." As an example, Mr. Hofflund cited a passage in the Bible where Jesus found money in a fish's mouth to pay his taxes.

I asked Mrs. Hofflund what happens after a person dies. "I guess I'll have to ask you what happens before we're born," Mrs. Hofflund responded. "Sin, sickness, death are all one belief that we live in a material world." Mrs. Hofflund explained that Christian Scientists believe our life is eternal and immaterial. "Humanly, [death] is a tragedy. Divinely, God never sees a child pass through life or death."

Mr. Hofflund added to the thought, "After you die, you wake from this body to a new body that is unseen. Life goes on. What we don't learn here we have to learn in the afterlife." The goal, according to Mr. Hofflund, is to move "further up the road toward unity of God and man. Salvation is unity with God."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

"[As Christian Scientist nurses] we do not give medicine, take temperatures, or read people's pulses," said Betty Miller. Miller works at the Lynn House, a Christian Science nursing facility in Encinitas. The Christian Science treatment is based on the teachings of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, 1879. Eddy taught that physical illness stemmed from false thinking that could be cured only by religious rituals and divine intervention. Christian Scientists believe the material world does not exist, all humans are really spirits, and physical bodies are an illusion.

When asked about how people heal, Nurse Miller responded, "It depends upon their degree of reliance and understanding of the practice. We don't crawl into anyone's consciousness to bring healing," said Miller. Paul Hofflund, an official at the church, joined the conversation; "Healing is individual. We can't determine what will happen." Anne Hofflund, Paul's wife, remarked, "These healings are taking place but they are not being published. People can hear about the healings in the *Christian Science Weekly* or the local Testimony meetings."

Christian Science has received bad publicity for their reliance on prayer-healing. In 1994 the United States Supreme Court upheld a lawsuit against four Christian Scientists for this practice. The lawsuit was filed by Douglas Lundman against Christian Scientists who treated his 11-year-old diabetic son without conventional medicine. The boy, Ian Lundman, died in 1989 from complications of his diabetes.

"Once in a while a kid will die under Christian Science treatment. People wonder if the child could be saved if they had used medicine," acknowledged Mr. Hofflund. "Of course some people think we're nuts." In response to the criticism, Hofflund said that people in America should have freedom to practice their religion.

The Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, meets in a renovated home in Clairemont. As I entered the foyer, an elderly woman handed me the Christian Science Quarterly Weekly Bible Lessons. In the sanctuary, pews sit on long-used beige carpet. The white walls are barren except for two signs in the front. "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you," by Christ Jesus, and "Divine Love always will meet every human need," by Mary Baker Eddy.



PAUL HOFFLUND

Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist Clairemont ^{1/2}

Sermon	
content.....	★
delivery	1/2
Liturgy	★★
Music	
congregational	no stars
choir.....	1/2
Snacks	no snacks
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Dear Saffron,

My good friend Gilbert was admiring a leather jacket I had on at a New Year's party. He's on a tight budget and said he was saving up for a leather jacket just like mine. Gilbert has one jacket, which is cloth, and not terribly warm. I work in fashion, so I get free samples of clothes all the time. I realized that besides the jacket I was wearing, I had a couple of other leather jackets, samples in fact, which were languishing in my closet. I hadn't worn them in ages. So the next time Gilbert came over I rushed to the closet, pulled out the jackets, and insisted he try them on. One didn't fit at all, but the other did. It was a rather out-of-style number with shoulder pads and a belt, but Gilbert was thrilled. I happily gave him the jacket. Since then I've seen Gilbert several times and he's always wearing it. I should have looked more carefully before I foisted it upon him. The sad fact is it looks horrible on the poor boy. What was I thinking? I'm so embarrassed I could scream. Under any other circumstances, if he came over wearing something that looked that hideous on him, I would surely say something, but in this case I'm tongue-tied and mortified. He looks awful and it's all my fault. He loves the jacket and seems inseparable from it. He looks like a stocky bearded guy trying to impersonate Greta Garbo! What have I done? Help!

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Dear Chagrined,

Now that Gilbert's tasted leather he's not likely to want to go back to cloth just because you now think that the wrap you gave him is a designer's nightmare. He's pleased because he's tons warmer and he got the kind of coat he wanted. Can you use your fashion connections to scare up a better-looking jacket for Gil? Then you can trade him the grotesque one for the new, unobjectionable one and take the bad one and burn it or give it to the Salvation Army. Or consider taking up a collection among Gilbert's fashion-sensitive friends and surprise him with a handsome replacement — then you won't have to cringe whenever you see him coming.

Dear Saffron,

About two years ago I fell in love with a younger woman. I'm 60. She's 38. We were both married at the time. We had an affair, and after a while we realized that we wanted to be together openly and not have to lie. After much hurt, heartache, and discussion all around, I divorced my wife, ending a mar-

riage of over two decades. She was devastated. Sandra, the younger woman, had agreed that she would divorce her husband too. Now she's having second thoughts. She says that she wants to remain married and spend half the year with her husband and half the year with me. She says she loves us both. I am not ecstatic about this. This is not what we agreed on and not what I want. I don't think I can sign on to such an unorthodox arrangement. Amazingly, her husband seems to have agreed to this deal. Sandra tells me he says he loves her and wants to be with her under any circumstances. I'm not sure I feel exactly the same way. I do love this woman and I want to be with her all the time, not two seasons out of four. Should I agree so that I get to see her at least six months out of the year, which I suppose is better than nothing? Or is it?

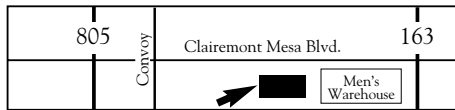
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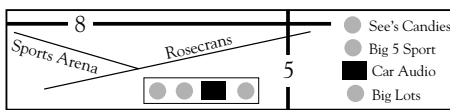
You know who you want and what kind of relationship you want. Unfortunately, right now those two things are mutually exclusive. Unless you can convince Sandra to go back to the original plan of divorcing her husband and marrying you, you're going to have a tough choice to make: Give her up, or give up your dreams of being together full-time and prepare to be her part-time lover. This means she'll bounce back and forth between you and her husband and call all the shots. Also, bear in mind that just as she reneged on her agreement that you would both divorce your spouses, she's also free to weasel out of any other arrangements you make with her now or in the future. Do you really trust this woman? Or is that not an issue for you?

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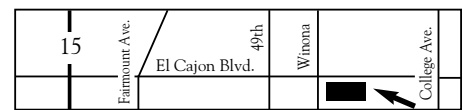
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Before rain overwhelmed my windshield wipers as I drove through a shopping center parking lot, I noticed a 40-year-old woman cringing beneath a tiny pink Hello Kitty umbrella. The umbrella was barely big enough to cover her hair. I laughed, but partly out of a sense of irony. She looked silly but at least she had something keeping rain off her head. I had to race across the parking lot without coat, hat, or umbrella.

This wasn't the first time I had been caught empty handed (and headed) in a downpour. Raingear just isn't as high on my list in San Diego as it was when I lived back East. There, nobody lives through a year of seasons without foul-weather gear. Here, until it's too late, I never think about it. But, next week, Mom is coming to town to winter in San Diego and she'll need an umbrella. This winter is going to be blustery, so I need a high-quality umbrella that keeps Mom dry and doesn't blow out when wind blows hard.

My first call was to Luggage Center in La Jolla. "I carry eight different styles of umbrellas," said manager Jeff Wilson, "because people's needs are different. Our most popular umbrella right now is the WindGuard by Samsonite [\$24.99]. It has two hoods, so as the wind rushes between the two hoods, it actually pushes the first hood down, so in a high gust of wind, say up to 30 miles an hour, it won't flip inside out. They are not designed to withstand gusts of more than 25 or 30 miles an hour. It comes in red, khaki, black, and navy. The umbrella has an automatic open and close. We also carry the same umbrella in an automatic open, but not automatic close, for \$19.99."

I explained to Wilson that I feared Mom would leave the umbrella at home if it was too bulky. "Ours are thinner, lighter, and smaller," he explained, "because they are more geared to travel. WindGuards are slim, and they will run anywhere from 12 inches to about 16 inches in length, which is pretty short. Most umbrellas that have a canopy as large as the WindGuards' — over 45-inch diameter canopy — will be on a really long golf stick, which will be over three feet long. [The WindGuard] has the same size canopy as some of your golf sticks, but is less than half the length."

I was sold. I hustled down to the store to pick up a WindGuard. But, by the time I arrived, the \$24.99 model, which opens and closes automatically, had sold out. I bought the automatic-open model for \$19.99 and headed home for more research. "I want a spare," I told husband Patrick. "Call the Walking Company," suggested Patrick. "They

"A soccer mom wants a really big umbrella so she could have the whole family underneath it."

carry good-quality products, and I have seen umbrellas there."

"The umbrella that sells really well — as a matter of fact we only have one left — is called the WindPro umbrella by ShedRain [\$38.00]," explained sales associate Jonathan. "When it rains, we blow right out of these umbrellas. There are a couple of nice features; it is bigger than the average umbrella, not quite as big as a golf umbrella but almost. You could definitely have two people under it. It is sturdy, and the handle sits nicely in your hand. The umbrella has an automatic open-and-close button. The one thing about umbrellas that I have experienced is that when it is rainy and windy and you're getting in and out of your car, it is a big hassle if you've got to push the umbrella open yourself while holding onto all your stuff. You just want to stick your umbrella out the door and pop it open with a button and then step out to protect your stuff."

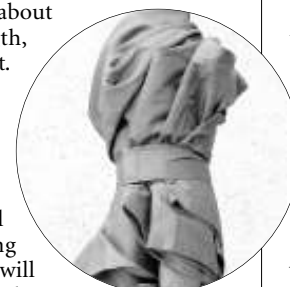
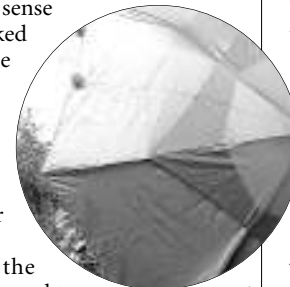
I couldn't agree more. But, since the Fashion Valley Walking Company was nearly out of the umbrella, I popped into their UTC store instead. "I had a lady come in and buy four umbrellas just an hour ago," remarked the sales-clerk. I snatched up the WindPro and headed off.

Jonathan was right. I had found the Rolls-Royce of umbrellas. The feel was firm, sturdy, well made. The open/close button was quick, and the size more than big enough for sheltering mom, but not so huge as to make her look like she was hitting the golf links. At home, I called the company and spoke with Jeff Blauer, vice president of sales and marketing at ShedRain, who filled me in on some particulars of their umbrellas. "WindPro uses a construction that is in several of our umbrellas," Blauer offered. "It's a vented umbrella with certain components in it such as nylon cables that hold back the cover so it doesn't invert. The bigger the cover gets, the more intricate detail there is."

How should a customer decide on an umbrella?

"There are all kinds of umbrellas for different lifestyles," answered Blauer. "If they live in a walking city, like Chicago, New York, in the downtown areas, then I would probably buy a golf umbrella that is big. If I live somewhere in a suburb, I am running to the mall, back and forth from my car, I am probably going to want a small compact umbrella that I can just throw in my car. A soccer mom wants a really big umbrella so she could have the whole family underneath it. Or, for traveling, you want something small and flat. It just depends on what your needs are."

"Whatever the choice," Blauer added, "our umbrellas have a lifetime warranty."



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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

I was supposed to stay overnight at the City Rescue Mission on Saturday. But when I got there at 7:30, the doors were closed. "Sorry, Full House Tonight." So I decided to try the one down the street, the Full Gospel Rescue Mission, at 441 Fifth Avenue. They have an evening service, too.

A lady who had been playing the piano got up during the testimony and blasted "bored" members of the audience. She said a few years ago she couldn't have cared less whether the "bored ones" went to Heaven or Hell. Now she does care and she hopes they realize it.

At 9:30 the guys in the bunks around me and I talked about selling plasma and selling blood. The black guy on the bed across from me said you get \$7.50 for blood and \$7 for plasma. But you could give plasma every day if you kept your iron up.

— "RESCUE MISSION," *Carlos Bey,*
January 23, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The first one, you're probably getting a lot of these, is the Ayatollah Khomeini. I guess I have this Americanism, patriotism or whatever, and the idea that their religion and God is that important, and then they threaten to hang the hostages as spies.... It must be a strange type of God.

— OFF THE CUFF: "WHAT FAMOUS PEOPLE ARE YOU GETTING TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT?" *Doug Miller,*
January 24, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Also moving into the San Diego area in the coming months will be the *San Francisco Chronicle*.... Other out-of-town dailies already in San Diego are not sitting still, however. The *New York Times* has in the last two years doubled the number of its coin boxes to 175, distributor Wilhelm says, and now sells an average of 800 copies a day. And *The Wall Street Journal*, which arrived in San Diego via 75 coin boxes in 1972, had 250 on the streets six months ago and has since doubled that total to 500.

— CITY LIGHTS: "LOOKING INTO OUTSIDERS,"
Thomas K. Arnold, January 24, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Whatever other legacy she leaves, Mayor Maureen O'Connor can claim a record for creative semantics. Take the mayor's recent state of the city message, in which she announced that the Soviet Arts Festival was a "financial success."

When the books are closed sometime next month, the famous event may post as much as a \$1.5 million loss for taxpayers. The most optimistic estimate now has the city \$500,000 in the red, according to festival



San Diego Reader, January 19, 1995

director Bruce Herring.

— CITY LIGHTS: "MAYBE SHE MEANT RUBIES,"
Matt Potter, January 25, 1990

Ten Years Ago

There have been many big mouths. William Randolph Hearst. Mick Jagger. Desi Arnaz. Wallace Beery. Nat "King" Cole. MacDonald Carey. Fifties singer Guy Mitchell. Probably no one has a bigger mouth than Aerosmith's Steven Tyler, though at least the shape isn't grotesque. Springsteen's isn't really big, it's a large gnathic boulder, most of it, like George Gershwin's and comedian Joe E. Brown. (In the film *Show Boat* it looks like he's wearing two collars!) Andy Griffith has a big, peasant, earth-scoop of a mouth. And Arnold Schwarzenegger's is like a massive portcullis, with the widely spaced, peglike teeth of a moronic Hun.

— "HOW TO READ A MUG," *Alexander Theroux,*
January 19, 1995

Five Years Ago

San Diego's NFL season is over, but the stench lingers. We have endured another 8-8 season and, looking forward, there is not one reason to believe that the Bolts will do better next year. The time has come to agree on what needs to be done and then boycott the team if they will not do it.

The one move that will help the Chargers more than any other is to obtain a starting quarterback. My freeloading, unemployed dog knows that. Bobby Beathard doesn't. San Diego's quarterback lineup is enough to make you take up gemstone polishing. Erik Kramer is 35 years old. Jim Harbaugh is 36 years old. I have no problem with their ages. The problem is, they weren't good quarterbacks when they were 25 years old. They're not any better now.

— SPORTING BOX: "WE NEED TO TALK," *Patrick Daugherty, January 20, 2000*

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by Josh Board

It was a mellow Christmas season for parties — for me. That was good, considering I was sick for almost two weeks around that time.

There was a bris I found out about, but the idea of going to celebrate a baby being circumcised isn't my idea of a party. I cringe even thinking about it. I do laugh thinking about the story where a man sued his mom for having that done to him as a baby.

A woman named Anne called to invite me to her Christmas Eve party. She told me her father was Portuguese and her mom was Samoan, and they combine both traditions when they celebrate and party on Christmas Eve.

Earlier that day, I met a girl named Corinna who was from Germany. I asked her about their traditions on Christmas. She said, "Our entire celebration is on Christmas Eve. Our parents would lock the living room or another room in the house. The kids were in their rooms, and they decorate the tree at that time and set the presents out. In Germany, it's tradition to have a bell that you ring. When it is rung, we can come out of our rooms. We are told that it's the Christ Child who decorated the tree and left the presents. We sing songs and open gifts at that time. Sometimes a child is asked to say a poem. If



there is a piano in the house, someone will play that during the carols. We have a big meal, and then families attend midnight Mass. This all happens the day before Christmas, though."

I loved the idea of the bell. Talk about creating a Pavlovian response in children.

I asked her more about Germany. Corinna said, "The most famous market is in Nuremberg. You can buy everything there — decorations, candles, gingerbread,

"If you go into a bar, the police can't give you a ticket for being drunk."

trees, and all the presents. The kids are told that Christ Child shops here, in case they see a gift they end up getting. The children also send letters to Christ Child or Santa, just like in America. We have some of the same



foods we eat during the holidays, but we also have *stollen*, *stuten*, *hutzelbrot*, ginger nuts, marzipan, roast apples, and rum grog."

Ah, sounds delicious...I think. She ended by telling me, "In Germany, it has moved away from

being such a religious holiday. It is more about the time with your family."

I showed up at Anne's brother's place in Point Loma. She told me a lot of the Portuguese tuna fishermen live in

this area. Her father is a retired fisherman, but she has a brother in the business. She's writing a book about tuna fishermen. I was just thankful she didn't spend her time at the party telling me all about the book. So often at parties people tell me of a novel, CD, or screenplay they are working on. Sometimes it's interesting, but when people spend an hour telling you details of something that you didn't care about to begin with, you can start to nod off. (Thanks for not doing that, Anne; can't wait for the book.)

The smells from the kitchen were incredible. They were making lasagna, but the smell of the

garlic bread and other treats was wonderful. A lot of children were running around, and one lady had the perfect idea. She handed out fun pads (miniature coloring books with puzzles inside) to all the children. That kept 'em busy for about 20 minutes.

It also reminded me of a time when I was five. My mom took my brother and me to see Santa Claus. When my brother sat on Santa's lap, he was given a fun pad and a watch. I was so excited to receive these, I jumped on his lap. And when I was done rattling off the toys I wanted, Santa handed me a fun pad and a toy race car. I asked for a watch and he said, "I just ran out of those." I started to cry and continued sobbing all the way home. My mom said, "Stop being a baby." And my brother, in one of his kinder moments as a big bro, grabbed the race car and said, "Look how cool this is! It has a number on the side, and I bet it can go fast." Through my tears, I wanted to scream, "But it can't tell time, damn it!" Ah, writing this column, it's cheaper than seeing a shrink.

Anne has a brother who is a singer-songwriter. We were talking about his music, and an older woman overheard this. She told me her son was a musician and writer. "He wrote the

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liner notes for many popular CDs. And he cowrote [San Diegan] Frankie Laine's autobiography."

People at this party were speaking many different languages. Anne's mom was talking to me, at one point, about the importance of pronouncing people's names properly. I was telling her that I find it annoying when somebody is named "Andrea" but she asks that you pronounce it "On-dray-ah." It seems to me that if your name is spelled the way it's usually spelled but you have some funky pronunciation, you seem silly if you are correcting everyone at a party. They really don't care, and it will make them feel uncomfortable for mis-

pronouncing it. Maybe I'll ask Saffron the etiquette behind that.

A tall, good-looking guy named Mark showed up. His mom works with Anne, and Anne joked about trying to seduce him. He was a tow-truck driver in his early 30s. When Anne told him I was doing a story and that he should do something crazy like get naked, he said, "Like I always do?"

The first thing Mark said to me was that he had towed his old girlfriend's car the other day. I immediately thought of the Harry Chapin song where he drives a taxi and picks up an old girlfriend who is now rich and is tipped \$20. As I was waiting for him

to say how humiliating it was to have an old girlfriend see him towing cars, he told me, "She's ruined every car she's owned." He then told me he and his buddies would fix the cars up a bit, doing a lot of welding, and have rally races in the desert. "You don't care if you roll a car doing 90 if it's a piece of junk. It's so fun. We have to work on them. People often give me their junky cars, but most times they go straight to the junkyard."

He told me I should join him in a rally race and that he'd provide the car for me. But it wasn't damaging the car at 90 mph that I was worried about. It was me going through a windshield at 90

and bleeding to death in a desert.

I asked if he had any other tow-truck stories. He said that on slow nights, he'll go to bars. One insurance company gives you four free tows a year, and he tells the bartender that if anyone has had too much to drink, he'll offer to tow their car. That way, they get home safely with their car. And the insurance company foots the bill.

Mark said, "I showed up at one bar, and this woman had driven 15 feet down this hill in the parking lot. The cops were there looking for the owner. She had gone back into the bar and was afraid to come out and possibly get a DUI. I went in and told her

she didn't have anything to worry about. It's a way to get out of a drunk-driving accident. If you have something like this happen and go into a bar, the police can't give you a ticket for being drunk, because you may have gotten drunk after the accident. It will always get thrown out of court. The police knew this woman was drunk, and they lectured her, but she didn't get a ticket. And I towed her home."

Anne has a brother named Steve, whom I had seen taking pictures of Arnold Schwarzenegger in Old Town. And I saw him when we went to the same court reporting school. I quit the school after only being able to type 140

words per minute. (You have to type 225 to be employed.) He told me, "I got up to 200 but quit. I'm working for the D.A.'s office. They pay me the same as a court reporter, so I gave up the school."

We talked about the 90-percent dropout rate of court reporters, the students who went for ten years not realizing they might never get up to that speed. It's a tough thing to learn. And you abbreviate so many words, trying to read your notes sometimes is like trying to figure out a new language.

I heard that Steve got his nephews presents that included the skull-dissecting kit from the TV show *CSI* and a George Foreman Play-

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Doh grill set. Wow. And I thought Operation was a cool game!

Anne was given a doll called "Mr. Perfect." It was supposed to be the perfect man. When you squeeze its hand, it says 16 phrases, including "Honey, I hope we can spend the holidays with your family again this year." Another was "I've made you breakfast in bed again." I did wonder why the doll wasn't life-size.

When Anne got some French perfume, she wanted me to smell it. I stuck out my hand and she said, "You won't be able to smell it on your hand." I asked, "What are you talking about?" She said, "You cannot smell perfume on yourself." We argued about this for ten minutes. When she finally sprayed it on my palm, I smelled it. I told her I could smell it fine and she said, "Well, mixed with your body chemistry, you can't smell it properly." Ah, okay. Maybe you're supposed to spray it in the air, walk through it sniffing, and that's the only way to smell it. I'd be willing to bet it smelled exactly the same as it did on my hand.

Another guy was telling me about parties he'd had in college. He said that they'd charge \$5 per person, and so many people showed up, they'd make \$3000. He said, "We paid for the kegs, paid the band, and had enough money left over to pay the rent. We didn't need to work, just threw parties and it paid the bills."

Anne kept bringing me food and updating me on all the people at the party. She said, "There are Italians here, Jewish friends, Mexicans, as well as all the Samoan and Portuguese. It's several cultures coming together."

Since her mom is Samoan, I asked about their traditions. Anne said, "The Samoan kids are happy and polite and grateful for whatever they get as gifts. They aren't as spoiled as some kids in the U.S. They learn how to share because many Samoan kids are from large families."

She told me, "In Samoa, they have modern things, like video games, and some similar traditions. They start things on Christmas Eve. They sing hymns and pray to thank

God. Before midnight, they attend a church service or have a big feast. They seem to value the family more than the actual gifts. When I went there to visit my dad, it was different than I expected. Everything revolves around church. My brother once got in trouble for swimming at

my dad's beach in back of his house. It was on a Sunday, something you never do in a Samoan village on a Sunday. Late at night on Christmas, the kids would go from house to house dressed in white as angels. They sang from 2:00 a.m. until 4:00 a.m. It was beautiful. They are taught

harmony from an early age. I've never heard a bad Samoan choir. The language is very melodic, too. And the kids don't get a lot of presents on Christmas. They get their gifts on New Year's Eve."

As I left the party, I thought about my weird family traditions. Having a Jew-

ish mom and a Catholic stepdad, we had a tree and a menorah. Good Fridays for me were just okay Fridays. I went to confession, but I'd bring an attorney with me.

My tradition now, as an adult, is to meet friends at the Casbah to watch the Dragons do their Rolling Stones set,

which they've done for the last 15 years on Christmas Eve. As I look around the bar, I wonder why these people aren't home with their families. ■

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by Barbarella

One Woman's Trash...

*Buy! Buy! Says the sign in the shop window.
Why? Why? Says the junk in the yard.*

— Paul McCartney

Is it cold out? At 9:00 a.m. the sun wasn't exactly beating down on us, but it shouldn't have been cold enough to see our breath. Transfixed, I watched closely every word emerge from the guy's mouth like smoke signals, only these were puffs of mist and spittle. He was back again, scratching his scruffy beard, to relate more tales of legendary deals he'd found at flea markets. Stephanie humored him and nodded solemnly when he handed her an abandoned silver bracelet, and again later when he presented a keychain he'd found discarded in the street. I kept a safe distance between myself and what I was certain were germ-infested word clouds.

The potential buyer didn't haggle. Who doesn't know that everything at a yard sale is negotiable?

During my short stint at San Diego State, cultural anthropology was the only course in which I earned an easy A. I attribute the success to my interest in observing people. As a self-proclaimed expert in such matters, I can confidently state the venue that draws the widest variety of interesting subjects is the yard sale.

The yard sale satisfies two human desires: to know what your neighbor has and to consume. Add to this the possibility of finding a treasure while

digging through someone's trash. Such a find combines the thrill of lottery-style gambling with the reward of one's encyclopedic knowledge of an arcane subject, say, Norwegian candy dishes produced between the Crimean and first World Wars. I've thought about hosting yard sales before, but in the end, I could never bring myself to organize, label, and (most importantly) let go of anything. I harbor a rodent-like need to stow away every item I've ever considered mine.

My parents have the same problem, which is why my sister, when cleaning out Mom's garage, had to throw half of Mom's crap away surreptitiously. My mother has yet to notice what's missing. But when we'd ask, "Can I throw this out?" too early, she'd come up with a million reasons why she had to keep it, each reason making less sense than the one before. My friend Stephanie has never had this problem.

To get away from noisy

neighbors and late-night drunks outside her bedroom window, Stephanie found herself a new home. The only downside to her new digs is that it's half the size of her current place. She decided to follow in the footsteps of Buddha and take the minimalist approach by ridding herself of material items.

Furniture, clothing, kitchenware, and knick-knacks had to go. Luckily for the patrons of her temporary shop, Stephanie is a woman with good taste. Upon my arrival, I thought she was taking the "less is more" thing too seriously, and I ordered her to remove a few items from display. "You wear that *all* the time!" I'd say, reminding her how fabulous she looked in it. Rather than watch her give clothes away, I struggled to find ways for her to keep them: "I'll give you a drawer at my place!" I offered, thus salvaging a few items.

There was no shade on our side of the street, so Steph grabbed me her big red sun hat and a comfy folding camp chair. People ambled from Sixth Avenue, where two other yard sales were in progress. We'd begin to chat and someone would walk by, asking the price of an old phone or the set of five crystal glasses, then walk away empty-handed. The cycle continued, save for several notable interruptions.

A few minutes had passed since anyone had wandered by. Then a fire truck nearly the length of Stephanie's small block slowed down in front of us. Two women sat in the front. They looked our way and then brought the monstrous red thing to a rumbling halt before us. As they eyed our setup, I asked Stephanie if we might be breaking a fire code. I tried to act nonchalant. When a back window in the cab of the truck slid

open, I imagined a nozzle might appear to wash me, Steph, and her wares into the street. But instead a young man with a buzz cut popped his head out and asked, "How much for that bed frame?"

"Fifty bucks!" Stephanie called out. The guy nodded, disappeared, and then reappeared to say "Thanks" before they drove away. We laughed at the novelty of a team of firefighters trawling yard sales to shop for a bed frame. To us, the mystery was why the potential buyer didn't haggle but just considered Steph's answer and motioned for the driver to carry on. Who doesn't know that everything at a yard sale is negotiable?

Speaking of firemen, one thing I love about Hillcrest is the gay boys. My friend Evan calls me a "fruit fly," the updated (and less offensive) version of "fag hag." Stephanie had flung a few bright-colored boas on a rack, and they were gone in minutes. One adorable boy sashayed across the street straight to the purple boa. "This would be great for Burning Man," he said. I almost said, "Actually, it's not, because renegade feathers are tough to clean up, and you know the law — leave no trace," but I refrained.

Boa boy assumed I knew what Burning Man is, and he was right. I've been to the weeklong surrealistic party in the desert, and as the *burningman.com* website reads, "Trying to explain what Burning Man is to someone who has never been to the event is a bit like trying to explain what a particular color looks like to someone who is blind." Picture the other side of Alice's looking glass, where anything is possible, including giant chandeliers that fell from heaven, temples made of discarded wood bits or card-

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Still laughing, Stephanie and I greeted a few more lookie-loos. Digging through the boxes off to the side, one man asked the price of many items but took nothing. We watched as he pondered the meat grinder long enough to make us uncomfortable, then watched as he ran his finger along the rims of the glassware. We were still mesmerized when he left and we stared after him, his back getting smaller as he disappeared up the street.

It's amazing how much you can find out about someone in a few minutes. Perhaps it's because I'm one of those

approachable types, strangers feel compelled to offer unsolicited personal information. Maybe they sense how much I want to know, which makes these strangers feel comfortable telling all. It had been a while since I'd demonstrated my skill, so it surprised Steph when once again I revealed my gift.

A cute blonde woman had begun to select clothes. She was talkative, friendly, and excited about her finds. In half an hour, she selected an entire wardrobe for herself from Stephanie's stuff. In the few minutes that Stephanie stepped away to answer someone else's question about the crystal, I learned that our clothes buyer was into BDSM (Bondage/Discipline/Sado-Masochism). I also learned that she was a lesbian looking for a new female "top," or person to dominate her. I love Hillcrest.

"When did she tell you that?" Stephanie whispered when I shared my newfound knowledge. "How did it come up? I only turned around for a minute!"

"Yes, I know," I said. "I'm just *that* good."

By day's end Stephanie had rid herself of more than I'd amassed in a year. Organizing, setting up, and letting go, *she's* just that good. ■

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WALL STREET is predicting that 2005 will be a year of corporate marriages and initial public offerings of common stocks, and the Street is rejoicing. No doubt for Wall Street, resumption of both kinds of crapshooting will be good. Moneybags will rake in fees on mergers and acquisitions and amass fast bucks on hot new issues. But both activities are signs of a juiced-up market. So here's a warning to local investors: before getting seduced into such dice-rolling, bone up on San Diego's sorry history in the merger/acquisition and initial public offerings, or new issues, games.

As the San Diego experience attests, investors will be the losers. Before every proposed merger, suckers will be told that two plus two equals five. They'll be told that after two companies merge, each will be stronger. But in merger madness, two plus two often equals three. Both entities are likely to end up worse.

Similarly, an initial public offering is an insider's racket. Wall Street gets rich on investment banking fees and in the marketing and manipulation of the stock. Venture capitalists and founders buy their shares for pennies apiece, then unload them for one million percent profits. Ordinary investors, unless they get lucky, are left holding the bag.

A swarm of mergers and new issue offerings is an essential element of a stock market bubble, as was seen in the 1990s. In 1999, the average new issue zoomed 75 percent *the first day*, a certain omen the bubble would burst, as it did in 2000.

Last month was the hottest December ever for

of companies on the acquisition trail or companies that might be bought out for a fat premium. Your broker will try to woo you into a new issue, telling you how rapidly it will soar.

Tell the touts to go to hell. You live in a city that has been hell on earth for innocent lambs who got sucked into these rackets. The following history is revealing for another reason. National news articles on the city's current financial shenanigans repeat the myth that the San Diego business establishment is staid and conservative, that it was known for its cleanliness until recent problems emerged. 'Taint so.

Conglomeration Conjunction

Merger madness has cropped up throughout the history of capitalism, but the insanity peaked in the 1960s. Wall Street would bankroll a company, then tout its stock to the heavens. The company would use the inflated stock, as well as cash generated by massive borrowing, to gobble up doggy, disparate

mergers. And in 2004, there were as many new issues as there had been the previous three years combined. So if 2005 is to be a year of mergers and new issues, stocks, selectively, may do well as a bubble expands, but beware: at some point the air begins leaking, slowly or rapidly.

All this means that if you are in the stock market, Wall Street touts will try to get you to buy shares

enterprises, then cook the books to make it appear that earnings were soaring.

Conglomeration was a mirage, and suitably enough, the semi-desert of San Diego produced two of the most rattlesnake-infested conglomerates: U.S. Financial and C. Arnholt Smith's Westgate-California.

U.S. Financial began business providing short-

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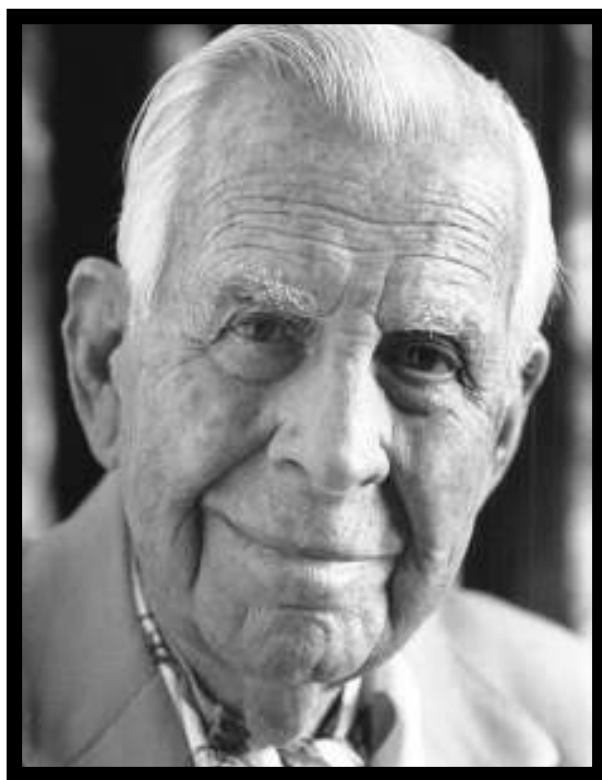
term loans to companies. In 1964, it went public at \$4.62. Two years later, it acquired the businesses of Robert H. Walter and then installed him as chief executive. One of his businesses was SWAN Constructors. Walter boasted that the acronym stood for "Started Without a Nickel." He also boasted that he "would make housing happen."

Instead, he and colleagues made egregious book-juggling happen. U.S. Financial appeared to have booming sales and earnings because, among many things, it was selling products to itself. These shenanigans were exposed by New York accounting professor Abraham Briloff in articles in *Barron's* and, in 1972, in his book *Unaccountable Accounting: Games Accountants Play*.

The stock hit \$62 in 1971. Assets were pur-

portedly \$311 million. There were 80 subsidiaries and more than 70 joint venture partnerships around the country. Management called it "the Sears Roebuck of the development industry." But in reality, U.S. Financial was like the proverbial 400-pound Texan who is given an enema and shrinks to the size of a Barbie doll.

"It was a conglomerate based on real estate, but it got into insurance companies and things like that," recalls San Diegan Dennis Schmucker, who was bankruptcy trustee and coauthor of a major report on the company's self-inflated bubble. U.S. Financial played two main games. "First, they were front-ending real estate." The company would sell out a development before it opened, such as 939 Coast Boulevard, a high-rise condo in La



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C. Arnholt Smith

Jolla, and then book future revenue. Then it would estimate future expenses. "They were substantially understating expenses and therefore overstating profits. They would report profits on projects they really had losses on."

Secondly, "They would develop or acquire a property in Entity A and turn around and sell it to Entity B and book the profits, when Entity B was actually one of their own entities," recalls Schmucker. And

sometimes, "Entity B was an outside shell."

There is no evidence that the company ever made any honest money, says Schmucker. "They created phony earnings and used the inflated stock to acquire other properties." Thus, the company was among the first to master the 1960s conglomerate scam.

But all balloons burst. As news clippings from the era related, U.S. Financial became one of the nation's largest Chapter 11 bankruptcies ever, in July 23, 1973. Stockholders got creamed. That was my first day as the new financial editor of the *San Diego Union*. For several months before arriving, I had been reading in national media about the calamities at U.S. Financial and C. Arnholt Smith's Westgate-California. Thus, the day after the

bankruptcy, I was horrified to hear a top editorial executive of Copley Newspapers declare, "These are respectable people in San Diego." Respectable? Didn't anyone read the national financial press?

Walter, the chief executive at U.S. Financial, pleaded no contest in federal court to charges of conspiracy and filing a false report with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He got three years in prison, according to press reports at the time. Two other top executives got prison time on financial fraud charges. Five others got lighter sentences or stiff fines, as reported in local media. The company's accounting firm paid huge sums in civil suits and was censured by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There was another, darker side to U.S. Financial. It borrowed

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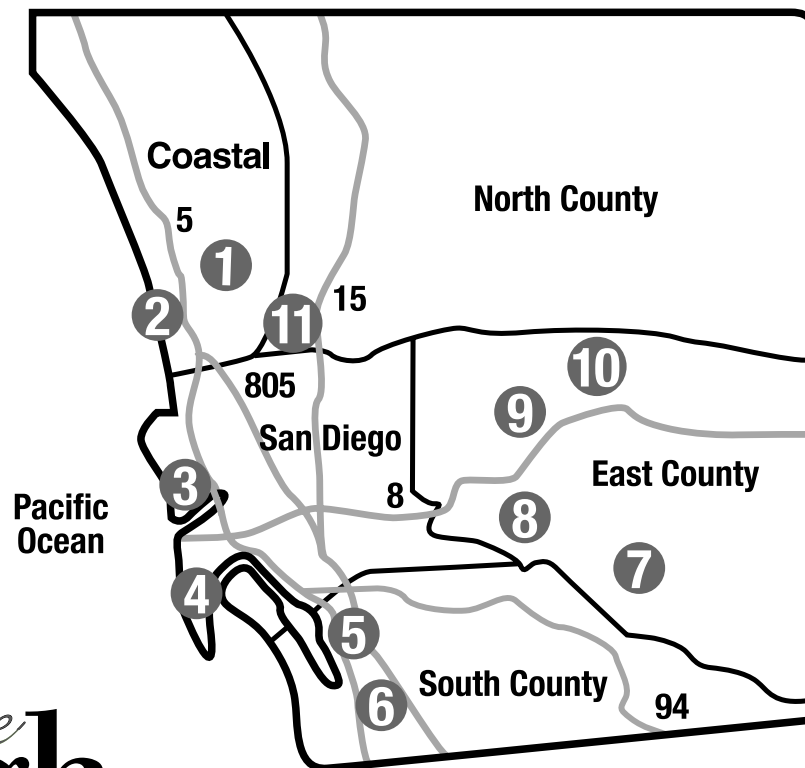
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money from a questionable, small Swiss institution, the Cosmos Bank. As a 1974 article in *Business Week* and a 1978 article in *Forbes* pointed out, this bank, which failed in the mid-1970s, had made deals to fund some very shady operations. One was Los Angeles-based Equity Funding, called “the fraud of the century” in one of three hot-selling books about the company published in the 1970s. Another was the Paradise Island Bridge, which connects a controversial gambling casino to Nassau, Bahamas. Another company getting money from Cosmos was Westec, considered one of the major auditing failures of the 1960s. Said *Forbes*, “Cosmos also made a concealed loan of \$800,000 to Peñasquitos Corp., a [San Diego] land developer, which also

received \$100 million in loans from the much-investigated Teamsters Union Central States Pension Fund. The owner-operator of Peñasquitos, [San Diego’s] Irvin J. Kahn, who died in September 1973, was involved in numerous deals with principals related to organized crime.” (Full disclosure: as a staff member, I provided reams of information on the Cosmos Bank to *Business Week*. Also, I was a major contributor to the 1978 *Forbes* article.)

Investigative author Dan E. Moldea in his book *Interference* says that former president Richard Nixon stashed \$35.9 million in the Cosmos Bank in 1971 and 1972. According to the *Business Week* story, “the Senate Watergate Committee and the special prosecutor’s office looked into Cosmos Bank, among oth-



John Moore

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ers, to learn whether it was a conduit for illegal Republican campaign contributions.”

Like U.S. Financial, C. Arnholt Smith, who controlled Westgate-California and United States National Bank, had questionable asso-

ciations. Owner of the Padres, Smith was beloved of the San Diego establishment. The downtown Rotary Club named him “Mr. San Diego,” and a *San Diego Union* writer called him “Mr. San Diego of the Century.”

He was a close friend of the Copley newspaper clan — as I soon learned in 1973 — a lion of society, and the leader of the business establishment. But another longtime Smith associate was John Alessio, who ran a bookmaking operation in Mexico and went to prison in 1971 for tax evasion. Alessio boasted in a *Union-Tribune* article that he was one of the biggest shareholders in Smith enterprises. In the late 1960s, the two tried unsuccessfully to get the Del Mar Race-track license and move it to their Oceanside track, San Luis Rey Downs, according to the *North County Times*.

In 1933, Smith and his brother had bought the ailing United States National Bank, and in ensuing decades, they acquired other banks.

Smith launched Westgate-California in

1960 and through rapid acquisitions created a hodgepodge: Yellow Cab operations in 13 California cities, a tuna fleet, the Westgate Plaza Hotel, regional airline Air California, Airport Limousine and Trucking Services, diversified manufacturer Golconda Corp., and scattered raw land.

In the mid-1960s, some Las Vegas entrepreneurs decided to build a posh resort in North County, named La Costa. The leader was Morris “Moe” Dalitz, a charter member during Prohibition of Cleveland’s Mayfield Road Mob. In the 1950s, when Senator Estes Kefauver was investigating organized crime, Dalitz, asked about rum-running, snapped famously, “If you people wouldn’t have drunk it, I wouldn’t have bootlegged it.”

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the interim loans on La Costa, according to James Mulvaney, later the government-installed president of the bank. Then the Teamsters' funds would assume the U.S. National loans, explains Mulvaney. Teamster head Frank Fitzsimmons, "who had taken over for Jimmy Hoffa, used to come down to the ballpark regularly when the Padres were a minor-league team, and also when they were in the majors," says Mulvaney.

According to federal banking and secu-

rities regulators, the Smith-controlled bank would dole out money far in excess of legal insider-lending limits to the Smith-controlled conglomerate Westgate-California and also to Smith's cronies, such as Alessio, La Costa developers, and owners of farm acreage.

"Smith used the bank as his cash register," says Dave Stutz, who probed Smith and John Alessio for a combined federal and state organized-crime strike force. Stutz, who retired last year from the district attorney's office,

says Smith made sure that the majority of bank officials "were in his pocket; they would approve anything — gave him a cash cow to build his empire and fund his friends," such as Alessio and Dalitz.

The strike force was investigating alleged hoodlums that hung around La Costa, says Stutz. Despite bad national publicity about La Costa, U.S. National didn't stop shelling out construction loans; it kept funding the Vegas entrepreneurs, particularly for purchasing surrounding real estate.

"I saw all the loan reports generated internally within the bank for La Costa," says Stutz. Dalitz and his pals would routinely request loans of \$50,000 and \$100,000 and get them. "The bank carried the La Costa loans on the books; they were rolled over but not always paid."

As the bank headed for insolvency in the early 1970s, phantom transactions appeared, says Stutz. Smith and bank officials "set up 80 or so different corporations that were just on

paper. There was no corporation. They would roll the loans over into these entities."

In the early 1970s, the Securities and Exchange Commission accused Smith of fraud. Trading in Westgate stock was halted. In a settlement, Smith was removed from office. Federal banking authorities shut down the bank in 1973 — at the time, it was the largest bank failure in U.S. history. Almost 40 percent of the loans were to Smith companies or cronies. Comptroller of the

Currency James E. Smith called the bank's unkempt operations the result of "total fraud." The Smith financing machine was "self-dealing run riot." Initially, stockholders of both the bank and the conglomerate got clobbered.

Smith eventually pleaded no contest to federal felony bank fraud. The government showed that when his bank was shoveling money to his pals, some of it was going into his pocket, pointed out press articles of the time. But Smith was

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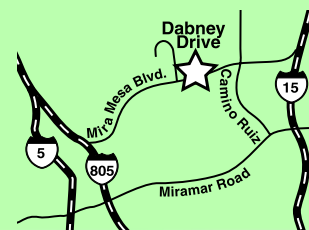
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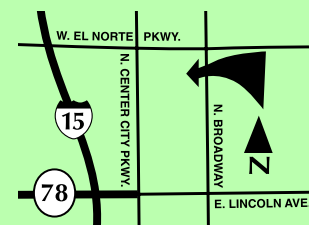
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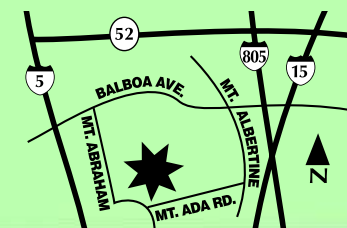
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given probation. The public howled. The district attorney nailed him for embezzlement of almost \$9 million. In 1984, he was incarcerated, sort of — he tended flowers for eight months at a work furlough center in Southeast San Diego. He died in 1996.

And he died penniless, says Mulvaney. Most white-collar criminals stash loot offshore and have plenty left after serving time. Not Smith. Shortly before he died, Smith called Mulvaney. Smith groaned that he didn't have any-

thing to eat. "He asked if I would send \$150," recalls Mulvaney. "I thought he had stashed money away somewhere. But he didn't have a frigging nickel."

He had built so much — indeed, the Westgate hotel had resulted from a conversation with former President Dwight Eisenhower. The two had been drinking in the old El Cortez hotel. Schmucker remembers this conversation with Smith: "He said Ike asked if this was the best hotel in San Diego. Smith was so embar-

rassed for San Diego that he built the Executive Hotel and from there built the Westgate."

But Smith, in fact, was not all that bright. Mulvaney puts it gently: "He was a gambler. He couldn't stop buying. He was a good acquirer but paid little or no attention to ongoing operations."

Says Norman Roberts, longtime San Diego investment banker, "Arnie was hardly an intellectual giant, but Alessio, actually, was pretty smart."

The 1960s and

1970s produced other conglomerate dillies. Harvard Law graduate Walter Wencke ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1960 as a Democrat — with Republican Smith's blessings. Then Wencke concentrated on building a conglomerate, winding up with 178 corporations and 46 partnerships in trucking, agriculture, bookkeeping, hotels, and real estate, including half ownership of a Holiday Inn in San Francisco's financial district. He also managed to stash money in offshore tax

havens and even tried to set up a bank in the Cayman Islands pirate cove, according to articles in the *San Diego Union*.

But in 1978, he was convicted of mail fraud and filing false statements with the government. He was scheduled to go to the slammer in October 1979, but he fled and hasn't been seen since. It's assumed he joined his money offshore.

In 1962, Norman Roberts's brokerage firm sold an initial public offering of a company that invested in

emerging enterprises. In 1968, Charles "Red" Scott, an effervescent horse trader who hired only confirmed optimists, got control of the company and later changed its name to Intermark, recalls Roberts.

Scott's Intermark owned grimy industrial companies. It also got into consumer enterprises. But two of Intermark's biggest San Diego investments, Nurseryland and Liquor Barn, tanked. For a while, Scott controlled the big specialty retailer Pier I. He controlled

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half of San Diego's Mission West Properties. And he managed to get more than 25 percent of the stock of Fuqua, an Atlanta conglomerate.

But Intermark and a companion company were unable to service their debt. In 1992, they went into bankruptcy.

Scott went to Atlanta to head Fuqua, where he began feuding with management, according to a detailed

1993 article in *Forbes*. Soon, he left. However, the loquacious entrepreneur's cornball aphorisms are still quoted in collections of maudlin business sayings. For example, the Horatio Alger Association quotes Scott opining, "I will' beats 'IQ' every time."

Accounting Hocus-Pocus

A rapid-fire acquirer of

the era was Richard L. Burns. He moved his R.L. Burns Corp. from San Bernardino to San Diego in 1977. He bought one of La Jolla's most opulent mansions and gave lavishly to charity, as *San Diego Union* articles of the time attested. His company bought Texas oil wells, a dangerous game for a non-Texan. Mark Twain once defined a gold mine as "a hole in

the ground with a liar on the top." Burns didn't realize that Twain's wisdom applied in spades to Texas oil wells, recalls Roberts. The company failed ignominiously.

Undeterred, Richard L. Burns bought control of Nucorp Energy and went on another acquisition spree, buying oil field equipment with stock that had zoomed more than 2000 percent in two years, according to press articles of the day. But no company can sustain such an acquisition binge. The acquirer inevitably buys dogs. Nucorp plunged into bankruptcy in 1982, and the Securities and Exchange Commission charged Burns with doing what San Diego's Peregrine Systems did many years later: booking a sale long before the product had been made and delivered legitimately.

Peregrine Systems, a software company headquartered east of Del Mar, was a case of accounting fraud that facilitated a planned acquisition binge — all tied in with massive insider trading. Eleven people have been criminally indicted for allegedly helping to

inflate the company's revenue by 40 percent between 1999 and late 2001. Among many things, insiders are charged with using techniques such as giving kickbacks to customers to get them to commit to buying products and then ringing up a sale even though the products weren't sold.

Former Peregrine chairman and majority Padres owner John Moores unloaded \$487 million of stock during

currency to make acquisitions, according to civil suits against former directors and managers. "The higher the price of Peregrine stock, the fewer the number of shares Peregrine would have to issue for each acquisition," says one civil suit filed in federal court here. Because one acquisition was expected to depress Peregrine stock temporarily, directors were told not to sell their shares, according to the civil suits. But they

Mark Twain once defined a gold mine as "a hole in the ground with a liar on the top."

the fraud period and \$650 million worth overall. Although he spent much of his time at the company, where he had an office, and essentially controlled the company, according to civil suits, he and some self-purported "outside" directors have not yet been charged. The investigation is ongoing.

As the books were being cooked and insiders were bailing out, the stock ran up almost to \$80. The higher stock price would be used as

unloaded them anyway. The company went through bankruptcy and is now trying to recover.

During the 1990s, FPA Medical Management, a Wall Street darling headquartered in La Jolla, bragged that it could be a middleman between insurers and physicians — promising doctors that it could relieve them of clerical costs by handling payments to health insurers. As the stock soared, FPA bought out the practices of many doc-

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tors all across the United States. The company reported steadily growing profits until it suddenly filed for bankruptcy in 1998.

Through phony accounting, the company had made it appear that operating cash flow was soaring. It wasn't, as Department of Justice investigators found. With the collapse, more than 1600 doctors owed \$60 million to insurers. Those physicians who had sold their practices in exchange for FPA's inflated stock were wiped out. In March of last year, the former chief financial officer, Steven M. Lash, was sentenced to 51 months in prison for mail and wire fraud, as well as defrauding a lender.

Ambitious Acquirers

Other San Diego acquirers suffered from bad judgment, bad timing, and bad luck and

sometimes drew the attention of regulators, but they weren't quite so egregious as the ones that commanded national attention.

Wickes Companies moved its corporate headquarters to downtown San Diego in the early 1970s. The company was already diversified, owning heavy machinery operations, as well as lumberyards, furniture stores, Builders Emporium hardware outlets, and the like. In 1980, Wickes bought Gamble-Skogmo, a Minnesota mishmash with supermarkets, drug stores, discount stores, and discount catalogs. And a huge pile of debt. Wickes doubled its debt to take on the mess, just as interest rates were soaring. The rapidly rising interest rates hit the housing market and soon walloped Wickes's furniture and lumber businesses. At the same

time, Wickes was paying higher rates on some of the debt it inherited from Gamble-Skogmo.

Wickes went into bankruptcy in 1982. Then Sanford Sigoloff, known as Ming the Merciless, moved the company to Santa Monica and started paring it down ruthlessly. But after Wickes emerged from bankruptcy in 1985, Sigoloff got mixed up with junk bond king (and later jailbird) Michael Milken. Sigoloff took on more debt and started making acquisitions again. But the acquired companies ran into trouble. In 1988, a troubled Wickes was bought out, as several *San Diego Union* articles revealed.

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was famous for such products as its Quickie, Breezy, and Guardian wheelchairs, and oxygen and sleep therapy devices with the DeVilbiss name. It moved to Carlsbad from Torrance in 1994 and the next year was already in trouble. It revealed in Securities and Exchange Commission filings that it was investigating suspicious accounting at some of its subsidiaries.

The company had an aggressive bonus program that rewarded

spectacular divisional results. But some division executives produced those results with a pencil and eraser, the company learned from its own probe. Sunrise paid \$20 million to settle class-action suits. Then in 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged it with keeping falsified books, issuing false financial statements, and failing to maintain adequate internal accounting controls. In 2000, the company was bought

for one-third the price its stock had once achieved.

Inland Entertainment had a prosperous business as a consultant to the Barona casino. But in 1998, it got bitten by the dot-com bug. It renamed itself Venture Catalyst and began investing in start-ups with titillating names such as clickNsettle.com, Companyfinance.com, Spun.com, and Idealab. The stock soared above \$20. But the dot-com bubble burst in 2000,

and shortly, Venture Catalyst wasn't getting money from Barona either, for unrelated reasons. The stock cratered, along with the company, as *Union-Tribune* articles pointed out.

In the 1990s, Steakhouse Partners, which started in San Diego in 1967 as the Jolly Ox, thought it could revive some ailing restaurant chains that had been snapped up in an acquisition spree. But Steakhouse Partners, with its Hungry

Hunter, Hunter Steakhouse, Mountain Jack's, and Carvers, had too much debt and too many restaurants serving cholesterol-sated food. It filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2002.

Many studies, such as those by Wall Street's Sanford R. Bernstein, have shown that the acquisition route is the very worst for corporate growth. Indeed, most mergers and acquisitions don't work well, as the San Diego experience demon-

strates. But the game is rolling again. Why? Corporate managers, running a larger enterprise, can justify higher salaries for themselves. Wall Street rakes in big fees and makes money while the stocks plunge and soar.

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sober and corporations and their financiers are sincerely trying to raise money, the market for new issues of stock is a legitimate keystone of capitalism. But when markets are high on giggle juice, as in the late 1990s, the new issues market can be abusive.

The initial public offering gets its imprimatur of respectability from the legendary inventors who launch a company in a garage, with some money provided by a venture capitalist. By the time the company goes public, the founders and financiers have shares for a penny apiece. After the company goes public, the insiders sell for huge profits. That is legitimate — sometimes a Horatio Alger story. But flimflammers see this as a route to a fast buck: forming a company, giving founders and early

investors stock for almost nothing, going public whether or not there is hope for business success, and dumping as many shares as legally possible before the hot-air balloon pops.

In a giddy market, the shares are manipulated. Demand is hyped while supply of stock is squeezed. When that happens, it's often clear that insiders are more interested in making a fast buck than raising funds for the company. Actually, if a new issue leaps from \$10 to \$20 the first day, a company truly interested in raising capital would fire the underwriters for not pricing the stock at \$20 so the company would reap the full benefits.

During the 1990s, Wall Street was "laddering" new issues. The underwriters would tell one big brokerage that it could have 100,000

shares of a hot new issue if it would commit to buying the shares and paying \$11. The next had to pay \$11.75, the next \$12.50, the next \$13.30 — and on up the ladder. Small investors noted the rising prices and jumped in. When the price got high, the insiders sold. When a little penny stock promoter gets caught in such obvious manipulation, he goes to jail. But these were Wall Street's biggest, richest, most politically connected firms. They got off with wrist slaps.

San Diego was loaded with hot new offerings in the madcap 1990s. New issues of biotech, telecom, and tech stocks came out by the bushel. On opening day, new issues of software companies WebSense and JNI doubled, while biotech Diversa and online music maker MP3.com tripled. Almost all of the local 1990s new issues employed dedicated scientists and engineers trying to build a company. But some of the top executives had a history of getting rich quick in new stock offerings and then selling out and going on to the next bonanza.

Illumina, a University City-based biotech that produces tools for analyzing genetic variations and functions, went public July 28, 2000. The issue was priced at \$16. The first trade was at \$29.88, and it closed the first day at \$39.17. It then rocketed to \$51.62. It's now under \$10. The company continues to lose money, although the red ink isn't flowing as profusely as earlier. Insiders aren't complaining; they paid between one cent and nine cents for each of their shares, according to filings with the Securities and Exchange

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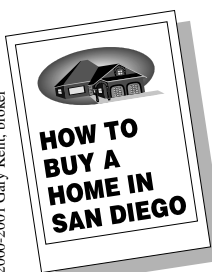
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Eastgate Mall-based Wireless Facilities, which does network design and management for the wireless communi-

cations industry, went public November 5, 1999, at \$15. The first trade was at \$37.50, and the stock quadrupled the first day, closing at \$62. Then, riding the telecom bubble, it soared to \$163.50. The

company lost bundles of money in 2001 and 2002 and made a modest profit in 2003. Last August, it announced it would restate its profits downward for the previous four years. The stock plummeted 18

percent that day. Now it's selling under \$10. The founders got their stock for between one-third of a penny and 2.3 cents, and some of that stock has been sold. Venture capitalist board members got shares for

93 cents to \$1.58 each and have also been dumping, corporate records reveal.

Another biotech, Immune Response Corp., went public in 1990 below \$10 a share. Before long, the stock

had shot up to \$60. At the time, it was based in La Jolla, and its main claim to fame was its cofounder, Dr. Jonas Salk, renowned developer of the polio vaccine. The company wanted to develop a therapeutic AIDS vaccine using a technique similar to Salk's approach to polio.

Salk (who died in 1995) and other insiders received shares for one-fourth of one cent each. Insiders began selling from the get-go. But the company, now based in Carlsbad, continues to report big losses on minuscule revenues and has a stunning \$323.5 million cumulative deficit, according to official records. The stock sells for below \$1.40.

Large profits from new issues seldom hit the news. But one hot new issue was big news in San Diego in 1999. The company was Neon Systems, a software developer based in Texas. It was controlled by John Moores, who at the time was trying to wangle a ballpark from the San Diego City Council. Moores cut councilmember Valerie Stallings in on the "friends and family list," meaning she got shares at the initial price. Few get this kind of privilege. The stock rocketed up 67 percent the first day. Stallings held on for only 26 days and dumped her shares for a 267 percent profit.

Immediately after consulting with Moores, Stallings sold her stock at \$49.15, within \$1.10 of the stock's all-time high. But the then-U.S. attorney insisted that Moores had no inside information on where the stock was going. She made a killing. He got a ballpark. She got a wrist slap. ■

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Two years ago, Jessie Guo came to Mt. Carmel High from Canada.

How has moving changed your lifestyle? “Coming from Canada, I cannot say that my lifestyle changed a lot because these two countries are very similar in ways of life.... People here seem to be more outgoing and are friendlier, not that they weren’t friendly back in Canada.”

What is the learning environment like in San Diego compared to Canada? “The academic level here is much higher than at my previous high school. First of all, there are no AP classes in Canada. Everything is categorized by grade level. For example, math classes are named grade-ten math instead of calculus; therefore, it limits how far a student can go in high school.... My high school back in Canada was an indoor school. So it was very different from here.”

What would you take back to Canada if you were to return?

“I’d take back the sunny weather all year round! Trust me, if you had to live with rain for so long, you wouldn’t want to see it anymore!”

Have you thought about moving to a different state or out of the country after high school? “If I were to move, the reason would be because of my future college. I am shooting for Stanford, which would be [near] San Francisco.”



Jessie Guo

What food do you miss the most? “I definitely miss eating healthier food.... The food here is much more greasy and unhealthy...no offense.”

What was your reaction when your parents told you that you were moving? “Being in an Asian family, I naturally didn’t really have much say in the matter. Fortunately, I wanted to have this new experience and so I really didn’t mind it much at all. My parents had to move for work reasons, and I was more than glad to embark on a new adventure.”

How did you feel about coming to a new school? “I was naturally nervous because I didn’t know what to expect. I remember feeling really nervous and anxious at the same time on the first day of school. But the people here were so nice and welcoming that I didn’t have much time to feel afraid. I was basically accepted very easily.”

Michael Leung moved to San Diego from Texas, but he moved there from Hong Kong eight years ago.

How has moving from a different state/country changed your lifestyle?

“Not knowing English and being plunged into this new exotic world forced me to change, and I was lucky to have adapted to the American lifestyle as quickly as I did back in middle school.... Now that I look back, I wonder if conformity was really for the best.”

What have you found surprising about American students? “It took me pretty much until seventh grade in middle school to fathom just how influential the computer is to a little kid’s lifestyle.... Everyone here is hooked to the Internet and, in turn,



Michael Leung

hooked to the world, the media, and their friends.”

What were you looking forward to in San Diego before moving here? “Well, San Diego was rumored to have perfect weather.... Another rumor which turned out to be true was that everything is way more expensive here. The nice weather, the good houses, the pretty landscapes all turned trivial when the price tag reared its ugly head.”

What would you take back to Hong Kong if you were to return? “All the filthy money rich pinheads have. Not that I’m an extreme leftist sociopath, but, hey, people throw around so much money [that] it’s annoying to me. Sure, you earned the money, you are at liberty to spend it, but people driving Hummers on the road really annoy me.”

Did you have difficulty making friends when you came to San Diego?

“I had a rough Southern accent from Texas when I first moved to elementary school. I am also Chinese. Enough said.”

What was your reaction when your parents told you that you were moving? “Not that I knew anything about San Diego before I moved, [but] I refused to pack my room when I was told and had to literally be lifted onto the car with tears, sprawling limbs, and all.”

Yoomi Cho moved to San Diego from Korea.

How has moving from a different country changed your lifestyle?

“In America, without a car, you can’t really reach the supermarket, the theaters, or anywhere else unless you live close by. It’s quite inconvenient if you’re under the driving age in San Diego.”



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What have you found shocking about students at Mt. Carmel? "Shocking? I don't know. The only thing that surprised me was how much freedom Americans had. For one thing, they didn't have to wear uniforms like in Korea. I also noticed that high school campuses in America look like the college campuses in Korea. It was also strange to see high school students driving



Yoomi Cho

to school. In Korea, most students walked or their parents

dropped them off."

What is the learning environment like at Mt. Carmel compared to Korea? "For me, the classes I am taking at Mt. Carmel are much easier than what the schools in Korea offered. There are also more courses I can choose from [here] than the school I came from. The learning environment is less competitive than it was in Korea."

What would you take back to Korea if you were to return? "I would like to take the people I have met. The people, in general, are very friendly. I would never exchange the relationships I have made at Mt. Carmel for anything."

Did you have any difficulty adjusting? "Well, it wasn't really difficult, but my parents were strict about many things. I wasn't allowed to go out with friends very often; only because they wanted me to focus on my studies in school. Adjusting wasn't much of a difficulty, except for the language."

Have you thought about moving to a different state or out of the country after high school? "After college, I would like to move back to Korea. I want to live somewhere I can communicate with people fluently, where language is not a barrier. Don't get me wrong — I love the English language. It's just that I prefer Korean because I've spoken it for a longer period of time."

What food do you miss the most? "Actually, I don't miss a lot of food I ate in Korea,

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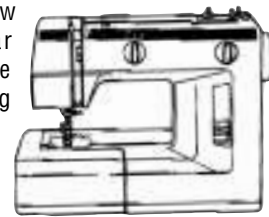
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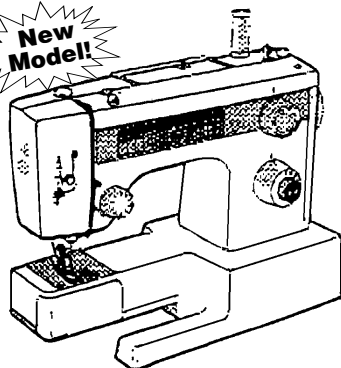
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since my mom cooks Korean food all the time. But I miss eating junk food on the way to school. There are a lot of little shops where you can stop by and grab something to eat and pay only 50 cents. It sure beats the 75-cent bag of chips in America."

What was your reaction when your parents told you that you were moving? "I was pretty much both excited and sad. Moving meant that I had to leave my friends and family for a long time, but it would give me the opportunity to experience something brand-new."

What were your expectations of Mt. Carmel? "I honestly expected the school to be easier, just from the rumors I heard in Korea. To be more specific, I hoped for the academic classes to be easier. Other than that, I was pretty much nervous about meeting new people."



Mesag Kazimi

Mesag Kazimi, a student at Mt. Carmel High, arrived in San Diego from Houston.

What have you found shocking about students at Mt. Carmel?

"Mt. Carmel looked very poor and dirty at first. I got used to it and now I am a part of it."

"We are very diverse, which is a great thing. But everyone, mostly based on ethnicity, is divided. No unity among students in general."

What is the learning environment like in San Diego compared to Houston? "I think the education is very good in San Diego. The teachers are very interested in their students and teaching."

What would you take back to Houston if you were to return? "People are very nice and loving. I would always remember them and would share their

love at all times."

Did you have any difficulty adjusting? "I have learned that I could live by my own thoughts and beliefs, so therefore change is not necessary to fit within a certain group."

Have you thought about moving to a different state or out of the country after high school? "Yes. I get bored staying at one place. Change is always good. I would move to northern states, like Montana. I love the cool weather and I know of relatives who live there."



Tracy Chu

part of it — and, indeed, a proud part of it."

Tracy Chu is originally from China. *How has your lifestyle changed since you moved here?* "Well, I changed a lot since I came here.... Because of cultural differences, my dressing style changed, and I became more outgoing, and, of course, more lazy."

What is the learning environment like in San Diego compared to China? "They are definitely very different. Here in San Diego, the levels of classes vary from student to student, and students focus more on extracurricular activities, while in China, every student has the same level of class, and their focus in school is to study rather than doing community service."

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of all parts of San Diego, including the beach, restaurants, streets, and houses to show my family in China."

Did you have any difficulty adjusting? "Language was the most difficult thing.... The choices of food here were also a problem. I was used to the food back in China, where there was a surplus amount of rice and Chinese food outdoors and indoors. Now that I live in San Diego, I can only eat Chinese food at home because it is hard to find a decent Chinese restaurant in the states."

What food do you miss the most? "I actually miss eating my grandma's handmade moon cakes and noodles the most. Here, the foods contain high calories with no spices. The food back there was tasty and healthy."

Have you thought about moving to a different state or out of the country after high school? "No. I love San Diego. My main reason is the weather. In Florida, the weather is humid and they have many mosquitoes. Another reason is because [San Diego is] a big and clean city. I also have a lot more opportunities to pursue a better future here than in China."

What was your reaction when your parents told you that you were moving? "Both my parents were living in San Diego; I was living with my grandparents for...14 years of my life. After my dad told me that I was going to move to San Diego, I felt very sad because I was going to leave my grandparents, who are like my parents to me."

What were your expectations upon coming to Mt. Carmel? "I expected to be a very successful student; to get straight A's, get into a good college, and, of course, make a lot of friends."

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Our tastes in most everything was so similar that the upstarts around town found the whole thing unsettling at times. Perry and I firmly believed in the power of sharp suits and that all the secrets of the universe were to be found in a pretty girl in white stockings. Very similar, to say the least.

Everything was great until that autumn day when Perry came home holding, rather firmly, a Pearl Jam compact disc. I thought he was kidding, but — and after all this time, this still brings me a chill of

sadness — he wasn't; he was not kidding. He avoided eye contact and quickly dashed off to his room. The walls were thin, as walls in modest dwellings often are, and soon the living room became filled with the most dreadful noise; as soon as my fallen mate sang out "Evenflow," I left in a state of disbelief, of shock. I didn't return until late that night, a few pints in me, and not much more.

After that day everything changed. He sold all his records. We drifted apart. I made a point

of not being around too much, except when I knew Perry would not be around, nor his new batch of friends. On one such night I made plans to have a young lady over for an evening of my rarest grooves, blue gin tonics, and perhaps a bit of romance. We — that is, the young lady and I — arrived at my place around 10:30 p.m. My mood was great; not only was I looking forward to Chelsea's very charming company, but earlier that day I had bought a slew of rather rare soul sides. As I opened the door, much to my dismay, I saw a couple of Perry's friends on the floor, mumbling. I confronted Perry with an angry tone, demanding an explanation. All

toward the door; a fellow in rather large, slightly wet jeans offered me a "hit." I avoided stepping on his outstretched hands and closed the door with considerable force.

Shortly thereafter Perry moved out, and I moved back home. In my room hangs an autographed poster of Paul Weller. I don't think this would mean much to Perry; last I heard he became a roadie for the band Smashing Pumpkins.

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He walked as little as possible and would drag himself across the floor on his knees, much to the amusement of my two-year-old!

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My brother had been in the British Royal Air Force, so I thought I could at least show the visitor pictures, if he couldn't speak English. "No," the lady assured me, "I understand that the Kuwait government insists their people speak perfect English before they are allowed to take the trip."

Now, Royal Air Force pilots are generally handsome, dapper, and not a little flirtatious, so I was really looking forward to

my visitor. The man that appeared at my door that cold October Saturday was not at all what I had imagined. He was 4 feet, 8 inches; he had on so many coats, he looked 150 pounds, but when he took them off, he was actually about 110! He

his very prominent ears. He walked with a strange, swinging gait, as if both legs were artificial or certainly had been severely weakened. I was to learn later that he walked as little as possible and would drag himself across the floor

"I spit on them!" and "I would cut out my tongue before I would foul my mouth with their filthy food!"

told me he had suffered a wasting disease when he was a child. He had dark, close-cropped hair and black eyes. He had an almost translucent complexion, but his dark hair covered all of his face, his hands, and

on his knees, much to the amusement of my two-year-old!

The visitor was, at first, very polite. He said I would find his name unpronounceable, so I should call him "Hamet." I showed him to his room and asked if there was anything special I needed to know about his diet. "I only eat salad or chicken," he said, "and just a few other things." Luckily, I worked at a food store, so I could buy the salad half-price. As those of you who have traveled to Britain will know, a traditional British salad consists of a lettuce leaf and a slice of tomato, with, maybe, a slice of cucumber — if you are lucky! Salads are normally served in Britain at the height of summer — often that is the only indication that it *is* summer! I had to purchase exotic vegetable

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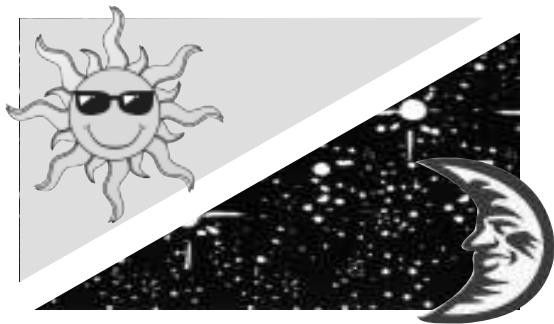
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mixtures that had exotic prices to match.

Hamet said that he did not eat beef or any pork products. I served chicken casserole for dinner, which he proceeded to wolf down at an alarming rate, and my plan to serve the remainder the next night was soon quashed. I tried to remember that people from other countries do not have the same table manners as we do, so I did my best to ignore the food dribbling out of his mouth onto the tablecloth. After he had eaten everything, he said, "I want more, more food!" I scrambled some eggs for him. Finally, he seemed satisfied and went to his room.

Ten minutes later, he came back to the kitchen and said he was cold. I explained that 35 degrees was quite usual in Britain at this time of year. I told him we had heating that kept the bedrooms at a constant 70. "I'm cold," he said. I promised him I would find a portable heater for him. He then asked if the chicken I had served was "hel-al." I did not know what he meant and asked him to explain. What he described sounded similar to kosher, but when I suggested this might be what he wanted, I thought he was going to attack me! He ranted and screamed about

"Jewish dogs! I spit on them!" and "I would cut out my tongue before I would foul my mouth with their filthy food!"

"I'm sorry," I said, "I'll phone around tomorrow and see if I can find any." He seemed happy with that.

Well, Stratford is a very small, middle-class English town. Britain is not known for its religious tolerance, so I bet my last penny that I would not find a specialist butcher in the close vicinity. The nearest butcher was 50 miles away. I broke the news to Hamet as he gulped down four portions of salad. "Good," he said, "you will get it tomorrow, and I will show you how to cook it." I had no car, so I said, "If you want it, I'm afraid you will have to get it." He reluctantly agreed.

He spent all the next day looking for the shop. When he returned, he had spent the equivalent of \$35 on six chicken breasts! The method of cooking was to boil the chicken in water to which had been added a few herbs. I have to say, the meat looked as gray as it tasted! He would not allow me to freeze the leftovers, so he ate it for three days running. As I served the last of the meat, I said, "You will have to buy some more meat tomorrow."

"No! You will buy here.

I will say a prayer over it, and I will suffer the way you cook it!"

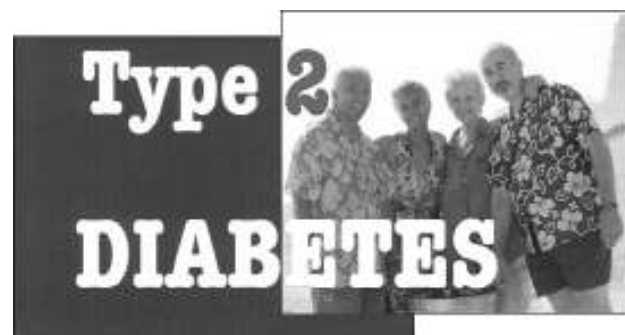
By the end of the second week, I was a wreck! All the money I had received was going on food. My electricity bill was going to be enormous; he had the portable heater on day and night. He only spoke to me to give me orders. He expected his sheets changed every day and would complain how dirty my carpets were.

The final straw came when I had a phone call from his embassy. It was a message for him to call back later. I called the school, and they said they would pass the message on to him. When he arrived home, he screamed at me that I should have come to the school, found his classroom, and given him the message personally, instead of allowing "low secretary people to hear my private business."

I totally lost it! What did he think I was — a front-desk clerk? I told him if he wanted that type of service, he should check in to the nearest hotel. I was doing him a service by allowing him to join my family in our home, and he was treating me like a slave.

Well, as this was the second place he had been kicked out of, he started to

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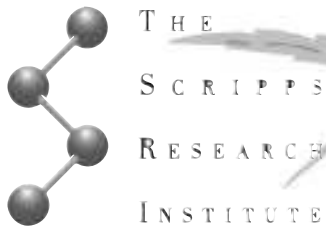
Participation in the study will require hospitalization for at least the first 13 days of the trial.

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apologize. He said he only had a few more days, then they were going back to Scotland. I refused to let him back in the house and said I would have his things brought to the school. Then he started to accuse me of disliking him for his religious beliefs. I said he could worship pink elephants as long as he didn't treat me like a piece of dirt! I never did hear what happened to him. The Scots probably left him out as bait for the Loch Ness Monster!

— Vivien Parry

SHUTTERBUG

Sara was in my brother Mike's class, two years behind me at San Diego State. My impression of her then was of a sweet, non-descript girl, clever in the English class we had together but unremarkable in every other way. She and Mike shared an interest in photography and took a few classes together.

I graduated in 1981.

After living at my parents' in La Mesa for 18 years and with a parade of roommates for 5 years of college, my first priority was finding a place of my own. I lucked into a sunny one-bedroom apartment on Nautilus Street in La Jolla that seemed like paradise. Best of all, I was alone.

But only when I chose

quite a few very short-term romances. I was tan and fit, gorged with my youth, in love with women.

Then one evening in late August 1982 Sara stopped by unannounced. I hadn't seen her in over a year, but I knew the story from my brother Mike: Sara had gotten pregnant last fall. The guy offered to pay

adoption. My knowledge of the story left off there, three months earlier, when Mike had left for grad school in San Luis Obispo.

Turned out Sara was getting kicked out of the unwed mothers' house and had a three-week gap before she could move into a new place with friends near SDSU. She wanted to stay with me. I tried to talk her out of it, but she started crying and swore she wouldn't be any problem. I warned her I led a pretty active nightlife, and I wouldn't change that just because she was around. She said she understood. My good nature got the better of me and I relented.

Sara spent her days down at Windansea, sunbathing and shooting photos, and evenings cooking me dinner. It was great for a few days. But then I went to happy hour after work and didn't get back home until 11:00 p.m. Sara was sitting on the couch, arms

"We've been living together for 12 days and you've never even made a move."

to be. Those were carefree times; herpes wouldn't make the cover of *Time* magazine for another two years, and no one had even heard of AIDS. There were three women from college I still dated. There were two more from the office where I worked, and one old high school flame that flared intermittently. There were

for an abortion, but when she refused to have one, he took off. Her parents in Denver, who were paying her tuition and living expenses at SDSU, refused to help with the pregnancy. She finished the school year and moved into a home for unwed mothers somewhere downtown. She had a baby boy and put him up for

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folded, staring at the TV. I asked what was wrong. She exploded, shouting that she had cooked dinner for me, and I hadn't even had the decency to call and say I wasn't coming home. She threw a pillow at me and ran

crying into the bathroom. The next day was Friday. Sara was still asleep on the couch when I left for work, so we didn't talk. I went out that night straight from work and decided, things being what they were,

that it was better for my date and me to spend the night at her place. I ended up not coming home until late Saturday morning. Sara seemed fine.

The next week, after a few more home-cooked meals, I went to the Elephant Bar in La Jolla after work and ran into Elaine, a girl I'd had a big crush on in high school but had never gotten to know. We really connected that night. I called Sara from the bar and explained the situation to her. Any way she could go see a late movie and not come back until Elaine and I were safely in the bedroom for the night? Sara said okay, but she sounded pissed.

After a romantic candlelit lovemaking session, I explained the Sara situation to Elaine. She was cool with it. She even sat and

talked to Sara for a while the next morning before she left. Sara acted sullen the whole day. I thought, screw it, it's only for another week and a half. I was mad that I had let myself be talked into this.

That night I came out of the bathroom (which Sara had converted into a darkroom) after getting ready for bed and found her sitting on my bed. "Don't you find me attractive?" she asked.

"Sure I do," I said, a sudden sense of dread coming over me.

"Well, we've been living together for 12 days and you've never even made a move," she said, coming up to me and putting her arms around me. I explained that I respected what she must have been through with the baby and all, and I didn't want to take advan-

tage of her at a vulnerable time. Tears trickled down her cheeks. She said she needed reassurance that she was still attractive. She made the moves that night, but I didn't resist. Of course, I was sorry the instant it was over. She assured me, though, that she didn't expect anything more.

Except to move from my couch to my bed. We slept together a couple more times. Then one afternoon after I got home from work she started talking about how we would manage to see each other once she started back to school. I told her we wouldn't be seeing each other once she moved out. She got upset. I said the whole thing had been a mistake and that I felt really manipulated. She started screaming at me and throwing things. I snapped and started screaming back. I was going out, I shouted, and when I got back that night I wanted

her gone.

When I returned around 10:00 p.m., my cottage was in shambles. All the dishes were smashed on the kitchen floor, and the sheets from the bed were lying in the bathtub. They had been set on fire. The couple who lived next door said they heard screaming and things breaking all evening. I was furious, but at least Sara and her things were gone.

Two days later I returned from work to find my front window broken and every tree on the block stapled with eight-by-ten black-and-white glossy photos. Across the front of each in black Magic Marker was scrawled, "John Worden is a Whore!" The image was murky, but I could see it was a photo — shot through a slit in the curtains of my bedroom window — of me and Elaine making love by candlelight. As long as I lived on Nautilus Street, I never quite lived down that little episode.

A couple of weeks later I mentioned Sara's whacked-out behavior to my brother Mike over the phone. He must have felt guilty, because he admitted to me he was the guy who had gotten her pregnant. I quit talking to Mike for a few years after that. I heard Sara dropped out of school and returned to Denver. ■

— John Worden

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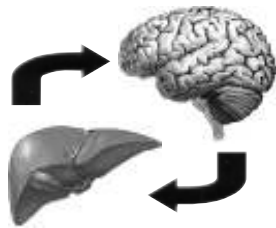
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An Intellectual?



LONG AGO, IN POSTCOITAL CHAT IN A HOTEL BED

with a plump woman musician, I engaged in a couple of usual addictions: smoking and dialectical analysis of the scene. (Both I now view as not part of safe sex.) One of my annotations was on her tossed-about undergarments, pink with appliqued roses, which I cited as illustration of a “cutesy,” put-on petit bourgeois, erotic style. That brought forth the startling “A goddamn intellectual!” Her tone was rather less angry than aghast, as if one had discovered a large lesion on the body of a lover. That affair shorted out, but the charge remains in memory as part of a deep and recurrent pattern. Recently, for example, an anarchist writer I had never met but corresponded with over some years dismissively diagnosed me as a wayward case of intellectualism. That apparently includes excessive learning, endless contentiousness, and, of course, insistent irony unto involuted self-mockery. Such intellectuals are, the implied charges go, too alienated to achieve truly positive anarchism and may be consumed by a self-regarding defensiveness that results mostly in intimidation and provoca-

tive verbal but otherwise inadequate “reformism.” More treason of the clerics.

But whatever truth there may be to that can certainly take varied forms. (Typical intellectual embrace!) Item: A couple of years ago I got a brief note, institutionally forwarded, from a small-town fellow I had not heard from for near half a century. Identifying himself as now a comfortably retired dentist who had lately taken up reading around American literature, he had run across some writing of mine. He recalled our ancient connection, which was that I had talked him into fleeing our Minnesota prairie small town and shipping out as merchant seamen. I recalled Joe Mac, the slightly adventuresome only son of a tyrannical rural school superintendent, as not lasting long at sea.

But I wrote him a long and friendly letter, reanalyzing our *rite de passage* at 17, and wryly noting that his had been a quick return to small-town community and conventional class identity. No response from him to my invitation to visit. Had I frighteningly intellectualized the past for him?

I told the anecdote recently to the

from you, and half a century later you intimidate him yet again with a demand for a rebellious view. Damned undercutting intellectual!”

“Perhaps so, but at least I’ve been consistent in my critical role.” Pushing that, my ostensible friend, demi-intellectual social worker, suggested that I backtrack to my earlier hostilities as an orphan shunted amongst various relatives.

“You think they’re going to put up a special marker in the cemetery just for a trouble-making private?”

only fellow I still see now and again who goes back that far in my history. “Ah, poor Joe Mac!” he pronounced. “Here he hesitantly looked for a confirmation of his role and aspirations

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shabby genteel to rural proletarian to climbing managerial — that I doubted them all. My younger sister recalls of our many changes of home and school (was it nine? — progressive,

slum, parochial, consolidated rural, etc.) that I kept warning her: “Don’t believe what they tell us. They’re just trying to make us like them.” (Probably meant both ways.) Early on, I knew

that home/school were places for indoctrination, ideological entrapment. You might say now that I had the benefits of multiculturalism. As with religion. In prepuberty (and pre-

antibiotic) years I had pneumonia half a dozen times. Various cures were tried. One caretaker snuck me into a Catholic church for a priest’s blessing. I got sicker. A distant relative spent hours, hand

on my forehead, reciting passages from Mary Baker Eddy. I got worse. A step-relative had me carried to seances. Spirit voices just raised my fever. An outraged other relative hustled me into a

hospital. When the doctors announced that my double-pneumonia was terminal, varied relatives gathered around my oxygen tent to variously pray and variously bicker about paying the bills. I partly recovered, and other relatives put me to a “nature cure.” Pneumonia and pleurisy again. In spite of treatments ranging from folk medicine amulets to a medical Calvinist, I survived, though without faith.

So a worried aunt ponied up for a Protestant parochial school where I could combine making-up lost months of schooling and lost faith. There I was so quick at fanciful explications of scripture that I was skipped ahead a couple of terms — is that why I later became a literary scholar-critic? — though dyslexically backward on such trivia as math and language skills. My theological swiftness served me badly when, at 13 in another small town, the authoritarian Lutheran (Missouri Synod) minister pulled me from catechism class for questioning too much. In a semi-public inquisition, I quoted the Old Testament to prove that his God was mean and the pre-Pauline New Testament to cast doubt on trinitarianism. He announced my sin as “intellectual pride, Satan’s work.” In an early attempt at wit, I said I was glad someone was working for me. To the threat of eternal damnation as an apostate, I, vainly learned, countered that didn’t apply since my competing relatives had never settled on who would baptize me, hence I was not subject to his rules and threats. In rage, the minister pronounced me an utter atheist, to be barred from the church, and ordered my uncle-by-marriage to punish me.

He did but soon gave up and switched religions — argumentative ones, he suspected, might not be good for business. I was therefore supposed to be quiet about my atheism. But I

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worked defensively at intellectualizing and enlarging it. So there is my pattern, however offensive to rosy-pantied women, would-be-cultured dentists, and doctrinaire anarchist writers.

Further episodes in my atheistic pilgrimage were also low comedy. For example, during World War II there was a much-trumpeted gross propaganda slogan: "There are no atheists in [American] foxholes!" In a break from infantry combat, I Schweikishly went up to the regimental chaplain, saluted, and reported, "Sir, the no-atheists-in-foxholes is not

true!" Crouched in a foxhole under Panzer 88 shelling, I had remained firm in my nonfaith. The scarlet-faced chaplain tremblingly ordered pity on me but no other punishment.

However, I was punished a couple of times for objecting to mandatory attendance at "religious services" — sentenced to extra duty, which in that infantry outfit was seven days at hard labor. Second-time around, I demanded a full hearing, in spite of the announced risk of a harsher sentence. I intellectualized the issues: (1) I could not be further

punished because I already had been for the charge — "double jeopardy"; (2) my religious rights were violated in that no services were provided "for my faith, atheism"; and, typical intellectual overargument, (3) I demanded that my commanding officer be reprimanded: (a) for not providing a prompt Special Court Martial; (b) for imposing a religion on me; and (c) for not providing me dog tags with proper religious identification. All charges were dismissed, with a warning that the next time I was insubordinate I would get a General Court Martial

and years in the stockade, "irregardless" my cleverness.

The dog tag issue became a mock-epic. Mandatory on the tags, besides name, serial number, and blood type, was, for proper burial and prayers, religious abbreviation: "P" (Protestant, any and all), "C" (Catholic), and "H" (Hebrew — polite for Jew). Choose one. I demanded an "A" (Atheist). Request denied.

Escorted from battalion to regimental authority, I was ordered to "quit goldbricking with this unmilitary crap. Take a religion, soldier!" "Yes,

Sir, I want all religions due me: 'HCP,' Hebrew first because it is the oldest." Request denied, especially the "Yid" part. Escorted to the high realms of division, I got a more liberal officer who explained that I should take "P" because that included agnostics, like him. I refused such latitudinarianism. Eventually I was government stamped "—" (religion unknown).

But that upset the pious company exec at the next inspection. Up the chain of command, again, curses and threats, and new dog tags marked "X." But my fine new reli-

gious category didn't pass inspection by a colonel: "You think they're going to put up a special marker in the cemetery just for a fuckin' trouble-making private?" I was issued tags with the slot for religion left pure blank. No doubt inconveniently, I didn't quite fill an unmarked grave, just further inspections.

Various other experiences had contributed to my intellectualism, an aggressive-defensive style layered upon my rather mountainous small-town boy naïveté. Earlier than the military watershed, my intellectual dissidence took some obvious turns,

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such as expulsion from high school for arguing against various rituals, including play elections, competitive sports hysteria, "good citizenship," and similar mean pieties. But they let me back in to graduate (minus all earned honors). Later, my blasphemies grew more sophisticated, required, in one case, for defense against expulsion from the University of Minnesota, as with arguing before a faculty-administration committee against charges by a vindictive Dean of Students (cocreator of a famous and vicious "personality profile" exam — another damn religion! — which I had refused to finish after an antidraft protest arrest). Granted, a competing good dean coached me a bit in my successful defense. Pyrrhic victory, as often, for then the bad dean went after me for "moral turpitude," including cohabiting with a female undergraduate. Some liberal faculty came successfully, though a bit narrowly, to my defense. So I thought I better marry the woman to save her from expulsion. We were soon divorced, after I ran off with a senior professor's wife — considered a bit outré in those times — and had to switch universities, fields, and jobs.

So it went in countering intellectualism. I was insistent, though not quite compulsive, sometimes wearily prudent or obfuscatingly casuistical enough to slip into an "honorable discharge," various degrees, even a few honors and awards. But some of my goings were crude, such as firings from factories for "talking too much." Some were more ornate, such as "nonretention" by faculties for "abrasive" publications and violations of "collegiality." Admittedly, some of my dissenting disputes were petty (such as over not wearing a tie or using obscenities in the classroom), some were psychologically ill-chosen (such as with a drunken senior professor who tried pushing my sarcasms and me out a

second-story window), and some became, with historical change, conventional enough (such as anticensorship and antiwar protests). Nor did I avoid intellectual involution, having to

defend my prolific literary scholarship for its iconoclastic cast while defending my radical journalism for incorrect complexity and all-encompassing mockery. I admit that, fucked over, I

often just settled for trying a strong intellectual gesture.

While I still think I managed some essential resistance, I doubt that I accomplished much institutional reform, or

that I saved many souls. The personal price? As with pneumonia, religion, military combat, and some variety of usual institutional repressions, I survived. In retrospect, I now doubt that it was

intellectual quality that kept me above water (nor supposed bravery or the indulgence of the hierarchies, whatever) but just good old American confusion, incompetence, which I now anarchist-

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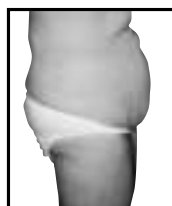
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cally fear is declining. Muddle and stupidity may be the libertarian's best friends.

Certainly much was fortuitous. As with my first graduate fellowship, a game I knew nothing about. You could say that it was a bit intellectual: I had argued down a quasi-religious fake; he one-upped me by coming up with a fellowship in an alien field, political science, while I was majoring in art.

In his muddled machinations, he meant to undermine something or other. (Much later I learned that he was a longtime CIA operative,

no doubt appropriately.)

Other confusions and even flukes followed, and, though almost never shrewd, and constitutionally quite incompetent at sycophancy, I became a marginal academic, only enduring in the muddle of third-rate provincial institutions, though I briefly tried out my iconoclasm at a couple of elite-ruthless seminaries. How does a learned mocking resister last in what are essentially conservative and anti-intellectual institutions? In considerable part, I was cast as the alien token, intellectual-scholar endured (though

periodically advised to leave for better places) as tenured-troublemaker, on the way to semi-official curmudgeon. The anti-professional professional, or the ill-mannered prostitute. Enough students found me provocative, though never more than a saving remnant amongst the vast numbers, to make professing seem worthwhile. I even almost acquired the standard skills, such as under-teaching for overpay, and other pieties of doing less for more. Still, I suspect, not alone among refugees from the Enlightenment in ambiguous institu-

tionalization in the past American generation or two, we may have blackened a bit the counterfeit cultural pots.

So you might say that I modestly profited from my intellectual iconoclasm, even while I polemicized against the institution — barking at the fist that fed me. All that they could rightly think up was depriving me of second-rate goodies (delayed promotions, canceled leaves, inappropriate schedules, and the like), which I mostly took as confirmation of my arguments against institutionalization, such as

refusing to give exams and competitive grades and encouraging undergraduates to avoid requirements and graduate students to drop out.

Am I suggesting a defense or a deconstruction of my intellectualism? Both; they merge. Even now, I sometimes read theology, which becomes anti-theology. Long a pacifist, I do a bit pursue military history. And so on, in my calling of blasphemy. That's intellectualism for you. Various authoritarianisms antithetically produce — and partly entrap? — the iconoclastic likes of me. I suppose

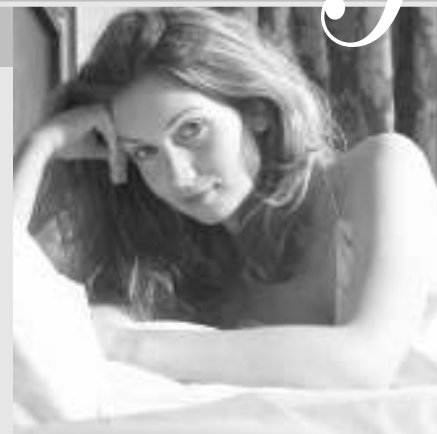
that in a truly good institution, or society, I would have little role or place. No immediate problem since as atheist-anarchist I now surmise that most of our techno-civilization is a species aberration and speeding to a dead end. While I, too, despise authority-sucking, careerist-farting, pissing-up-somebody-else's-rope intellectualism, I must confess that, with whatever countering, I am a goddamn intellectual. ■

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In the year 1929 I spent several weeks in the Hôpital X, in the 15th Arrondissement of Paris. The clerks put me through the usual third-degree at the reception

pers; they had none big enough for me, they said — and led out into the open air. This was a night in February and I was suffering from pneumonia. The ward we were going to was 200 yards away, and it seemed that to get to it you had to cross the hospital grounds. Someone stumbled in front of me with a lantern. The gravel path was

and even a certain amount of amusement. The next moment, however, the doctor and the student came across to my bed, hoisted me upright and without a word began applying the same set of glasses, which had not been sterilized in any way. A few feeble protests that I uttered got no more response than if I had been an ani-

plied the glasses again. Each glass now drew about a dessert-spoonful of dark-coloured blood. As I lay down again, humiliated, disgusted, and frightened by the thing that had been done to me, I reflected that now at least they would leave me alone. But no, not a bit of it. There was another treatment coming, the mustard

How the Poor Die

desk, and indeed I was kept answering questions for some 20 minutes before they would let me in. If you have ever had to fill up forms in a Latin country you will know the kind of questions I mean. For some days past I had been unequal to translating Reaumur into Fahrenheit, but I know that my temperature was round about 103, and by the end of the interview I had some difficulty in standing on my feet. At my back a resigned little knot of patients, carrying bundles done up in coloured handkerchiefs, waited their turn to be questioned.

After the questioning came the bath —

Only after some moments did I realize what they were doing to him. It was something called cupping.

a compulsory routine for all newcomers, apparently, just as in prison or the workhouse. My clothes were taken away from me, and after I had sat shivering for some minutes in five inches of warm water I was given a linen nightshirt and a short blue flannel dressing-gown — no slip-

frosty underfoot, and the wind whipped the nightshirt round my bare calves. When we got into the ward I was aware of a strange feeling of familiarity whose origin I did not succeed in pinning down till later in the night. It was a long, rather low, ill-lit room, full of murmuring voices and with three rows of beds surprisingly close together. There was a foul smell, faecal and yet sweetish. As I lay down I saw on a bed nearly opposite me a small, round-shouldered, sandy-haired man sitting half naked while a doctor and a student performed some strange operation on him.

First the doctor produced from his black bag a dozen small glasses like wine glasses, then the student burned a match inside each glass to exhaust the air, then the glass was popped on to the man's back or chest and the vacuum drew up a huge yellow blister. Only after some moments did I realize what they were doing to him. It was something called cupping, a treatment which you can read about in old medical textbooks but which till then I had vaguely thought of as one of those things they do to horses.

The cold air outside had probably lowered my temperature, and I watched this barbarous remedy with detachment



Paris, 1929



George Orwell

mal. I was very much impressed by the impersonal way in which the two men started on me. I had never been in the public ward of a hospital before, and it was my first experience of doctors who handle you without speaking to you or, in a human sense, taking any notice of you. They only put on six glasses in my case, but after doing so they scarified the blisters and

poultice, seemingly a matter of routine, like the hot bath. Two slatternly nurses had already got the poultice ready, and they lashed it round my chest as tight as a strait-jacket while some men who were wandering about the ward in shirt and trousers began to collect round my bed with half-sympathetic grins. I learned later that watching a patient have a mustard poultice was a favourite pastime in the ward. These things are normally applied for a quar-

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ter of an hour, and certainly they are funny enough if you don't happen to be the person inside. For the first five minutes the pain is severe, but you believe you can bear it. During the second five minutes this belief evaporates, but the poultice is buckled at the back and

you can't get it off. This is the period the onlookers enjoy most. During the last five minutes, I noted, a sort of numbness supervenes. After the poultice had been removed a waterproof pillow packed with ice was thrust beneath my head and I was left alone. I did not sleep, and to the best

of my knowledge this was the only night of my life — I mean the only night spent in bed — in which I have not slept at all, not even a minute.

During my first hour in the Hôpital XI had had a whole series of different and contradictory treatments, but this was mis-

leading, for in general you got very little treatment at all, either good or bad, unless you were ill in some interesting and instructive way. At five in the morning the nurses came round, woke the patients and took their temperatures, but did not wash them. If you were well enough you washed

yourself, otherwise you depended on the kindness of some walking patient. It was generally patients, too, who carried the bedbottles and the grim bedpan, nicknamed *La Casserole*. At eight breakfast arrived, called army-fashion *la soupe*. It was soup, too, a thin vegetable soup with

slimy hunks of bread floating about in it. Later in the day the tall, solemn, black-bearded doctor made his rounds, with an *interne* and a troop of students following at his heels, but there were about 60 of us in the ward, and it was evident that he had other wards to attend to as well.

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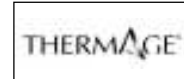
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queer, I mean, because of their intense interest in learning their job, together with a seeming lack of any perception that the patients were human beings. It is strange to relate, but sometimes as some young student stepped forward to take his turn at manipulating you he would be actually tremulous with excitement, like a boy who has at last got his hands on some expensive piece of machinery. And then

ear after ear — ears of young men, of girls, of negroes — pressed against your back, relays of fingers solemnly but clumsily tapping, and not from any one of them did you get a word of conversation or a look direct in your face. As a nonpaying patient, in the uniform nightshirt, you were primarily a *specimen*, a thing I did not resent but could never quite get used to.

After some days I grew

well enough to sit up and study the surrounding patients. The stuffy room, with its narrow beds so close together that you could easily touch your neighbour's hand, had every sort of disease in it except, I suppose, acutely infectious cases. My right-hand neighbour was a little red-haired cobbler with one leg shorter than the other, who used to announce the death of any other patient (this happened a number

of times, and my neighbour was always the first to hear of it) by whistling to me, exclaiming, "número 43!" (or whatever it was) and flinging his arms above his head. This man had not much wrong with him, but in most of the other beds within my angle of vision some squalid tragedy or some plain horror was being enacted. In the bed that was foot to foot with mine there lay, until he died (I didn't see him die —

they moved him to another bed), a little weazened man who was suffering from I do not know what disease, but something that made his whole body so intensely sensitive that any movement from side to side, sometimes even the weight of the bedclothes, would make him shout out with pain. His worst suffering was when he urinated, which he did with the greatest difficulty. A nurse would bring him the bedbottle

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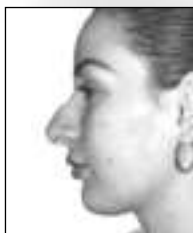
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and then for a long time stand beside his bed, whistling, as grooms are said to do with horses, until at last with an agonized shriek of "Je Pisse!" he would get started. In the bed next to him the sandy-haired man whom I had seen being cupped used to cough up blood-streaked mucus at all hours. My left-hand neighbour was a tall, flaccid-looking young man who used periodically to have a tube inserted into his back and astonishing quantities of frothy liquid drawn off from some part of his body. In the bed beyond that a veteran of the war of 1870 was dying, a handsome old man with a white imperial, round whose bed, at all hours when visiting was allowed, four elderly female relatives dressed all in black sat exactly like crows, obviously scheming for some pitiful legacy. In the bed opposite me in the farther row was an old bald-headed man with drooping moustaches and greatly swollen face and body, who was suffering from some disease that made him urinate almost incessantly. A huge glass receptacle stood always beside his bed. One day his wife and daughter came to visit him. At sight of them the old man's bloated face lit up with a smile of surprising sweetness, and as his daughter, a pretty girl of about 20, approached the bed I saw that his hand was slowly working its way from under the bedclothes. I seemed to see in advance the gesture that was coming — the girl kneeling beside the bed, the old man's hand laid on her head in his dying blessing. But no, he merely handed her the bedbottle, which she promptly took from him and emptied into the receptacle.

About a dozen beds away from me was número 57 — I think that was his number — a cirrhosis-of-the-liver case. Everyone in the ward knew him by sight because he was sometimes the subject of a medical lecture. On two afternoons a week the tall, grave doctor would lecture in the ward to a party of students, and on more than one occasion old número 57 was wheeled in on a sort of trolley into the middle of

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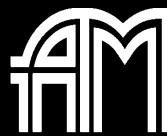
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One morning my cobbler neighbour woke me up plucking at my pillow before the nurses arrived. *Número 57!* — he flung his arms above his head. There was a light in the ward, enough to see by. I could see old *numero 57* lying crumpled up on his side, his face sticking out over the side of the bed, and towards me. He had died sometime during the night, nobody knew when. When the nurses came they received the news of his death indifferently and went about their work. After a long time, an hour or more, two other nurses marched in abreast like soldiers, with a great clumping of sabots, and knotted the corpse up in the sheets, but it was not removed till some time later. Meanwhile, in the better light, I had had time for a good look at *Número 57*. Indeed I lay on my side to look at him. Curiously enough he was the first dead European I had seen. I had seen dead men before, but always

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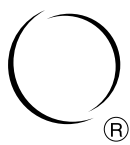
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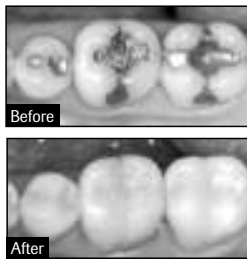
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moner diseases? "Natural" death, almost by definition, means something slow, smelly, and painful. Even at that, it makes a difference if you can achieve it in your own home and not in a public institution. This poor old wretch who had just flickered out like a candle-end was not even important enough to have anyone watching by his deathbed. He was merely a number, then a "subject" for the students' scalpels. And the sordid publicity of dying in such a place! In the Hôpital X the beds were very close together and there were no screens. Fancy, for instance, dying like the little man whose bed was for a while foot to foot with mine, the one who cried out when the bedclothes touched him! I dare say "*Je Pisse!*" were his last recorded words. Perhaps the dying don't bother about such things—that at least would be the standard answer: nevertheless dying people are often more or less normal in their minds till within a day or so of the end.

In the public wards of

a hospital you see horrors that you don't seem to meet with among people who manage to die in their own homes, as though certain diseases only attacked people at the lower income levels. But it is a fact that you would not in any English hospitals see some of the things I saw in the Hôpital X. This business of people just dying like animals, for instance, with nobody standing by, nobody interested, the death not even noticed till the morning—this happened more than once. You certainly would not see that in England, and still less would you see a corpse left exposed to the view of the other patients. I remember that once in a cottage hospital in England a man died while we were at tea, and though there were only six of us in the ward the nurses managed things so adroitly that the man was dead and his body removed without our even hearing about it till tea was over. A thing we perhaps underrate in England is the advantage we enjoy in having large numbers of well-

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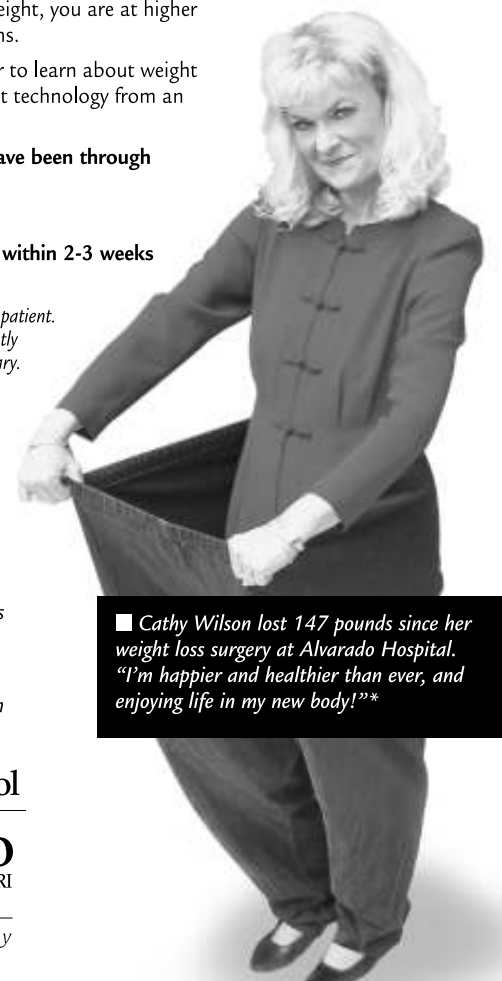
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The nurses at the Hôpital X still had a tinge of Mrs. Gamp about them, and later, in the military hospitals of Republican Spain, I was to see nurses almost too ignorant to take a temperature. You wouldn't, either, see in England such dirt as existed in the Hôpital X. Later on, when I was well enough to wash myself in the bathroom, I found that there was kept there a huge packing case into which the scraps of food and dirty dressings from the ward were flung, and the wainscotings were infested by crickets. When I had got back my clothes and grown strong on my legs I fled from the Hôpital X, before my time was up and without waiting for a medical discharge. It was not the only hospital I have fled from, but its gloom and bareness, its sickly smell and, above all, something in its mental atmosphere stand out in my memory as exceptional. I had been taken there because it was the hospital belonging to my *arondissement*, and I did not learn till after I was in it that it bore a bad reputation. A year or two later the celebrated swindler, Madame Han-aud, who was ill while on remand, was taken to the Hôpital X, and after a few days of it she managed to elude her guards, took a taxi, and drove back to the prison, explaining that she was more comfortable there. I have no doubt that the Hôpital X was quite untypical of French hospitals even at that date. But the patients, nearly all of them working men, were surprisingly resigned. Some of them seemed to find the conditions almost comfortable, for at least two were destitute malingerers who found this a good way of getting through the winter. The nurses con-
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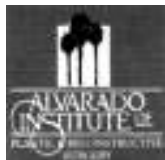
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gers made themselves useful by doing odd jobs. But the attitude of the majority was: *of course this is a lousy place, but what else do you expect?* It did not seem strange to them that you should be woken at five and then wait three hours before starting the day on watery soup, or that people should die with no one at their bedside, or even that your chance of getting medical attention should depend on catching the doctor's eye as he went past. According to their traditions that was what hospitals were like.

If you are seriously ill and if you are too poor to be treated in your own home, then you must go into hospital, and once there you must put up with harshness and discomfort, just as you would in the army. But on top of this I was interested to find a lingering belief in the old stories that have now almost faded from memory in England — stories, for instance, about doctors cutting you open out of sheer curiosity or thinking it funny to start oper-

ating before you were properly "under." There were dark tales about a little operating room said to be situated just beyond the bathroom. Dreadful screams were said to issue from this room. I saw nothing to confirm these stories and no doubt they were all nonsense, though I did see two students kill a 16-year-old boy, or nearly kill him (he appeared to be dying when I left the hospital, but he may have recovered later) by a mis-

sphere of the 19th Century had managed to survive, and therein lay its peculiar interest.

During the past 50 years or so there has been a great change in the relationship between doctor and patient. If you look at almost any literature before the later part of the 19th Century, you find that a hospital is popularly regarded as much the same thing as a prison, and an old-fashioned, dungeon-like prison at that. A hos-

to be no more than a peculiarly gruesome form of sadism, and dissection, possible only with the aid of bodysnatchers, was even confused with necromancy.

From the 19th Century you could collect a large horror literature connected with doctors and hospitals. Think of poor old George III, in his dotage, shrieking for mercy as he sees his surgeons approaching to "bleed him till he faints"! Think of the conversations of Bob Sawyer and Benjamin Alien, which no doubt are hardly parodies, or the field hospitals in *La Débâcle* and *War and Peace*, or that shocking description of an amputation in Melville's *White-jacket!* Even the names given to doctors in 19th-century English fiction, Slasher, Carver, Sawyer, Fillgrave, and so on, and the generic nickname "sawbones," are about as grim as they are comic. The anti-surgery tradition is perhaps best expressed in Tennyson's poem "The Children's Hospital," which is essentially a pre-chloroform document though it seems to have been written as late as 1880. Moreover, the outlook which Tennyson records in this poem had a lot to be said for it. When you consider what an opera-

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chievous experiment which they probably could not have tried on a paying patient. Well within living memory it used to be believed in London that in some of the big hospitals patients were killed off to get dissection subjects. I didn't hear this tale repeated at the Hôpital X, but I should think some of the men there would have found it credible. For it was a hospital in which not the methods, perhaps, but something of the atmo-

pital is a place of filth, torture, and death, a sort of antechamber to the tomb. No one who was not more or less destitute would have thought of going into such a place for treatment. And especially in the early part of the last century, when medical science had grown bolder than before without being any more successful, the whole business of doctoring was looked on with horror and dread by ordinary people. Surgery, in particular, was believed

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tion without anaesthetics must have been like, what it notoriously *was* like, it is difficult not to suspect the motives of people who would undertake such things. For these bloody horrors which the students so eagerly looked forward to ("A magnificent sight if Slasher does it!") were admittedly more or less useless: the patient who did not die of shock usually died of gangrene, a result which was taken for granted. Even now doctors can be found whose motives are questionable. Anyone who has had much illness, or who has listened to medical students talking, will know what I mean. But anaesthetics were a turning point, and disinfectants were another. Nowhere in the world, probably, would you now see the kind of scene described by Axel Munthe in *The Story of San Michele*, when the sinister surgeon in top hat and frock coat, his starched shirtfront spattered with blood and pus, carves up patient after patient with the same knife and flings the severed limbs into a pile beside the table. Moreover, the national health insurance has partly done away with the idea that a working-class patient is a pauper who deserves little consideration. Well into this century it was usual for "free" patients at the big hospitals to have their teeth extracted with no anaesthetic. They didn't pay, so why should they have an anaesthetic? — that was the attitude. That too has changed.

And yet every institution will always bear upon it some lingering memory of its past. A barrack room is still haunted by the ghost of Kipling, and it is difficult to enter a workhouse without being reminded of *Oliver Twist*. Hospitals began as a kind of casual ward for lepers and the like to die in, and they continued as places where medical students learned their art on the bodies of the poor. You can still catch a faint suggestion of their history in their characteristically gloomy architecture. I would be far from complaining about the treatment I have received in any English hospital, but I do know that it is a sound instinct that warns people to keep out of hospitals if possible, and especially out

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of the public wards. Whatever the legal position may be, it is unquestionable that you have far less control over your own treatment, far less certainty that frivolous experiments will not be tried on you, when it is a case of "accept the discipline or get out." And it is a great thing to die in your own bed, though it is better still to die in your boots. However great the kindness and the efficiency, in every hospital death there will be some cruel, squalid detail, something perhaps too small to be told but leaving terribly painful memories behind, arising out of the haste, the crowding, the impersonality of a place where every day people are dying among strangers.

The dread of hospitals probably still survives among the very poor, and in all of us it has only recently disappeared. It is a dark patch not far beneath the surface of our minds. I have said earlier that when I entered the ward at the Hôpital X I was conscious of a strange feeling of familiarity. What the scene reminded me of, of course, was the reeking, pain-filled hospitals of the 19th Century, which I had never seen but of which I had a traditional knowledge. And something, perhaps the black-clad doctor with his frowsy black bag, or perhaps only the sickly smell, played the queer trick of unearthing from my memory that poem of Tennyson's, "The Children's Hospital," which I had not thought of for 20 years. It happened that as a child I had had it read aloud to me by a sick-nurse whose own working life might have stretched back to the time when Tennyson wrote the poem. The horrors and sufferings of the old-style hospitals were a vivid memory to her. We had shuddered over the poem together, and then seemingly I had forgotten it. Even its name would probably have recalled nothing to me. But the first glimpse of the ill-lit murmurous room, with the beds so close together, suddenly roused the train of thought to which it belonged, and in the night that followed I found myself remembering the whole story and atmosphere of the poem, with many of its lines complete. ■

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Brian O'Cooney
via e-mail

Bathroom Break

Thank you for Miss Deal's article about teachers in the San Diego Unified School District ("I Had to Stop Drinking Liquids," "City Lights," January 6). You hear all the time that the students are below the national average because of low test scores. And it's the teachers' fault. How can they teach without proper materials and supplies? I think the Blueprint for Success has come to an end. Stop blaming teachers for low test scores and look to the superintendent! For gawd sake, give her a key to the bathroom!!

Karl Almryde
South Park

Pouty Christian

Poor picked-on federal agent John Parish pouts that when he wants to offer Christian consolation to, and pray with, a coworker he has to take a

coffee break for "personal free time" ("Sheep and Goats," January 6). Why not? Are the taxpayers supposed to subsidize his Christian ministry while he is supposed to be working for the government? I doubt that praying with a coworker is listed anywhere in his Internal Revenue Service job description.

Don McEvoy
Del Mar

Stink-Beetle Bungle?

Is it possible that Joe Deegan misunderstood Judy Alvarez, a trail guide at Mission Trails Regional Park, when she described the connection between stink beetles and Kumeyaay chin tattoos ("She Left Her Hair in the Bushes," Events Highlight, January 6)? His article states: "Alvarez explains to hikers that the Kumeyaay people... believe that if a woman does not get a ritual chin tattoo before she dies, during the afterlife she will wander the earth with her butt raised like the stink beetle's. Alvarez learned of the belief from Florence Shipek's edition of the autobiography of Kumeyaay woman Delfina Cuero (1900-1972)."

According to Shipek's book, a woman needs the chin tattoo to get on the

straight road when she dies; otherwise, she might turn into a stink bug with its end up in the air and will be unable to find the straight road.

K. Kendrick
Golden Hill

Culinary Racism

I have to say that I was truly offended by Naomi Wise's sweeping stereotyping of barbecuers as the almighty African-Americans and the bumbling White Guys ("Delayed Whomp," Restaurant Review, January 6). If she feels the need to refer to any person with a hint of African heritage in their skin tone as "African-American" (regardless of whether or not they have ever seen more than a photo of Africa), then I would appreciate it if she would, in the future, refer to those of us without any brown in our skin as European-Americans. I highly doubt it would have been acceptable to refer to the Texans as Caucasians and then the southern Q'ers as "the black guys." I also doubt that it would be acceptable for her to state that whites are better cooks in any cuisine without a backlash. Racism goes both ways, Naomi.

Heidi
via e-mail

True Story

I realize this article was published some time ago, but I was greatly humiliated and upset when I read it ("Mountain Lion Hype," "City Lights," September 9). My name is Missy Boney, and I was the person who was attacked by a mountain lion on July 19, 2004, from my horse's back.

This article, written by Joe Deegan, seemed to make me look like a liar. I was extremely upset with this paragraph in particular: "The lion attack on horse and rider 'could have happened,' says Turner. 'I can't say, because I didn't go to the scene. But usually there are signs of a scuffle in incidents like that.' Fish and Game officer Ben Thompson did investigate and says that he found no sign of Boney's allegation. According to a July 20 article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, other deputies searched the area nearby but did not see the lion."

I would like to set things straight with everyone who may have read, seen, heard about, or had anything to do with my attack. Yes, it did occur, and the way it occurred follows below.

Before I start I would also like to mention that there were three sightings of this lion before I was attacked. The first was by a neighbor: the lion was in her back yard in a tree. The second was near the front gate: the lion was also in a tree and seemed to be scoping out the horses at the front gate. The third sighting was by a jogger jogging through the ranch.

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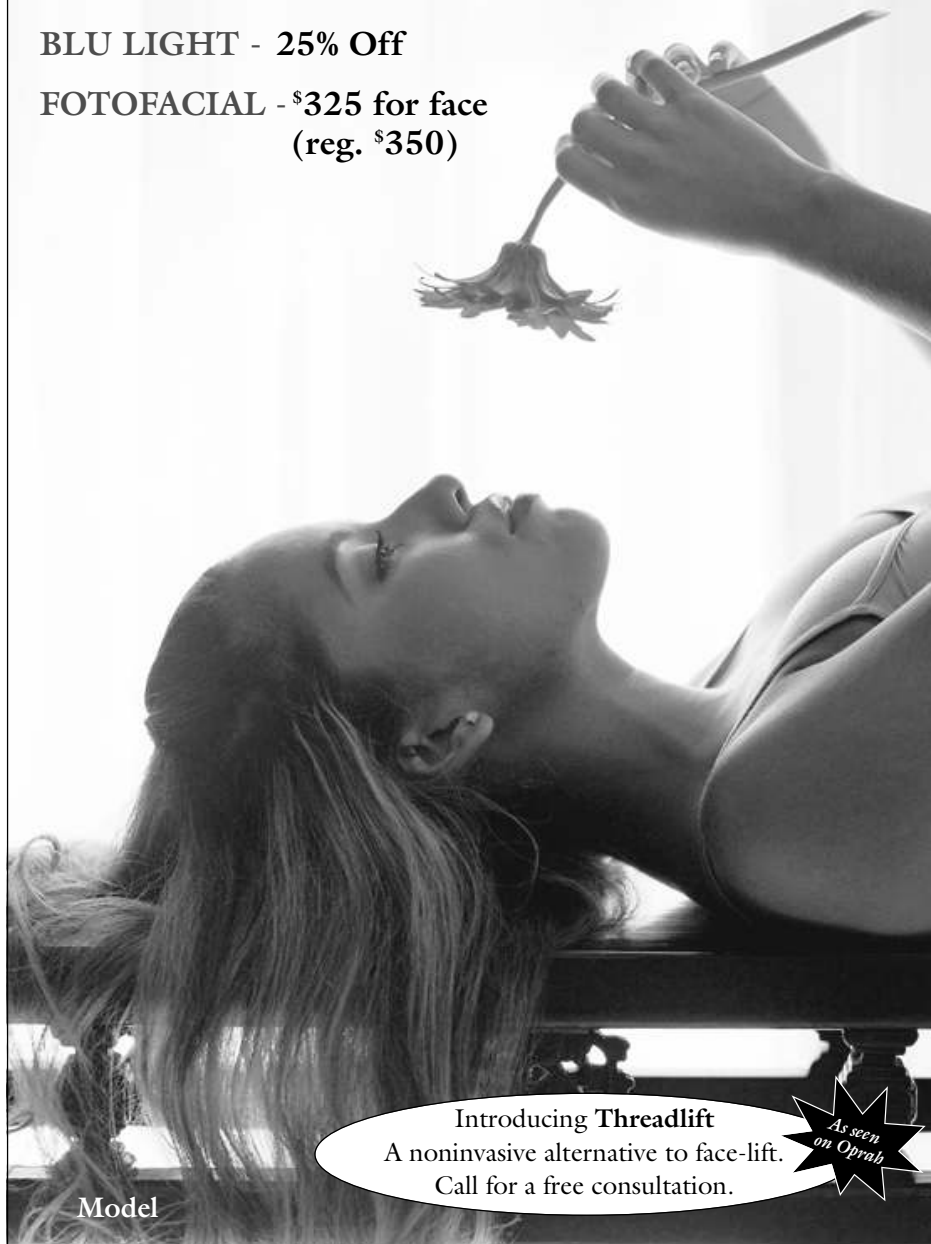
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eight years almost daily. I was crossing a street to get to the trail on the other side, and from out of nowhere this mountain lion jumped out at us. It appeared that it came from either a tree or out from under the bushes in a neighbor's yard. It came charging at the two of us. I couldn't tell if it was after

Calmar or me until it tried lunging at me. Calmar reared up before the lion could grab hold of me and knocked it to the ground. To my surprise, instead of running, it attempted to grab me again. Calmar reared up again, and this time it appeared that he had pinned him somehow and was striking him with

his hoof. It all happened so fast, I can't recall how, but somehow the mountain lion got to his feet and began to run as best he could in the direction he had come from. He appeared to be hurt very badly and more or less staggered away.

Once he got a little ways away, Calmar and I began trotting towards home. I didn't want to run for fear the lion would chase us, so I tried to keep Calmar settled as best I could. I looked over my shoulder the entire way home but did not see him coming after us.

Thankfully Calmar and I made it back to the barn in one piece, at which time I unsaddled him as quickly as possible and ran to my house, where I informed my father of the incident. We almost immediately called the sheriff, and the remainder of the night we spent talking to sheriffs and reporters.

After that attack I neither saw nor heard of anyone else seeing the mountain lion again up until the time we moved. I have no idea if anyone has seen him recently. I believe my horse may have fatally injured him. He

seemed very hurt and frail when he ran away from us.

I was extremely hurt when I saw that article. There were clear visible hoofprints and slide marks on the asphalt in the place where I was attacked. There was also a single track that an officer told me he had found. The ground was extremely hard. I don't see how a creature of his size and weight could have left any tracks in ground that hard. He did not appear to be full grown. He seemed to be about as tall as a small Great Dane.

I hope you will look into this as I was greatly hurt and humiliated when I read this article. It appeared to me that this article is calling me a liar. I would like everyone to know this is the true story, as it occurred on the day of July 19, 2004.

Missy Boney
via e-mail

Luxury Sprinklers

I thoroughly enjoyed reading your December 30 *Reader*, "At Home in San Diego," and the information it contained regarding various communities that surround us. I would like to add some insight of my own concerning a point made during an interview of a fireman in the Julian area. He mentioned a disgruntled feeling among the victims of the 2003 wildfire, who've been trying to get some normalcy back in their lives by replacing homes that were destroyed. About the sprinklers-required ordinance, which was implemented by our county supervisors in the aftermath of the fire: myself being in the same situation in a different area, which is Pitts Valley in Alpine, where 70 percent of the homes were destroyed, I join them in seeing something other than sense in implementing this law. This sprinklers-required law has nothing to do with wildfires in the backcountry simply because if there's a wildfire, the power to any area threatened is shut off, for a very good reason. With the power off, the pumps don't work — water isn't pumped — and the sprinklers won't work, so the sprinklers are just an added expense, and they're a burden placed on people, many of whom can't afford this luxury.

Crasher Anger

I normally don't write to publications and give my two cents because who really cares, right? But I have to get this off my chest. This is regarding your "party crasher" weekly articles ("Crasher"). This article has given me hope and inspiration with my own creative writing. I've never considered myself a writer, but after reading the crasher's words, I believe that if I sent in some of my 11th-grade composition homework assignments, they'd stand a chance at being published. This crasher guy could not write his way out of a brown paper bag. I've never read such boring, idiotic terms/ phrases. I had a friend visiting from the DC area, and he was thumbing through your fine publication and came across the "party crasher" and asked, "Didn't anyone read this piece of crap before it was published?" I sadly informed him that this was not a one-time violation and that we could count on it again next week. He became physically angry and has not picked up the *Reader* since. The only forgivable excuse you could give is to tell us that English is this guy's third language and that nobody is editing it for style or content.

Stephanie Snider
via e-mail

Make Him Stop

I like the general layout of the movie section and value Duncan Shepherd's reviews. Suggestion: please include playing times (length of feature) in the movie-theater section. Critique: it would be nice if Duncan actually enjoyed something he reviews once in a while — he seems to loathe/ridicule every actor, despise every director, and says every cameraman makes the film blurry, butterscotchy, hazy, dim, bob up and down, etc. Also: please make him stop including the plot in his reviews. I generally find his reviews very useful and read them regularly.

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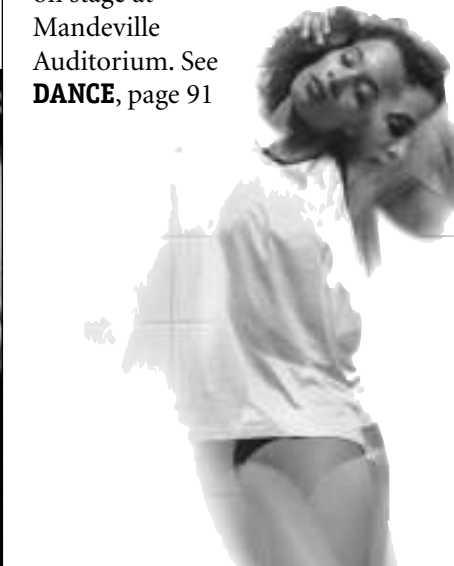
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GLADYS KNIGHT in concert at the Pavilion at Harrah's Rincon. See **CONCERTS**, page 114



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RANDOM DANCE COMPANY on stage at Mandeville Auditorium. See **DANCE**, page 91



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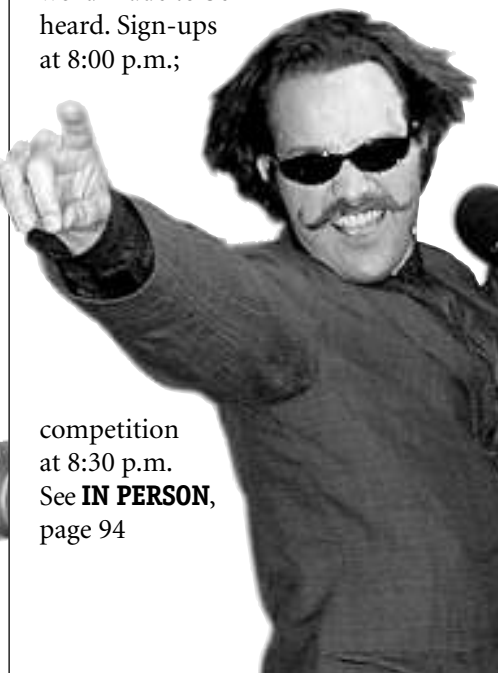
SONGWRITER DEBORAH LIV JOHNSON sings hymns and folk songs at the Clairemont Lutheran Church. (see **IN PERSON**, page 94);



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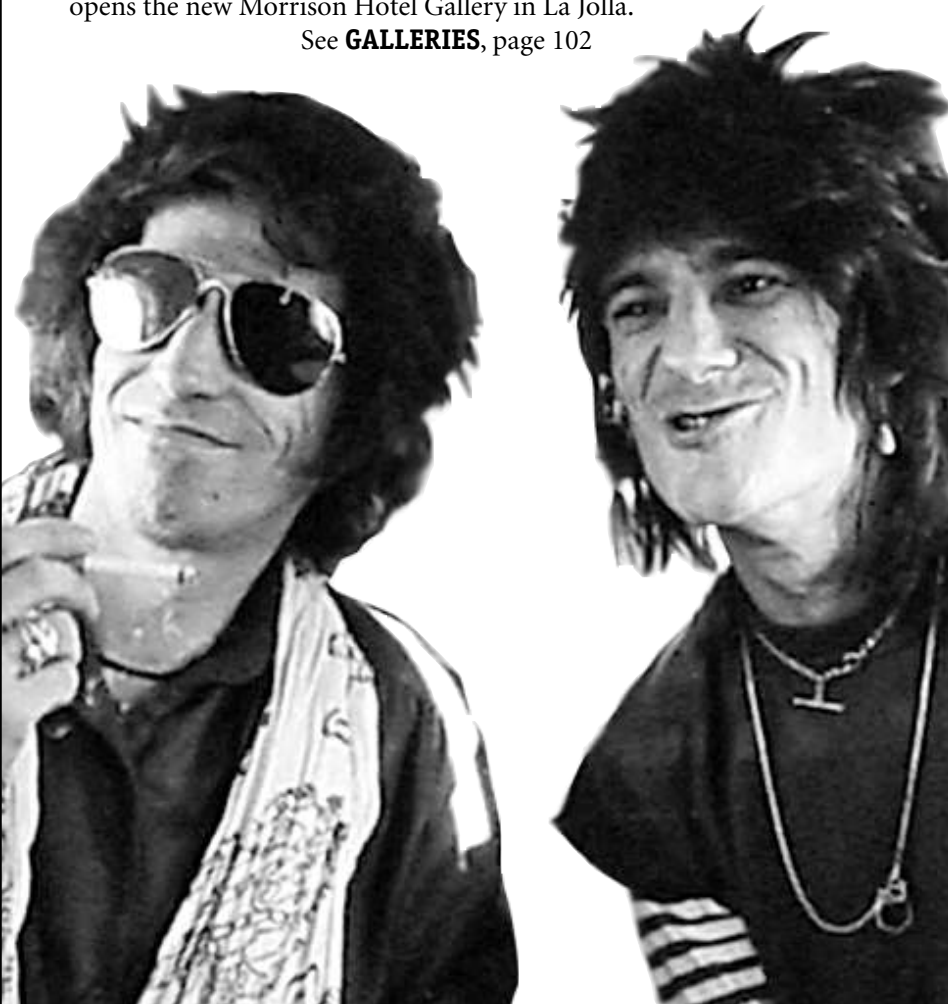
POETRY SLAM, spoken word made to be heard. Sign-ups at 8:00 p.m.;

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ROCK 'N' ROLL PHOTOGRAPHY by Henry Diltz opens the new Morrison Hotel Gallery in La Jolla. See **GALLERIES**, page 102



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FLYING DOUGLAS at the Casbah. See **CLUBS**, page 131



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"CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS, CHANGING BIRDLIFE,"

Philip Unitt lectures and signs copies of *The San Diego County Bird Atlas* at the Natural History Museum. See

IN PERSON, page 95

CANTUS, the all-male vocal ensemble, performs at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido; **CAMARADA** plays flute and guitar at the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla. See **CLASSICAL MUSIC**, page 103



The Treasure of Our Tongue

How to Pass Vocabulary Tests

We best learn the meanings of words by their context. Yet Charles Harrington Elster, known to San Diegans for his five-year stint on the KPBS radio program *A Way with Words*, recalls a lesson that emerged after a talk he gave to youngsters on learning vocabulary. "A mother in the audience told me," he says, "I don't need a dictionary because I can figure out the meaning of a new word from context." So I asked her to explain the meaning of the word 'enervated' from the following sentence: 'After her exciting night on the town, she felt enervated.' The woman said it means 'stimulated' or 'worked-up.' But it means the opposite. The mistake comes from what I call the 'sounds-alike syndrome.'"

Elster bemoans people's habit of "reading around words. It's a very detrimental habit," he says. "Not all contexts are clear. I teach you to look for unfamiliar words and

look them up as you read. My vocabulary-building books [for taking the college-entrance SAT and ACT exams] make that easier by boldfacing the test words and putting the dictionary inside the book."

The vocabulary books Elster is talking about are novels. In 1994 he published *Tooth and Nail: A Novel Approach to the New SAT*. His second, *A Test of Time: A Novel Approach to the SAT and ACT*, appeared last spring. Elster calls it "a comic time-travel adventure" in which Mark Twain visits a New England college of today a year before publishing *Huckleberry Finn*.

On Tuesday, January 25, Elster will give a talk at the Mission Hills Branch Library called "Reflections on the Treasure of Our Tongue." Afterward he will sign copies of his vocabulary books and other works, including *Verbal Advantage* and *The Big Book of Beastly Mispronunciations*.

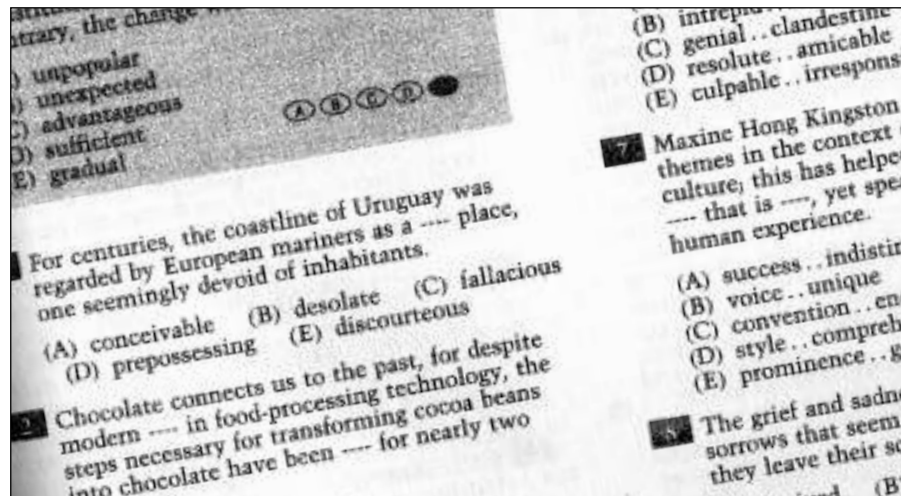
Elster says he began writing about words in the 1980s after Andy Kay of Kaypro Computers asked him to work on an interactive vocabulary-building program. "It was based on the work of an aptitude tester and researcher named Johnson O'Connor, who had theories on vocabulary and its relation to your career development," explains Elster.

"Meanwhile, a buddy from college had been developing curricula for a big test-prep company. One time we were bemoaning the fact that there was nothing but tedious lists of words with definitions and sample sentences on the shelf for young people to study and use as vocabulary-building tools to prepare for the college-entrance tests. We thought, 'That's boring...there must be another way, a novel approach,' and the lightbulb went on."

For test-taking strategies, Elster recommends tools other than his books. "I'm not an expert on the tests or test-taking," he says, though he does call the ACT (used by Midwestern colleges) more knowledge-based than the SAT, which puts emphasis on skills. Originally, SAT stood for Scholastic Aptitude Test and ACT for American College Test. Today both of the tests go exclusively by their acronyms.

Elster contrasts his "novel" approach to a series done by publisher Simon and Schuster that uses books from the public domain. "Their gimmick is to boldface and define words in 19th-century classics, like *Frankenstein* and *Jane Eyre*. Nineteenth-century writing is littered with SAT words. But to today's teenage reader, 19th-century literature is like a foreign language. The average kid is quite impatient with it."

I ask Elster if he forced his fiction to display the vocabulary he wanted. "Sometimes I tried to use specific words because they needed to be in there. But more often I would write a section and go back to boldface them. I've been living with these words so long that I tend to think with them."



From 10 Real SATs

Elster made sure to get the most frequently used words into his novels. But he also included "extra credit" words, such as "squalid," "impecunious," "respite," "puerile," "stentorian," and "legerdemain." "Some of the hardest words that people think are typical SAT words occur very infrequently," says Elster. "The core of the SAT and ACT is based on standard high school vocabulary — words like 'indifferent,' 'vivid,' 'clarify,' and 'lucid' — middlebrow words. If you don't know them, though, you're going to bomb the tests."

In his talk in Mission Hills, Elster will focus on the "polyglot element" in English and neologism. In the "art of word making, the champion was Shakespeare, who made up 8.5 percent of his vocabulary," he says.

Elster is fond of words based on Greek locations, such as "Arcadian" and "Laodicean," which today means "lukewarm in matters of religion." "Laodicea was a city of ancient Asia Minor that was infamous among Christians for its lip service to the

Lord," says Elster.

Southern Californians tend to be interested in Spanish contributions to English, which many take to be of recent origin. "But it's astonishing how far back the contribution goes," says Elster. "The word 'stevedore' preceded 'longshoreman' and came from Spanish. By 1600, English had acquired from Spanish 'chocolate,' 'vanilla,' 'alligator,' 'anchovy,' 'banana,' 'cannibal,' 'cocoa,' 'hurricane,' 'potato,' 'sassafras,' and 'sombbrero.'"

— Joe Deegan

Charles Harrington Elster
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BAJA

Tania Libertad in concert on Thursday, January 20, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$25, \$35 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"Mely Barragán — Almost Perfect" opens with reception for artist on Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., at Galeria H&H (Avenida Estéban Cantú 2651, Colonia Dávila). Free. 011-52-664-900-6133. Exhibition closes Saturday, February 19. (TIJUANA)

Moviemaking and Lobster in Rosarito, excursion sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 22, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., includes Foxploation, the theme park at Fox Studios; lobster lunch, shopping, more; \$89 fee covers meal, park entrance, drinks, bus transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series commences with concert by Piano and Wind Quintet on Thursday, January 27. Program includes Beethoven's "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," the Mozart "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," and "Concert Piece No. 1 in F Minor for Clarinet, Bassoon, and Piano" by Mendelssohn. Concert starts at 8 p.m. at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río); \$20 U.S. 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

You're Getting Sleepy, hypnotist Taurus do Brazil performs through January 31 at Tijuana Cul-



Hawkwatch 2005 in Ramona, Saturdays through February 26 (see Outdoors)

tural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Performances begin at 6 and 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays; \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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

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OUTDOORS

Tree Aloes, the familiar succulent plants with red-hot-poker-like flower clusters, are at their showy best this month all over San Diego. Large clumps of aloes can be seen at La Jolla Cove, Mission San

Diego de Alcalá, and scattered along the embankments overlooking Highway 163 in Balboa Park.

San Diego County's Waterfalls, already swollen with runoff and snowmelt from recent storms, should be at their very best during the next month or two. Three of the most accessible are Green Valley Falls at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park; the falls below the first palm grove in Borrego Palm Canyon (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park); and the falls at the midpoint of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve — a three-mile walk from either its east or west entrance. Hikers and climbers can explore many other waterfalls (some with heights up to 100 feet) in remote areas of the county.

Star Party, San Diego Astronomer's Association presents slide-show in amphitheater at Agua Caliente Regional Park and all-night viewing on association's telescopes at Vallecito Campground (four miles down the road) on Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22, starting at 8 p.m. Day-use fee: \$5 per vehicle. 858-694-3049. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

"A Birdwatcher's Dream," talk and hike led by birding expert Mona Baumgartel on Saturday, January 22, 9 a.m., at Batiquitoes Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800.

Bring binoculars if you have them. (CARLSBAD)

Visit the "Granitic Batholithic Peninsular Mountain Range" known as Dos Picos County Regional Park with Canyoneers on Saturday, January 22, 10 a.m. Participants will walk through chaparral on nature trail leading to a freshwater pond. Free. Directions: 619-232-3821 x203. (RAMONA)

Sounds of the Chaparral, naturalist Larry Allen Tonar leads "nearly" full moon, easy three-mile hike on Creek Crossing and Chaparral trails in Daley Ranch on Saturday, January 22, 5 to 7 p.m.

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Wildlife Assist Recruiting Sessions offered on Saturday, January 22, at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive); at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street); and on Sunday, January 23, at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044. (CLAIREMONT, ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Tour the Sand Dune and Wetland Habitat, care for newly planted plants, install species signs along interpretive trail, and remove non-native invasive plants on Saturday, January 22, 9 a.m. to noon. Find group at San Diego River mouth, near Dog Beach, in grassy area at east end of parking lot, near "Friends" banner (parking: at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street). Free. 858-488-3849. (OCEAN BEACH)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, January 22, starts at 9 a.m. at Indianhead Canyon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Supplies provided. 760-944-9020. Free. (ENCINITAS)

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

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

Look for Life Along Coastline when a naturalist from Birch Aquarium-Museum leads tide-pooling adventure on Sunday, January 23, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (ENCINITAS)

The Full Moon rises impressively over the mountains to the east about 25 minutes after sunset on the evening of Tuesday, January 25. Some folk names for the January full moon include "cold moon," "quiet moon," and "snow moon." About 13 hours after the time of moonrise, the moon will be sinking westward into the Pacific Ocean as dawn breaks — a memorable scene for anyone near the coast, awake, and blessed with clear early-morning skies.

Look for Golden Eagle, Osprey, and variety of ducks with Audubon Society birders during outing at Santee Lakes, Wednesday, January 26. Easy hiking on level ground. Join group at 8 a.m. at parking area between first and second lakes within Santee Lakes Regional Park. Directions: 619-280-7710. Vehicle day-use fee. (SANTEE)

Hear the Story of Balboa Park's Creation during Time Traveler Tours, offered Wednesdays through Sundays through January 30, 11 a.m.; \$15. Reservations: 619-291-9825. (BALBOA PARK)



Lunafest at UCSD, January 25 (see Film)

DANCE

"2005: A Chance to Dance" offered by Balletique Dance Theatre Company and choreographer Natalie Cook at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21, in Jackson Theater at Dana Middle School (1775 Chatsworth Boulevard). Classical ballet and contemporary dances "featuring the best adult nonprofessional dancers around San Diego"; \$5 general, \$8 reserved. 619-276-1300. (POINT LOMA)

Contradance, Martha Wild calls, Cobblestone makes music for dance on Friday, January 21, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:45 p.m.; \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue); \$7. 619-298-2687. (NORTH PARK)

Vintage Viennese Ball prep class, with teaching of waltz and *Zwiefacher*, on Friday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Beginner-friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Dancers Interact With Futuristic Animation and abstract lighting design in Wayne McGregor's choreography. His company, Random Dance, hits stage at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium on Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m. Program includes *Nemesis, Part 1* and *Polar Sequences*. Tickets: \$30, \$34; \$24 general. Information, reservations: 858-534-8497; tickets also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Express "Graceful Feminine Strength" through exotic move-

ments of bellydance during classes held every Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon, at Chai and Chat (5919 Balboa Avenue). Fee: \$12 per class, or \$56 for six weeks. 858-717-5665. (CLAIREMONT)

All Things Swing Dance Event with workshops, music by Hal Smith Trio, dancing, performances, games on Saturday, January 22, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginner's class: 8:30 p.m.; open dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Dance only, \$12; additional fees for classes and workshops. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

Viennese Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, plus requests promised on Saturday, January 22, 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 lesson at 8 p.m. 619-275-3533; \$10. (BAY PARK)

English Country Dancing "to haunting baroque music" takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). "Special guest caller" is Judee Pronovost on January 23. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m.; \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Learn Modern Square Dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 23, 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. First class is free, \$4 thereafter. Partners not required. 619-469-4865. Final day of open enrollment. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Firebird" by Stravinsky presented by City Ballet of San Diego in conjunction with Classics for Kids Philharmonic, Wednesday and Thursday, January 26 and 27 (and Wednesday, February 2), at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Curtain rises at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Tickets: \$15, \$22 for adults; \$11, \$19 for children. 619-435-9111. (ROLANDO)

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

West-Coast Swing Thursdays, including January 27, with Mary Manzella. Intermediate dance class: 7 to 8 p.m., open dance with DJ Keith 8 to 11 p.m. Dance class and party: \$17; dance only: \$7. Mission Valley Resort Hotel, 875 Hotel Circle South. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

FILM

"Film Fans" convene to see and discuss *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis* on Friday, January 21, 12:30 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$3. 858-362-1141. (LA JOLLA)

The "Tightly Coiled Morality Play" about the hothouse of journalism *Shattered Glass* screens for Film Forum on Monday, January 24, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Flick stars Hayden Christiansen, Peter Sarsgaard, Chloë Sevigny, Hank

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Emerging Female Filmmakers have work showcased in Lunafest film festival, set for Tuesday, January 25, 7 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Seven short films on program including *Little Black Boot*, *Shui Hen*, *Wet Dreams and False Images*, *Dysenchanted*, *A Good Uplift*. Tickets: \$10, benefiting Breast Cancer Fund. 800-LUNA-BAR. (LA JOLLA)

"Hooked on Hummingbirds," nature video presented by Tom Kaminski of Avian Video Center in Rancho Palos Verdes when Buena Vista Audubon Society meets on Wednesday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"Musical Extravaganza" is theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series during January. See *Chicago* on Wednesday, January 26, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The "Contemporary Asian Film Series" at Museum of Photographic Arts continues with Takeshi Kitano's *Dolls*, on Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m. Series is offered in conjunction with "Past in Reverse" at San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets: \$10 general, which includes same-day admission to both museums. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*, *Volcanoes of the Deep Sea*, *Forces of Nature*. "Fridays at the Fleet" features two IMAX classics

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Residents of the upscale Porter Ranch district of Los Angeles enjoy open spaces and neighborhood trails overlooking the vast San Fernando Valley. These are publicly accessible trails, so you don't have to be a resident to wander through the remaining vestiges of two riparian canyons and a cliff-rimmed hillside blanketed with aromatic sage. Suitable for horses and mountain bikes as well as hik-

ers, these trails are best taken on a cool, clear January or February day, preferably when the often-murky L.A. air is replaced by the clean, dry air of a Santa Ana wind or by the infusion of fresh, cold air from the north following the passage of a storm front.

For a complete tour of the trails, follow the directions below, covering an eight-mile route. You can abbreviate the route as desired, of course.

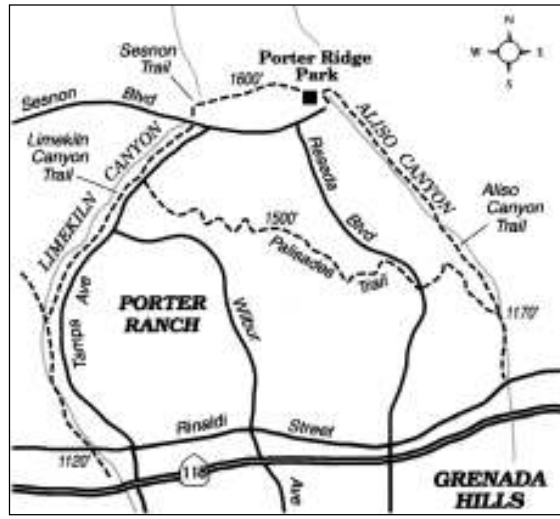
Park on Rinaldi Street, west of Tampa Avenue, and pick up the equestrian trail going north through a landscaped linear park along Limekiln Canyon's trickling creek. After crossing the creek twice on bridges you come to a split (0.7 mile) where one branch of the trail bends easily left and follows a ravine toward a newer subdivision. Take the main branch (right), which goes up toward the shoulder of Tampa Avenue. You pass under a concrete bridge (a gated entrance road serving houses west of

Limekiln Canyon), pass a junction with the Palisades Trail (your return route), cross Sesnon Boulevard, and finally join the Sesnon Trail, 1.8 miles from the start. Follow the Sesnon Trail east over a hump to Ormskirk Avenue. Turn south, walk through Porter Ridge Park, and go left on Sesnon Boulevard to where it dead ends on the edge of steep-sided Aliso Canyon. Walk around the pipe gate on the left and down into Aliso Canyon.

After following Aliso Canyon for 1.3 miles, turn right on the Palisades Trail. You double back up a ravine, climb a slope, pass some houses, and reach Reseda Boulevard. Cross Reseda, continue uphill on the west sidewalk for about 0.3 mile, and then veer off on the wide trail, bordered by a wooden fence, descending left along a sage-covered slope.

Soon you start contouring along the base of some craggy, sedimentary bluffs — the so-called palisades. You're well above the valley floor here, so the view takes in thousands of rooftops in the foreground and the purple Santa Monica Mountains rising above the valley haze in the south.

At 6.5 miles the Palisades Trail goes over a saddle, and then it drops down to Tampa Avenue. Pick up the Limekiln Canyon Trail on the far side and return to your car, retracing your earlier steps.



and two current hits each week; see *Chronos* (6 p.m.) and *Special Effects* (7 p.m.) on January 21. See *The Rolling Stones at the Max* on Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23. Screenings of *Forces of Nature* on Thursday, January 27, at 7 and 8 p.m., benefit Red Cross and UNICEF for tsunami relief (\$10). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Get to Know Ghost Mountain and the South family when Rider and Lucile South, joined by Diana Lindsay, discuss and sign *Marshal South and the Ghost Mountain Chronicles: An Experiment in Primitive Living* on Thursday, January 20, 6 p.m., at Loma Theatre

Bookstar (3150 Rosecrans Place; 619-225-0465). Free. (POINT LOMA)

"On Common Ground: A New Look at America's Religious Diversity" offered by comparative religion and Indian studies professor Diana Eck on Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom. Free. 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

"Writing While Drinking," workshop led by author and cre-

ativity coach Jill Badonsky on Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Expect easy writing tricks, triggers; \$15. 760-434-3436. (DEL MAR)

"A Visit with the Raika of Rajasthan India: The Original Gypsies" offered when botanist Fred Sproul presents slide-illustrated lecture for Sierra Club on Friday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Transforming the World: Immigrants, Remittances, and Development" — conference exploring phenomenon of immigrants sending money and assistance to those in need in home countries convenes Friday, January 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Institute of the Americas, UCSD (1011 North Torrey Pines Road). Free. 619-515-0403. (LA JOLLA)

Canary Islands Basket Class led by Carol Lang on Saturday, January 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Participants will have time to finish one basket, start a second. Materials provided; \$50. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Rot Happens, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, January 22, 8 to 9:30 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles and worm bins. Free. Garden is found just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park in park and ride lot. Free. 760-839-4818. Canceled for steady rain. (ESCONDIDO)

Relax and Draw on Saturday, January 22, or Tuesday, January 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Bheav View Ranch and Art Retreat (390 Cox Road). Instructors: trompe l'oeil muralist Linda Luisi, horse communicator Nancy Tarsha; \$27 per workshop. 760-944-7800 or 760-510-0029. (SAN MARCOS)

"Ten Ways to Super Memory" imparted by Judy Cullins on Saturday, January 22, 9 a.m. to noon, at Foothills Adult Center (1500 Melody Lane); \$25.

Cullins presents "Conquering Clutter and Procrastination" at 12:30 p.m. on same day; \$5. For both classes, call 619-596-3657 for registration; 619-466-0622 for information. (EL CAJON)

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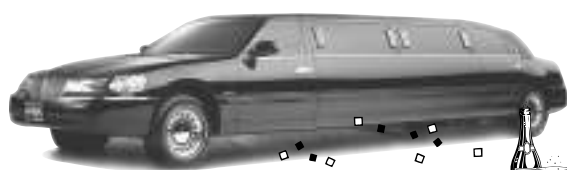
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founder of Secular Humanistic Judaism movement in 1963, on Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m., at Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Free. 858-549-3088. (CARLSBAD)

Mandolin Maestro Mike Marshall leads mandolin workshop — covering technique, tunes, rhythm, composition, more — on Sunday, January 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 University Avenue). All levels welcome; \$50. 619-280-9035. (NORTH PARK)

Commemorating 100 Years Since Ayn Rand's Birth, the Objectivist Discussion Group "announces a year-long series to study systematically her enduring philosophy," beginning on Sunday, January 23, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Participants will read and discuss Leonard Peikoff's book *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*, commencing with pages 1-23. Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

"Wild Cat Conservation: The Work Ahead," lecture by Dale Anderson, Mellisa Grigione, and Jim Sanderson on Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Most small cats have never been studied, and people are more often coming into conflict with large cats. Hear how these issues are being tackled by experts in the field; \$6. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Reorganizing U.S. Intelligence: Will It Help?" Richard S. Mason, retiree from CIA, answers the question when North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council meets on Monday, January 24, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Native and Non-Native Bog Blants" illuminated when David Curtright addresses Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Monday, January 24, 2 p.m., in upstairs



Dolls at Museum of Photographic Arts, January 27 (see Film)

seminar room of Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Curtright is president of Southern California Water Gardening Society. 760-741-0829. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Pusilha, Belize: A Forgotten Jewel of the Ancient Maya" explored when UCSD associate professor Geoff Braswell speaks for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, January 24; \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Examine Strauss's Die Fledermaus during opera preview examining music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Speaker: pianist and composer Nicolas Reveles, education director at San Diego Opera; \$8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"How to Create a Meaningful Archival-Quality Album" is topic when Robin Girard focuses

on preserving family history through photo preservation for North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, January 25. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

"Building the Brain: From Simplicity to Complexity" — it's the subject when UCSD biology professor Nick Spitzer discusses basic mechanisms by which the brain is built for "Grey Matters" lecture series on Tuesday, January 25, 5:30 p.m., in Frederic de Hoffman Auditorium at Salk Institute. Free. 858-534-5635. (LA JOLLA)

SDSU Biology Professor J. David Archibald, author of *Dinosaur Extinction and the End of an Era: What the Fossils Say*, speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego on Tuesday, January 25, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

Learn About Die Fledermaus when USD music professor Ron Shaheen presents program on Tuesday, January 25, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street; 619-236-5800). (DOWNTOWN)

"Intro to GPS" offered Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

Shigisan Shinka-Ryu School of Ikebana flower arranging demonstration by Kiyoko Honjo offered when Ikebana International gathers, Wednesday, January 26, 10 a.m., room 101 of Casa del Prado. Workshop follows. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ordinance Survey Maps: Explanation of the Sizes, Styles, Prices, Sources, and Uses" expected when Mary Russell speaks for Irish Interest Class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Wednesday, January 26, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Shakespeare — Parables for a Secular World?" Talk it over on Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Garden Photography: How to Tell a Story" imparted when photographer William Gullette addresses North County Photographic Society on Wednesday, January 26, 6:30 p.m. in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive); \$3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

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LOCAL EVENTS

lecture series continues when UCSD lecturer Douglas McGetchin focuses on "Slavery and the Abolition Movement" on Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m., in Great Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"El México de Afuera: Los Mexicanos en los Estados Unidos (Mexico from Outside: Mexicans in the United States)" presented by sociologist Jorge Bustamante on Thursday, January 27, 6 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$25 general. 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

"U.S.-European Relations in the Aftermath of the U.S. Elections: Further Estrangement or Reconciliation?" Find out when William Drozdiak, president of the American Council on Germany, speaks on Thursday, January 27, 4:30 p.m., in room 107 of UCSD's Social Sciences building. Drozdiak served for over 20 years as foreign correspondent, foreign editor, and chief European correspondent for *Washington Post*. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

Intermediate Birding Course hosted by San Diego Audubon Society for those who already have some experience in field identification of Southwestern birds starts Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m. to noon, at San Diego State University. Instructor is the eminent Phil Pryde. Class runs six consecutive Saturdays, including two field trips; \$95. Registration: 619-682-7200. (SAN DIEGO)

IN PERSON

"Many Climbs, Many Lessons," legendary alpinist and ice climber Jeff Lowe talks about some of his extraordinary climbs and "lessons he learned along the way" during lectures around county. His climbing career spans 45 years; symptoms of multiple sclerosis now affect his ability to climb.

Talks offered on Thursday, January 20, at San Diego Natural History Museum (619-255-0203); and on Friday, January 21, at A-16 located at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. (BALBOA PARK, OCEANSIDE)

The 20th Season of "Plays by Young Writers," presented by Playwrights Project and Old Globe, continues through January 23. Full productions presented of *Welcome to Me and Mine*, *Under the Hood*, *The Other Side*, *Over the Asian Airwaves*, by playwrights from 15 to 18 years old. Readings are offered of scripts by writers under 14 years old. Times, tickets: 619-239-8222. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate Centenary of Ayn Rand (1905-2005) when James Valiant "discusses the growing importance of the ideas of Ayn Rand" and signs *The Passion of Ayn Rand's Critics* on Thursday, January 20, 6 p.m., in third-floor Bar Café at San Diego County Bar Association building (1333 Seventh Avenue). 760-630-4585. (DOWNTOWN)

Acclaimed Poet, Anthologist, and Translator Jerome Rothenberg reads from his new translation of Pablo Picasso's *Burial of the Count of Orgaz and Other Poems* on Friday, January 21, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)



San Diego Cat Fanciers Show at San Diego Concourse, January 22 & 23 (see Special)

Get Out for Acoustic Music! See Korby Lenker during concert hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, January 21. Tickets: \$15, \$18.

Busy on Friday? Mike Marshall and Choro Famoso take stage on Saturday, January 22. Tickets: \$15, \$20. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Acclaimed Alto Saxophonist Shawn Loescher and his trio present benefit concert for Point Loma High School Choir on Friday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., in Point Loma High School Performing Arts Center (2335 Chatsworth Boulevard). Loescher is an alum of the school. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students. 619-223-3121 x4457. (POINT LOMA)

Regis Philbin and Susan Lucci entertain on Friday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (found 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Tickets: \$60, \$70, \$80, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

Lively Vocals and Traditional Instruments! The Chieftains, with more than four decades of performing around the world under their belts and six Grammys, perform Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$46, \$56. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Spiritually Incorrect — An Existential Comedy" presented by "war correspondent, author, human rights activist, former Buddhist monk" Alan Clements on Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Clements seeks to "raise awareness of Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's incarcerated Nobel Peace laureate," with whom Clements co-authored *The Voice of Hope*. (LA JOLLA)

Comedian Bill Engvall performs his "blue-collar comedy" on Saturday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Show

is sold out: for availability, call 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Rick Najera's Comedy *Latinologues* presented Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Eugenio Derbez, Rene Lavan, Najera offer "live performance of comedic and poignant monologues about Latino life in America." Tickets: \$36.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Dark Tales for a Winter's Night" told when Milbre Burch performs from folktales and writing by Jane Yolen, Ursula K. LeGuin, Richard Matheson, and herself for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Suitable for adults; \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363 or 619-260-4585. (LINDA VISTA)

Vocalogy in concert, assisted by Point Loma Nazarene University Vocal Jazz Ensembles, Saturday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive); \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

North Park Vaudeville Shows — featuring Tommy the Teen Juggler, Cahoots dancers, "John Wayne," much more — on January 22 and 23. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

New Year, New You, author panel slated for Saturday, January 22, with Carol Sveilich (*Just Fine: Unmasking Concealed Chronic Illness and Pain*), Nick Yphantides (*My Big Fat Greek*

Diet), Lorraine Bosse-Smith (*Finally Fit!*), Howard Kaye (*Arthritis*), and Nancy Cetel (*Double Menopause*). Event starts at 2 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Gregorian Chant, Renaissance Motets, Folk Music, jazz, pop, all promised when all-male vocal ensemble Cantus takes stage on Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$30. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Singer-Songwriter Deborah Liv Johnson performs concerts of folk songs and hymns on Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-273-7423. Offering. (CLAIREMONT)

Traditional and Original Songs promised when John McCutcheon — "the perfect example of a modern folk musician" — presents concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena); \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Winter Jazz Series begins with North County All Stars concert on Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Donation: \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"World Vibrations," Sundays at Six concert series offered by chamber music ensemble Camarada continues with flute and guitar music from Beatles to Ravi Shankar on Sunday, January 23, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Event includes display of Beatles-themed "mail art" show. Tickets: \$15-\$25. 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

Compete for Cash and a Trophy — or just watch and heckle — during San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, January 24, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups at 8 p.m., slamming at 8:30 p.m.; \$5 fee for competitors, free for spectators. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Comedy Grill presents stand-up comics John Hefley, Charlie Ayers, Judy McDonald, Claude Shires, Kevin Johnson on Monday, January 24, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. For those 18 and older. (KEARNY MESA)

Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, January 24, at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Author Charles Harrington Elster signs *Test of Time: A Novel Approach to the SAT and ACT and Tooth and Nail: A Novel Approach to the New SAT* on Tuesday, January 25, 7 p.m., at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington). 619-692-4910. Free. (MISSION HILLS)

The 2005 Winter Full Moon Poetry Slam, Tuesday, January 25, at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101), 7 p.m. Poets should be at door at 6 p.m. with three original poems (none exceeding three minutes); 17 will be selected to compete. Judges selected from audience. Free. 760-632-9074 or 760-944-6027. (ENCINITAS)

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New Writing Series, Winter 2005 gets underway on Wednesday, January 26, 4:30 p.m., in Performance Space of Visual Arts Facility (just north of Gilman parking structure), UCSD. Poets Catherine Wagner (*Macular Hole, Miss America*) and Martin Coreless-Smith (*Nota, Complete Travels, Of Piscator*) read from their latest work; both teach at Boise State University. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Changing Environment, Changing Birdlife: Stories from the *San Diego County Bird Atlas*" told when Phil Unitt speaks about his work on the monumental atlas project, Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Author Donald H. Harrison signs *Louis Rose: San Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur* on Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

Why Do Some People Make Better Decisions than others? Find out when *New Yorker* writer Malcolm Gladwell discusses and signs *Blink* on Thursday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

A Tribute to Glenn Miller promised when vocalists Tony Martin, the Modernaires, Beryl Davis, and Hank Garcia are joined by Tex Beneke Orchestra in concert on Thursday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$32, \$42. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Learn to View Challenging Relationships as opportunities



John McCutcheon at San Dieguito United Methodist Church, January 23 (see In Person)

for growth after Julie Hutsler signs and discusses *Relationships: Gifts of the Spirit* on Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m., at Gaia Day Spa (1299 Prospect Street, suite 105). Free. 858-456-8797. (LA JOLLA)

Comedian Howie Mandel performs Thursday, January 27, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way); \$40. 619-445-6002. (DEHESA)

Performance Artist, Poet, Writer, Musician Laurie Anderson takes stage on Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$36 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

The Best in Hawaiian Slack Key is promised when singer/songwriter Keola Beamer performs in concert on Sunday, January 30, 8 p.m., in Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Keola is joined by wife Moana Beamer, who dances, chants, sings background vocals, plays ancient Hawaiian per-

cussion instruments. Also on program: John Keawe, Chris Yeaton. Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. 619-426-1953. (ROLANDO)

Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys present their classic acoustic bluegrass music on Monday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$24.50 in advance, \$27.50 at door. 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

For the First Time in Over 35 Years, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square perform on Friday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., in Cox Arena at San Diego State University. Tickets: \$13.50-\$78.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SDSU)

Raconteur Extraordinaire Ira Glass — host of Public Radio International's *This American Life* — brings his show to town on Saturday, February 12, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$22-\$36, available through

Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Art Garfunkel appears in concert on Tuesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$47, \$57. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

SPORTS

Cutting Horse Competition continues through Friday, January 28, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. 760-344-9009. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Gulls host Las Vegas Wranglers on Friday, January 21; and Pensacola Ice Pilots on Saturday, January 22, at San Diego Sports Arena. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Hilly but Scenic, join Knickerbikers for bike ride around Skyline to Lemon Grove and Spring Valley on Saturday, January 22. The 35-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. on east side of Plaza Bonita center (near Pat and Oscar's). Bring money for lunch. 619-426-2043. (BONITA)

Recreational Kayak Paddle benefiting tsunami survivors hosted by Aqua Adventures on Saturday, January 22, starting at 10 a.m. at 1548 Quivira Way. Participants will tour Mission Bay in a social setting; \$25 fee covers equipment rental. For kayakers of all levels. 800-269-7792. (MISSION BAY)

Coastal High School Surf Team Competition #4 is Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and



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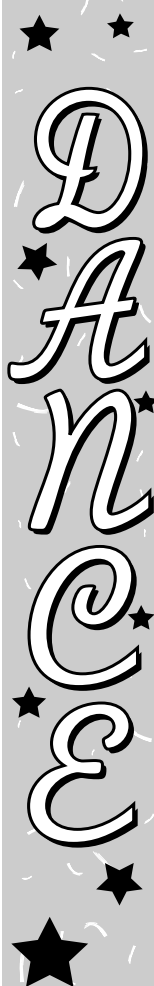
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Take a Hilly, 45-Mile Backcountry Ride with Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, January 23. The loop ride through Alpine starts at 8:30 a.m. at parking area by Denny's (on Navajo and Fletcher Parkway). 619-465-1638. Free. (ALPINE)

Sunday Brunch Paddle hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Sunday, January 23, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants meet at Shelter Island launch ramp, paddle four miles across San Diego Bay, exploring along the way. Paddlers land on beach at Coronado Ferry Landing, have brunch, paddle back to Shelter Island. Intermediate paddle for experienced kayakers; \$70 fee includes gear, guide. Registration: 619-255-0203. (SAN DIEGO BAY)



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Learn "playful games" and improvisational comedy during event on Thursday, January 27, at Radiance Studio. Times, details: 858-581-0050; \$25. (MISSION HILLS)

Celebrate the Legacy during Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on Saturday, January 22, 8:30 to 11 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Film on King at 7 p.m., followed by performances by Everton Blender and the Reggae Angels, Breden, African drumming, community speaker, food, more. Tickets: \$15. 619-602-9003. (BALBOA PARK)

Empty House Tours offered in San Diego Historical Society's Showcase 2005 site, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23 (and January 29 and 30). This year's transformation takes place at the Judge Alfred Haines house, listed on the National Register of Historical Places, at 2470 E Street; \$5. Empty house tours followed by Empty House Party, January 28, 6 p.m. (\$20). 619-533-7355. (GOLDEN HILL)

"The Food and Water Bowl XIII," annual Cat Fanciers Association Cat Show, with 560 show cats from 37 recognized breeds of cat will be on hand for competition, along with "household pets," Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Diego Community Concourse (202 C Street). Adoptable cats, vendors. Tickets: \$7 general, \$5 for



Empty House Tours, January 22-23 (see Special)

children, seniors, military. 760-942-6457. (DOWNTOWN)

Festival of Life planned (rain or shine) on Saturday, January 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Green Guide Publications hosts event, including children's art show, themed arts, face painting, Peter Puppington Quartet, solar cooking demonstrations, conservation bird show, yoga demonstrations, more. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students, \$3 children 3-12. 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Dance Clothes, "Ethnic Items," recorded music — it's on offer during open house fundraising flea market planned Saturday, January 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Admission is free. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Monster Jam Monster Truck Racing, Saturday, January 22, 7 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. Tickets: \$10-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Whale-Watch Weekend and Intertidal Life Festival on Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and

23, at Cabrillo National Monument. Whale migration should be evident; authors, whale researchers, and educators discuss whales and tidepools; films, puppet show, more. Events included with park entrance fee: \$5 per auto, \$3 for motorcycles, bicycles, walk-ins. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Celebrate Lunar Year 4703 when the Year of the Rooster is welcomed with festivities on Saturday, January 22, 5:30 p.m., at Ly's Garden (4350 54th Street). Chinese lion dancing, Mike Wong's Magic Show, nine-course banquet. Adults: \$30, children under 12: \$15. Reservations: 858-565-8008. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Roast Coffee at Home? San Diego Home Roasters Club meets for those who roast — or want to roast — on Saturday, January 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

From Antique Motorcycles to Modern-Day Harleys, the San Diego Auto and Cycle Swap, Show, and Sale hosts grand opening of cycle section on Sunday, January 23, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: \$5 general, kids under 12 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

"Tea with Ballerina Kimberly Palmer," benefiting Encinitas Junior Ballet Ensemble, takes place Sunday, January 23, 3:30 to 5 p.m., at Cilantro by the Sea (Lumberyard, 937 Highway 101). Tickets: \$25, includes refreshments, question and answer with Palmer, dance demonstration following event. 760-753-2671. (ENCINITAS)

Egyptian Drumming and Dance Classes on Monday, January 24, at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). *Dumbek* drumming with Frank Lazzaro at 6 p.m.; bellydance with Mariela to live drumming at 7 p.m.; \$10 per class. 760-942-1326. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Taste of 18th-Century Shipboard Life when *Hawaiian Chieftain* replica tall ship, 112-foot brig *Lady Washington*, and 122-foot topsail schooner *Lynx* visit the Maritime Museum through January 24.

Tours offered 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on weekends. Tours included in regular Maritime Museum admission: \$8 general, \$6 for seniors and those 13-17, \$5 for kids 6 to 12, free for those 5 and under.

Battle-reenactment sailings January 22-23 (\$50 for adults, \$25 for children). Reservations and information: 800-200-5239. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

"The Moral Virtues to Happiness" — discuss chapters 13-15 of Mortimer J. Adler's *Aristotle for Everybody* on Monday, January 24, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. Bring text. 619-291-5754. (HILLCREST)

Open Studio with Live Model — offering artists a chance to pursue life drawing and painting — every Tuesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). No formal instruction, no preregistration; \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Wine Tasting and Food Pairing — with proceeds benefiting hospital workers in tsunami-affected regions — on Wednesday, January 26, 5 p.m., at Costa Azul Coronado (1031 Orange Avenue). Entertainment by Mario Olivares and Friends; silent auction; \$40. 619-435-3525. (CORONADO)

The Annual Scion Exchange hosted by California Rare Fruit Growers is Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. A cutting is a scion if it is to be grafted onto another tree. Bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees, vines, shrubs to trade and share; extra material available for those without items to trade. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Valentine's Date Night hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, in conjunction with upcoming exhibition "Chocolate," is Saturday, February 12, 6 to 9:30 p.m. Participants will explore exhibit, watch film *Chocolat*, enjoy chocolate desserts, gourmet coffee. Open to those 21 and older; \$15. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Triumphs, Tributes, and Trickery," exhibition about sugar sculptures from past and present continues through March in Terminal 2 East at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Exhibit explores "historical works through reproductions of sugar sculptures and drawings from the 15th Century through the 20th Century." Contemporary sugar work displayed as well. Free. 619-277-0132. (DOWNTOWN)

"Ways with Words," exhibit celebrating words and language by featuring unusual dictionaries, thesauri, word games, other books and ephemera, is on view through Friday, May 20, in donor corridor of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-4629. (SDSU)

FOR KIDS

"The Little Engine That Could" presented by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, January 23, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Enjoy *A Chinese Fairy Tale* when Weaver's Tales perform January 26-30.

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)

Head to Grover's Corners when Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Our Town* is presented by San Diego Junior Theatre through January 23, in Casa del Prado Theater. Classic play is recommended for those 12 and older.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on January 22 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Seaside Stories, listen to Marcus Pfister's *Rainbow Fish* and *Big Blue Whale* and discover differences between a fish and a whale, explore ocean food web, on Saturday, January 22, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). For kids five and six four years old; \$25. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," a Kennedy Center family musical, presented on Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Postshow discussion led by author/humorist Roy Blount Jr. Tickets: \$35 for adults, \$5 for those 18 and younger. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Pokémon Trading Card Game City Championships for those six and older, Saturday, January 22, 10 a.m., at Game Empire (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-576-1525. (CLAIREMONT)

Thar She Blows! Ms. Frizz leads hands-on class for kids four to six years old on Saturday, January 22, 10 a.m. Participants sing sea songs, investigate whales, make a "fishy art project" to take home, at San Diego Natural History Museum.

Also on 22nd, "Whale of a Tale," for those in grades one through three, 1 to 3 p.m. Kids compare size of whale skull, listen to sounds of whales communicating, discover how whales have adapted to life in sea. Fee for either class: \$13. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Botanical Drawing offered during "Botany for Kids" class on Sunday, January 23, 11 a.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street); \$7.50. Registration: 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

A Musical Journey Into Space is planned when Family Festival series hosted by San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt continues on Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program includes "The Planets" by

Holst, "Atmospheres" by Ligeti, *Star Wars* theme, more. Tickets: \$7-22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Dearest Little Mouse in the World" is read for pajama story time, Monday, January 24, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Celebrity Storytelling in "Kid City" exhibit offered every Wednesday in January at 10:30 a.m. at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. 619-238-1233. Included in regular admission. For those four to six years old. (BALBOA PARK)

What's It Like to Be a Whale Baby? Find out during class, Thursday, January 27, 9 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Kids explore relationship between mother and calf, what babies eat, and how fast they grow; \$25. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Visit Monstropolis with Sulley, Mike Wazowski, and Boo when Disney on Ice presents "Disney/Pixar's Monsters, Inc." at San Diego Sports Arena, February 2-6. Shows promise international team of award-winning figure skaters, "thrilling choreography," and "antennae-tapping" musical score.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish), and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$13-\$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

The "2005 Theatre of the World Festival of Plays for Children" offered in various locations within San Diego State University Performing Arts Plaza, February 4 and 5. Festival emphasizes diversity and showcases new regional and international performances.

Program includes plays, music, mimes, jugglers, clowns, face painting, international puppet shows from Sweden and Canada: *Little Tiger and Little Bear*, *Harlequin's Cloak*. Plays include *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Poe*, *Eagle Flight*, *Los Zapatos Magicos*, more.

Festival opens with performances on Friday, February 4, at 6 p.m., continues all day on Saturday, February 5. Tickets: \$6; all-day passes \$20; family passes \$50. 619-594-6884. (SDSU)

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)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights



Mike Marshall and Choro Famoso for AcousticMusicSanDiego, January 22 (see In Person)

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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)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

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)

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 Memo-

rial 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. 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 creation 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 x4116. (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,





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As you were contained in
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Louise Schlossman
When she was a sophomore
At Walnut Hills
High School
In Cincinnati, Ohio,
I salute you
And thank you
For the fact
That she received
My kisses with tolerance
On New Year's Eve
And was not taken aback
As she well might have been
Had she not had you
And had I not, too.
Ah, you!
Dark, complicated you!
Jewishness, you are the tray
On it painted
Moses, David and the Ten
Commandments, the handwriting
On the Wall, Daniel
In the lions' den
On which my childhood
Was served
By a mother
And father
Who took you
To Michigan
Oh the soft smell
Of the pine
Trees of Michigan
And the gentle roar
Of the Lake! Michigan

Or sent you
To Wisconsin
I went to camp there
On vacation, with me
Every year!
My counselors had you
My fellow campers
Had you and "Doc
Ehrenreich" who
Ran the camp had you
We got up in the
Mornings you were there
You were in the canoes
And on the baseball
Diamond, everywhere around.
At home, growing
Taller, you
Thrived, too. Louise had you
And Charles had you
And Jean had you
And her sister Mary
Had you
We all had you
And your Bible
Full of stories
That didn't apply
Or didn't seem to apply
In the soft spring air
Or dancing, or sitting in the cars
To anything we did.
In "religious school"
At the Isaac M. Wise
Synagogue (called "temple")
We studied not you
But Judaism, the one who goes
with you

And is your guide, supposedly,
Oddly separated
From you, though there
In the same building, you
In us children, and it
On the blackboards
And in the books Bibles
And books simplified
From the Bible. How
Like a Bible with shoulders
Rabbi Seligmann is!
You kept my parents and me
Out of hotels near Crystal Lake
In Michigan and you resulted,
for me,
In insults,
At which I felt
Chagrined but
Was energized by you.
You went with me
Into the army, where
One night in a foxhole
On Leyte a fellow soldier
Said Where are the fuckin' Jews?
Back in the PX. I'd like to
See one of those bastards
Out here. I'd kill him!
I decided to conceal
You, my you, anyway, for a
while.
Forgive me for that.
At Harvard you
Landed me in a room
In Kirkland House
With two other students
Who had you. You

Kept me out of the Harvard
Clubs
And by this time (I
Was twenty-one) I found
I preferred
Kissing girls who didn't
Have you. Blonde
Hair, blue eyes,
And Christianity (oddly enough)
had an
Aphrodisiac effect on me.
And everything that opened
Up to me, of poetry, of painting,
of music,
Of architecture in old cities
Didn't have you
I was
Distressed
Though I knew
Those who had you
Had hardly had the chance
To build cathedrals
Write secular epics
(Like Orlando Furioso)
Or paint Annunciations — "Well
I had David
in the wings." David
Was a Jew, even a Hebrew.
He wasn't Jewish.
You're quite
Something else. I had Mahler,
Einstein, and Freud. I didn't
Want those three (then). I wanted
Shelley, Byron, Keats,
Shakespeare,
Mozart, Monet. I wanted

Botticelli and Fra Angelico.
"There you've
Chosen some hard ones
For me to connect to. But
Why not admit that I
Gave you the life
Of the mind as a thing
To aspire to? And
Where did you go
To find your 'freedom'? to
New York, which was
Full of me." I do know
Your good qualities, at least
Good things you did
For me—when I was ten
Years old, how you brought
Judaism in, to give ceremony
To everyday things, surprise and
Symbolism and things beyond
Understanding in the
Synagogue then I
Was excited by you, a rescuer
Of me from the flatness of my
life.
But then the flatness got you
And I let it keep you
And, perhaps, of all things
known,
That was most ignorant. "You
Sound like Yeats, but
You're not. Well, happy
Voyage home, Kenneth, to
The parking lot
Of understood experience. I'll be
Here if you need me and here
After you don't

Need anything else. HERE is a
quality
I have, and have had
For you, and for a lot of others,
Just by being it, since you were
born."

— Kenneth Koch

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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 fea-

ture 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, 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 Sunday, June 5, 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."

Ongoing exhibitions include "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "Technovation," "About Faces," "TryScience!" and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown

daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "The Harris Site Exhibit: San Diego's Place in the Past" showcases traditional Kumeyaay objects complementing artifacts excavated from site, which has yielded important information about prehistory of West. Exhibit continues through January. The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Oldsmobile: Farewell to a Classic," on display through Tuesday, January 25, offers a sampling of cars from the Brass Age through the Rocket era and beyond. Parent company General

Motors shut the company 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 carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, "Shades of Greatness" is a 35-piece art exhibit on loan from Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, highlighting history, lessons of Negro League baseball. Exhibit includes paintings, statues, other works.

Additional exhibits include "World's Largest Collection of Olympic Medals," featuring medals from as early as 1896. The



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READING

GI Jews



Deborah Dash Moore

Harvard University Press; 368 pages; \$25.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Whether they came from Sioux Falls or the Bronx, over half a million Jews entered the U.S. armed forces during the Second World War. Uprooted from their working- and middle-class neighborhoods, they joined every branch of the military and saw action on all fronts. Deborah Dash Moore offers an unprecedented view of the struggles these GI Jews faced, having to battle not only the enemy

but also the prejudices of their fellow soldiers.

Through memoirs, oral histories, and letters, Moore charts the lives of 15 young Jewish men as they faced military service and tried to make sense of its demands. From confronting pork chops to enduring front-line combat, from the temporary solace of Jewish worship to harrowing encounters with death-camp survivors, we come to understand how these soldiers wrestled with what it meant to be an American and a Jew.

Moore shows how military service in World War II transformed this generation of Jews, reshaping Jewish life in America and abroad. These men challenged perceptions of Jews as

simply victims of the war, and encouraged Jews throughout the diaspora to fight for what was right. At the same time, service strengthened Jews' identification with American democratic ideals, even as it confirmed the importance of their Jewish identity. *GI Jews* is a powerful, intimate portrayal of the costs of a conflict that was at once physical, emotional, and spiritual, as well as its profound consequences for these hitherto overlooked members of the "greatest generation."

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Serving in WWII made American Jewish soldiers feel both more Jewish and more American, writes historian Moore in this insightful study. Relying mainly on memoirs and oral interviews of 15 veterans, Moore shows how many of them had taken their Jewish identity for granted in the Jewish enclaves where they grew up — and that only in the army did they begin to see its value. For some, simply eating nonkosher food was a challenge. "It was horrible," one soldier wrote home, "but with the help of the coffee I swallowed it much as one would an aspirin." They also had to contend with stereotypes of Jews as weaklings and with outright anti-Semitism and saw how many anti-Semitic soldiers were also racist, suggesting that the seeds for the black-Jewish alliance of the 1960s were sown during WWII. For many, their Jewishness resonated as they fought for Uncle Sam: they searched for European Jews while on leave, and then saw their worst fears confirmed in the prisoners at concentration camps: one soldier remembered this as his initiation into "Jewish manhood and responsibility." The stories these soldiers tell are compelling, and Moore does an admirable job of knowing when to interpret and when to let the experiences speak for themselves.

Library Journal Reviews: In this impressively written book, Moore takes as her focus a number of Jewish individuals — among them rabbis, college graduates, manual laborers, and her own father — and demonstrates how military service in World War II transformed their worldviews. The transformation often began dur-

ing military training, where many Jews broke out of their insular ethnic world and discovered the diversity of America. During their military service, they confronted anti-Semitism, racism, the fear of combat, the loneliness of being a minority, and the challenge of living a Jewish life in a military that regarded ham products as one of the four basic food groups. Moore's greatest strength is her ability to integrate the story of the individual into the wider issues facing America. In the process, she helps lay to rest the notion that there was a single Jewish response to the wartime experience.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "I'm a New Yorker. And my parents are New Yorkers. And my grandparents were New Yorkers," said Professor Moore. "I was born [in 1946] and raised in Manhattan. I used to say, 'I live over Barney's,' then Barney's moved. My area was urban. Now all the factories are being converted to co-ops. But when I was growing up, it was a factory neighborhood with a handful of residential buildings."

"And great shadows late in the afternoon."

"Oh yes, beautiful shadows. We lived on the 11th floor and could see the cars coming down Seventh Avenue. We could see the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building."

Ms. Moore took her B.A. in history at Brandeis and her graduate degrees at Columbia, again, in history. "I loved history," she said, "from third grade on. There were two formative things that happened. One was when we were studying Lower Manhattan, and we went on a field trip and did rubbings of manhole covers. We learned how to interpret them and learned the hidden history of the city underneath those covers. The other thing was I started reading Landmark books. The first I read was about the making of the Declaration of Independence, and that got me hooked. I went from that book to the next book. I read tons of them in that series."

"Did your parents read?"

"Oh, yes, they were readers. My father read mysteries. But

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museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa 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 machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent

exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit. See artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, wood-carvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of

North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through September 26. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortega, 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*.

Historic and symbolic role of weapons from around the globe examined in "Weapons of the World: Art, Technology, and Symbolism," continuing through May. Collection showcases more than 150 weapons of all shapes and sizes, including blades, shields,

spears, bows, most from private collection of Joseph Jessop, who purchased the items from collectors and traders.

"Mapuche: Chilean People of the Land," on view through March, 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.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park

commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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my mother read broadly. When I was in high school, my mother decided to go back to school. She got a doctorate eventually at Columbia, in Shakespeare. She is, in fact, a Shakespeare scholar now.

"I teach at Vassar. I'm in the religion department, not in the history department. Coming to Vassar broadened my education because I had studied religion only in the context of history, especially American history and Jewish history, but not more generally."

"Were you raised as an observant Jew?"

"I was raised as a Reconstructionist. A Reconstructionist is a movement that was started by Mordecai Kaplan, an American Jewish rabbi. I suppose it's located between reform and conservatism. It's got a fairly radical theology. It rejects any kind of supernatural god and rejects the idea of the Chosen People, but it couples that with a fairly conservative attitude towards practice. The main synagogue in New York was a place called 'The Society for the Advancement of Judaism,' and that's where I went. I went to Hebrew School, and my folks were members and my grandparents were members. We were a Reconstructionist family. There is a Reconstructionist congregation in San Diego, I believe."

"Do Reconstructionists have female rabbis?"

"Oh yes, yes, the bat mitzvah was pioneered by Reconstructionists. Kaplan had four daughters. The first one who came of age, he created a bat mitzvah for her. Then each one after that, and it caught on. I was lucky. I had a bat mitzvah. Had I been more observant, I wouldn't have."

We talked, then, about Professor Moore's book. I read to her from page 104 of *GI Jews*:

"In the Pacific Jews fought alongside other Americans in a war that mattered to them as Americans, but in Europe many Jewish GIs felt that they were also in combat as Jews."

I said that I had never thought about that before, how different the Pacific war and European war must have been for Jewish soldiers.

"That was important for Jews. It was one of the things that I discovered. They were so

"They were so aware that they were Jewish and that there was a double enmity. That is, not just as Americans but also as Jews they opposed the Germans."

aware that they were Jewish and that there was a double enmity. That is, not just as Americans but also as Jews they opposed the Germans. The Pacific theater was different. It was much more isolating. The Jewish piece of who they were was much more submerged. I love that part of the poem — 'To Jewishness' — by Kenneth Koch that I quote near the book's beginning."

I read:

You went with me
Into the army, where
One night in a foxhole
On Leyte a fellow soldier
Said where are the fuckin'
Jews?
Back in the PX. I'd like to
See one of those bastards
Out here. I'd kill him!
I decided to conceal
You, my you, anyway, for a
while.
Forgive me for that.

"I thought that was a wonderful poem," Professor Moore said, "It's not the whole poem,

it's a fragment [see page 98 for entire poem], it's so apt; how he felt was representative of how a lot of Jews felt. Especially later on."

"Another thing I learned from your book," I said, "was that for young Jewish boys in that generation, what we used to call 'physical culture' was important."

"Right. Physical culture was important for them. Boxing and basketball and baseball, these were important sports. And the building of the body to be a soldier was crucial. It also involved becoming comfortable with machinery, which is something that urban Jews were less familiar with because in big cities you didn't drive cars. You certainly didn't have tractors. They didn't live in houses, so they didn't repair stuff, and they had none of the machinery. Learning how to handle a weapon is also another piece of building up who you are as a man."

We talked then about how young Jewish, mostly urban, men worked to integrate themselves into the U.S. military during World War II. "Because they were integrated," said Professor Moore. "They were integrated and therefore one assumed that their story was the same as everyone else's and that there wasn't necessarily anything different to talk about."

"When did you first know it was a story — *GI Jews*?"

"I wrote a book on Miami and Los Angeles. The first chapter had to answer the question, 'How did Jews find these cities?' I discovered they found them through World War II, because the Air Corps was in Miami, so you chose Miami, right? L.A. was a place where a lot of Jews shipped out through the Pacific. In the process of doing the research for that introductory chapter, I started reading people's memoirs about the war years, and I realized 'Oh, there's a story here.' I was moved by what I read. That was when I first realized that there was a



story to come back to.

"I guess also it was a matter of timing. That book came out in '94, and there was all of this World War II stuff happening the following year in '95. Everybody was talking about the war and 50 years. All the celebrations affected me."

"I was moved," I said, "by something you wrote on page 91, that when these young Jewish men found themselves in the military, they also discovered that their Jewishness needed to be submerged and protected."

"They were young. This was hard for them to do, but they managed eventually, most of them, to find a way to recognize that it would stay inside them, and it would follow them wherever they went. But it was difficult. I think it was difficult, too, because it challenged so many of their natural assumptions."

"About who they were."

"Yes. About who they were. Which was connected with their families and their neighborhoods and their friends and their school. And the urban setting. And their interests. Guys did have to disguise their interests to a certain extent. For instance, one of the men I interviewed had an interest in poetry. After the war he became a poet. But he couldn't show that interest then. It was too private a part of who he was."

"And poetry was thought feminine."

"Oh yes. That's correct. Along with classical music."

Another aspect of the professor's book that interested me was that she showed, through interviews with a variety of Jewish men, that many different ways existed of practicing the Jewish faith.

"I worked hard on that," said Professor Moore. "I did not want to paint a uniform picture. I wanted one with many

facets. I wanted people to get a sense of the differences. I thought this is so important to realize. Because part of the war is this big homogenizing experience. Everybody is putting on a uniform, right? Everybody is picking up a weapon. That's the homogeneity of it. But the differences are crucial.

"And interesting. These men are struggling with moral issues and notions of responsibility and guilt and their emotions, their feelings of pity or their feelings of anger or their feelings of revulsion. I thought, 'Here you can grasp what it was like. And how difficult it was. And how diverse. Facing the German enemy. Facing German civilians.'"

Chapter Three is titled "Eating Ham for Uncle Sam."

"Isn't that great?" Professor Moore said. "I love that one. That was one of those surprises. Again, it was something that was so great, to have it in the letters I read that soldiers mailed home at the time. Because these letters have such immediacy. 'Okay, I'm going to swallow it like aspirin,' one young man wrote about eating pork. I've done a couple of talks about food. Inevitably, some veteran comes up and says, 'Oh yes, I remember.' Recently, one guy told me a story about going to observe Yom Kippur in Paris. He had fasted. He comes back at the end of the day and he goes to the Red Cross. They say, 'Oh, the kitchen is closed and we don't have anything. The only thing we have are pork chops. So he broke the fast for pork chops."

"In the states people who kept kosher often had their parents or their wives send food. Jewish chaplains had food. But this was to supplement. Let's say they'd eat a vegetarian diet. And then they'd get salami or canned gefilte fish from their families. But once you shipped overseas, that was it. There was no way you could keep kosher. They made compromises. Even the rabbis said that the more dangerous the position you're in, the greater the stress, the greater the leniency in what you eat. Certainly, once you're at the front, you eat anything. But often there was revulsion. It's hard to overcome that."

"What's interesting, too, is that virtually all the men ended up going back to their pre-war observance. None developed a taste for pork. They were happy to leave that piece

of the Army behind.

"Food is a formative piece of identity, which used to be dismissed by people as, 'Oh, well, it's just food,' or they would say, 'It's kitchen Judaism.' It was dismissed for a long time as unimportant."

"What," I asked, "were relations like between young urban Jewish boys and, for instance, 'country' Southern Jewish boys?"

"It was a strange experience. And the southern Jews didn't like the New York Jews especially. They found them far too brash and far too 'pushy,' or, in today's lingo, we might say they were too 'out' as Jews. It isn't that the other Jews were in the closet, exactly, but there was a sort of discreetness about it. And it was difficult to get to like these other Jews. They were friendships that were eventually made, but oftentimes it was hard for that to happen. I think it's more a matter of style, culture, taste — those kinds of issues. I don't have a lot of Southern Jews in this book."

"How much has the attitude toward Jews changed in the services since World War II?"

"Well, I think it has changed. I think that especially since integration has become the defining feature of military service. First African-Americans, then women, that has changed the army. And the military service, in general, has figured out how to incorporate difference and to respect it. That's my sense. I was moved, for example, after the Challenger disaster, when a Navy chaplain spoke at the memorial service and quoted from the Hebrew poet Bialik. It was perfect. It was the right thing to say because it was what Bialik had written on the loss of a dear friend, and so it was a moving piece. But that seemed to me to signify how much was accepted now."

"I thought, as I read your book, that people wouldn't dare speak to one another in the way that they did in the Second World War. The 'Jew boy,' kind of talk, I think, would get you in trouble."

"I think so too, yes. A number of the guys, when I was interviewing them, said, 'Look, in those days, 'Jew boy' wasn't considered so bad. There were worse things.' Today, somebody called you 'Jew boy,' you'd be furious. So I think that's changed."

"Are there rabbis with our troops in Iraq?"

"There are. Not enough, because the men have integrated, they're scattered around. But I think there are two or three. They fly around to try to be where there are clusters of men. So that most recently with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur there were services that were held, and Jewish soldiers got passes, and in several cases, people took some perilous trips in order to make it, let's say, to Baghdad from where they were stationed, to have services, and then to go back on what were dangerous roads." ■

— Judith Moore

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The figure of the peddler in classic Chinese culture is as long-lived and as rich in association as that of the shepherd or courtesan in Western art. A 13th-century screen painting from the Song Dynasty depicts a knickknack peddler arriving at a remote country village, his cart festooned with tchotchkes, children all around hoping for goodies. Over the centuries the motif was adapted to different cultural and political situations. During the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s, revolutionary operas sometimes presented the vagabond peddler as a worker hero spreading the Maoist gospel, sometimes as a capitalist impediment to the Revolution's goals.

A picture in *Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia*, currently at the San Diego Museum of Art, spins yet another contemporary variation on the image. The staged scene in Wang Qinsong's color photograph *Knickknack Peddler* pulls together different historical periods into a vulgarized present. The peddler, dressed in the rolled pants and head scarf peasants wear in hundreds of traditional silkscreen paintings and a khaki flak jacket, is hawking his wares to children and mothers likewise costumed in historically diverse garments. But the stuff he's selling includes traditional festive gewgaws, gaudy throwaways, and consumables (Snoopy dolls, squeeze toys, Grant's Scotch) produced by the new global economy and marketed in places such as the scene of the

photo — an anonymous Anywhere.

Wang's sweetly sardonic picture aligns with the show's theme: younger artists in China, Japan, and South Korea respond to contemporary culture by layering into their work motifs and materials derived from ancient traditions. In this kind of exhibition, all sorts of exclusionary decisions have been made in advance, so that what we see is more

or less an exit poll of what dealers, collectors, critics, and curators have recently decided is worth looking at and thinking about. (Ten years from now, the landscape is liable to look quite different.) And for much of the work on display, the "thinking about" matters more than the looking.

Academic jawbreakers like "hybridity" and "erasure" — East Asians, like their American counterparts, learn critical theory in art school — appear on wall labels to tell us what the imagery means. At its worst, the art merely illustrates ideas. The photographer Cao Fei, the catalog tells us, "utilizes the slick language and imagery of Hong Kong advertising and pop culture to evoke the feelings of desire, loss, and dislocation associated with an era of hyper-consumerism." Her pictures imitate (and parody) the contrived moodiness and hip self-awareness of advertising photography a little too well; like advertising, they ooze cool attitude and fake mystery. Once you think through their intent and execution, there's nothing left. In Wang's pictures, though,

historical context deepens their meaning and tethers them to specific cultural legacies. In his two pictures of peonies, it helps to be told what we're looking at because of the queasy illusionism involved. *White Peony* and *White Frosted Peony* mock the tradition of so-called literati flower paintings, which featured exquisite peonies as a sign of hyper-refined sensibility. The peonies in Wang's images, in gorgeous bloom or shaggy with frost, aren't flowers at all but finely tissue rotting meat. The delicate red streaks are blood.

To illuminate the sources these artists draw on, the museum has included 24 pieces from its permanent collection of traditional East Asian art. You can turn from an antique, sumptuously embroidered fan to paintings by the Korean Hee-Jlong Jang constructed of commercially produced, patchwork fabric. There's an intellectual conversation going on here, certainly, but Jlong's pictures also yield immediate visual pleasures.

Certain other artists in the exhibition, I have to say, are party-spoilers, materialists but not sensualists, and while their work may allude to Asian spiritual traditions, it hasn't much spiritual energy of its own. And for all the explaining going on, I came away feeling that something was being missed about how the past is kept alive or reinvented or looted *expressively*, without courting moralism, political pieties, or "issues." As I moved through the galleries, I



Game Series: Plant Contest, 2000, Cao Fei

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yearned for unguarded moments, for imagery that hadn't been drained of spontaneity and instinct. I missed the kind of transport expressed in the classic, fat, happy *hotei* painted on a 19th-century door. These young artists too often are simply watching themselves perform for an expectant crowd of interpreters.

The most striking works are photographs. Portraits by the Japanese artist Shizuka Yokomizo have a strange spiritual cast, partly due to the way she reworks European traditions. Shizuka allows her subjects to sit for a long while, until they drift into reverie or contemplation, and sets the lighting (which she later crafts digitally) to strike the sitter in ways that recall Renaissance and Baroque portraiture. A young woman standing at the edge of a glowing open window is a Vermeer motif, and the light raking across a man in bed is Caravaggio's "cellar" illumination, but Yokomizo exploits the pressures of tradition to shape her own themes of domestic isolation and estrangement.

The collision of ancient and modern can upset our assumptions. Wilson Shieh practices Chinese *gongbi*, a style of painting popular during the Tang (618–907) and Song (960–1179) dynasties that used extremely fine rabbit-hair brushes to carve outlines filled in with water-based color. Shieh's deadpan imagery is designed to shock. In his "Instruments" series, he adapts *gongbi* technique to imagery of sexual crossovers: conventionalized male and female figures do the unconventional thing of turning each other into string instruments. (They're also unconventionally naked.) His



Knickknack Peddler, 2002, Wang Qingsong



Flower Painting with Bird and Butterfly, 2004, Hee-Jlong Jang

"Ceramic Series" features objects that represent the presence of the past in Chinese culture. In one painting, a young man has just stepped out of an enormous teacup-cum-swimming pool. The pretty vessel and its inviting water make the past seem a consoling, available presence. But in "Terracotta Soldier of the First Emperor of Qin," another young man struggles to assemble and support a life-size terra-cotta figure he has just unpacked from its shipping box. (Foam peanuts lie scattered at the soldier's feet.) In this case, the past is rigid, unwieldy, almost grotesquely anachronistic, but commercially available on demand.

The most politically potent images in the exhibition are also the quietest and subtlest. Shao Yinong and Muchen, photographers from Mainland China, have made a series of

pictures of assembly halls, which are found all over the country and were mini-hubs of the Cultural Revolution. Public humiliation of the landlord class (into which Shao was born), vitriolic polemics, and mass "re-education" programs took place there; in the waning years of the Revolution, the halls were used for less volatile activities like graduation ceremonies and boring lectures on Marxism. The hundreds of pictures the pair took are all identically organized: the hall is viewed from the center rear in wide-angle format. Within likeness, diversity. As Chinese economy and ideology have changed, these austere spaces have been reinvented. One hall has been converted into a small factory, another into a warehouse, while another has deteriorated into a roofless, weather-blasted ruin. The pictures are especially bracing

because these gifted young photographers — Shao was born in 1961, Muchen in 1970 — aren't playing footsie with history or manipulating it to serve some purpose defined by critical theory. They're confronting the past and the uses now made of it. The vacancies in their pictures are fraught with haunting precedents and consequences. ■

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GALLERIES

The First West Coast Exhibition of work by Angelbert Metoyer opens with reception for artist on Thursday, January 20,

6 p.m., in University Art Gallery (in Mandeville Center, UCSD). Work is described as "a complex paradigm of incongruous shapes, found objects, math, science, ancestry, and spirituality, all intricately laced together." Closes Saturday, March 19. 858-822-3547. (LA JOLLA)

Contemporary Works by Indianapolis artist Emily Kennerk are on view through Friday, February 18, in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Meet artist during reception on Friday, January 21, 6 p.m. 619-849-2200. (POINT LOMA)

Rock and Roll Photographer Henry Diltz on hand for opening reception of exhibition on Friday, January 21, 6 p.m., at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street). 858-551-0835. (LA JOLLA)

"XXL: A Solo Exhibition of Large-Format Digital Prints" by Robert "Beto" Ambler is on view through Sunday, February 13, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Also featured: "Youth Art Month" exhibitors. Reception for artists: Friday, January 21, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sunlit Contrast — The Greek Isles," exhibit of work by photographer Jack Salb is on view through February at Artisan Collection Fine Art and Jewelry Gallery (3852 Fourth Avenue, suite A). Reception: Saturday, January 22, 2 p.m. 619-294-7089. (HILLCREST)

Romanian Artist Alexandra Nechita visits Wentworth Gallery

(1025 Prospect Street) on Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22, 6 to 9 p.m., to showcase her newest works. Requested reservations: 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

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

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. 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.

Ongoing: "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Terry Winters Painting, Drawings, Prints 1994-2004," opening Sunday, January 23, features 160 works organized into seven chronological sections, explores

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the way the artist creates sets and subsets of images interacting with previous and current works. Exhibition closes on Sunday, April 17.

"Cerca Series: Kori Newkirk," opening on Wednesday, January 26, includes an experimental form of the artist's "pony bead" curtains, created using small colored beads often seen in elaborate braided hairdos. The curtain will be changed as light conditions change throughout the day. Newkirk blends medium and message in works critically examining identity and place. Continues through Sunday, March 13.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, ideas and influence of minimalist art explored in "Specific Objects: The Minimalist Influence," closing Sunday, January 30. 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.

"Eye Spy: Photography from the Permanent Collection," on view through Sunday, January 30, includes works by Anne Collier, James Drake, David Goldblatt, Nic Nicosia, Armando Rascón, and others, who "use portraiture and photography as tools for revealing more than the eye can see, demonstrating the construction of personal and cultural identity."

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.

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.

Concurrently, take in "Mariana Yampolsky's Mexico," also on exhibit through Sunday, March 6. 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 heart-felt in each" of her subjects.

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

San Diego Museum of Art, "Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia," showcases "cutting-edge artists working in a diversity of media...who use contemporary approaches to reflect their respective cultural and artistic backgrounds." Each artist's work is featured in a separate section while accompanying wall texts articulate how the artist is responding to historical precedents. Continues through Sunday, March 6.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant

works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, May 1.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 24.

"Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art," focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the "Great Goddess" or the "First Cause of Things" in four aspects — as a great power, a bestower of fortune, a beloved, and a human saint. Continues through Sunday, March 13. Concurrently, there's a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Chola-period bronze of Goddess Devi.

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

Timken Museum of Art, "Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance," on exhibit through Sunday, February 27, showcases the artist's three major paintings based on Edmund Spenser's 16th-Century epic poem "The Faerie Queen." The exhibition includes preparatory drawings for the paintings, related engravings, and graphic works. West (1738-1820) occupies a significant place in both American and British art histories.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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Piano Music for Four Hands and Two Pianos composed by Wolfgang Mozart will be performed by Gustavo Romero and Massimo Somenzi during concerts sponsored by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library and Promote the Music of the Masters, Thursday and Monday, January 20 and 31. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$29 or \$34 per concert, or \$52 or \$62 for both. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Mahler's "Symphony No. 9 in D Major" is on tap when San Francisco Symphony and music director Michael Tilson Thomas director for Celebrity series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Friday, January 21, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$35, \$60, \$85, \$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction

and playing, Friday, January 21. Recorder basics at 6:30 p.m., guest conductor Dan Ratelle leads the group 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 760-726-8699. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

"Concerto Masterworks" promised when San Diego Chamber Orchestra, led by Jung-Ho Pak, presents a concert on Friday, January 21. Program includes pieces by Mozart, Clarke, Vivaldi, Marcello, Villa-Lobos, and Bach. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Tickets: \$15-\$65. Reservations: 858-350-0290 x7. (MIDDLETOWN)

Gregorian Chant, Renaissance Motets, Folk Music, jazz, pop, all promised when all-male vocal ensemble Cantus takes stage on Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$30. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Can Classical Music Be Funny?" San Diego Symphony and conductor Murray Sidlin answer the question for Light Bulb series concert on Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Concert includes pieces by Strauss, Haydn, Rossini. Tickets: \$10 to \$55. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents concerts of Walton's "Shakespearean Suite," "Saint Paul's Suite" by Holst, and "Symphony No. 8 in F Major" by Beethoven.

Concerts slated for Saturday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity (405 Ballard Street); on Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue); on Saturday, January 29,

7:30 p.m., at St. Gregory the Great (11451 Blue Cypress Drive); and on Sunday, January 30, 2 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul (4080 Hawk Street). Donation. 619-235-8067. (EL CAJON, MIDDLETOWN, SCRIPPS RANCH, HILLCREST)

Three Masterpieces of the Chamber Music Repertoire are promised when Le Van, Strauss, Schiefen Trio performs on Sunday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., for Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Which masterpieces, you inquire? Listen for "Piano Quartet No. 2" by Brahms, Schubert's "Notturmo," and "Piano Quartet" by Schumann; \$27. Space availability: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"World Vibrations," Sundays at Six concert series offered by chamber music ensemble Camarada continues with flute and guitar music from Beatles to Ravi Shankar on Sunday, January 23, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Event includes display of Beatles-themed "mail art" show. Tickets: \$15-\$25. 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

A Musical Journey into Space is planned when Family Festival series hosted by San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt continues on Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program includes "The Planets" by Holst, "Atmospheres" by Ligeti, *Star Wars* theme, more. Tickets: \$7-22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Works by Sanz, Bach, Carcassi, Sor, Tarrega, Walton, Debussy, and Albéniz are on program when guitarist Chris Carelli performs in concert on Sunday, January 23, 2:30 p.m., for San Diego Public Library concert series. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Baroque Music promised when Scott Paulson (oboe), Susan Barrett (oboe), David Savage (bassoon), Bert Turetzky (bass), and Stefani Walens (harpsichord) present mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 24, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Duo Violin Faculty Recital by János Négyesi and Päivikki Nykter on Tuesday, January 25, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center; \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series commences with concerts by Piano and Wind Quintet. Program includes Beethoven's "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," the Mozart "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," and "Concert Piece No. 1 in F Minor for Clarinet, Bassoon, and Piano" by Mendelssohn.

Concerts presented on Wednesday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street; 619-440-2277), \$27; on Thursday, January 27, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), \$20 U.S.; and on Friday, January 28, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), \$38. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (EL CAJON, TIJUANA LA JOLLA)

Pipes and Hammers, Claire Chase (flute), Ann Chase (soprano), Amy Dissanayake (piano) perform for Concert Hour series on Thursday, January 27, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

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Life's about a midlife crisis. Paul Magid, who narrates, has reached the age where "foreign white invaders" have begun to colonize his beard ("like Iraq"). He realizes he's nearer to his end than his beginning. So what to do? "Is this what I want to be for the rest of my life? Do I re-up or do something different?"

George Bernard Shaw said the trouble with middle age is you outgrow it. To find answers for the next phase, Magid consults one of Judaism's major theologians, Maimonides. The 12th-century Spanish rabbi wrote a guide for living that gives the Karamazovs rules for forging onward.

Okay, profound *Life* ain't. Even with references to the Code of Hammurabi (one brother demands an eye for an eye), *The Mahabharata*, and Hippocrates, it won't tell soon-to-be-seniors how to cope — the "parables" being more playful than wise. What it does is show them.

The magic is in the doing. Like Roderick Kimball playing the beat to "Hand Jive" — bum cha-bum cha-bum, cha-bum-bum — while juggling three bowling pins and banging them on a drum Mark Ettinger moves around behind him. Or the four brothers holding instruments and playing the one next to them, *and* juggling a ball. Or the quartet rolling balls down a long black table. They build a rhythm by bouncing two, then four. Then they stand up and *thwap* and ping-pong balls over and under the table, without missing a beat.

The show's a mite uneven, maybe by design.

The humor, especially puns and general silliness, sometimes flags. But these lapses have the same effect as a juggler muffing a catch: they make the good stuff look better.

Highlights are tough to single out. Some may nominate the song done to Melancholy Jaques's "Seven Ages of Man" speech, as Kimball juggles seven balls; others, the bizarre dance of an epididymus, selecting sperm for an upcoming voyage. The one that knocked me out was the Juggletron, a seven-foot-wide, donut-shaped device with electronic drum pads on the circumference; the Karamazovs climb inside and start juggling pins and then bonking the pads, and — aw, just go see these guys!

In *The Scarlet Letter*, set in the 1640s, Hester Prynne and Arthur Dimmesdale commit adultery. She becomes pregnant, which proclaims her sin. Calling her "naughty baggage," Salem Puritans force her to wear a luminous, embroidered A. Long before the novel ends, symbolic A's appear everywhere, including a spectacular one in the sky, made by an expiring meteor. Hester realizes, "If truth were everywhere to be shown, a scarlet letter would blaze forth on many a bosom besides" hers.

Adultery was so unspeakable in the 1640s that Puritans never uttered the word, just the abbreviation. When Suzan-Lori Parks wrote *F***ing A*, her remake of *The Scarlet Letter*, she wanted a modern-day equivalent for the solitary letter. A *New York Times* editor told her the title was unprintable. Parks said she couldn't change it, adding that just as the people of Salem knew what the A stood for, contemporary audiences would read through the asterisks.

*F***ing A* takes place in a society so repressive people can go to jail for "smiling during the off-season." Thirty years ago, Hester Smith's son, Boy, stole a piece of meat from the mayor's house and got arrested. To save enough gold coins to spring him from prison, Hester has become a "borter" — an abortionist. A red A is branded above her left breast. But every time her "freedom fund" nears the required amount, Boy breaks an-

other rule and gets his sentence extended. Incarceration makes him a "monster." Then he breaks out and finds release in the most horrific act of all.

*F***ing A* has parallels with Hawthorne's novel, but its spirit is much closer to Kafka. Hester's world is regulated beyond the absurd; evil is evil, but so is good, which just wears dressier masks. Also like Kafka, *F***ing A* is funny, though of the oxymoronic screamingly or painfully funny variety.

Parks's play has stark, Brechtian patterns. In the middle of a scene, hot hues bake the stage, and the characters break into goofy vaudeville routines and Kurt Weill-like songs. Then lights shift, and we return to a black-and-white hellscape where life is dirt cheap and death's the only egress.

The play should gain momentum like an avalanche. But UCSD's opening night did the opposite. The energy came early. But then scenes began to drag, and the second act unfolded in slow, then even slower motion.

Everything lagged: speeches, deliveries, stage business. One example: at the end, Hester goes back to work. She gathers up the instruments of her trade, clunking knives and scalpels into a metallic chamber pot, then walks off the stage, all of which takes time. But Brechtian theater is terse. All the actor had to do is exit and, on her way out, turn the "closed" sign on her office wall around to "open."

Hester Smith is, at once, Hester Prynne, Medea, Mother Courage, Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. She suffers every conceivable abuse, from racism and sexism to rape and murder. Although the pace collapsed around her, Quonta Beasley sounded Hester's emotional depths in one of contemporary theater's most demanding roles. ■



Mark Ettinger, Paul Magid in *Life: A Guide for the Perplexed*

Life: A Guide for the Perplexed by the Flying Karamazov Brothers, book by Paul Magid, music by Mark Ettinger, lyrics by Howard Peterson

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown
Directed by Michael Preston; cast ("in descending age order"): Paul Magid, Howard Jay Peterson, Mark Ettinger, Roderick Kimball; scenic design, Bliss Kolb; costumes, Carolyn Keim; lighting, David Hutson; sound, Mark Ettinger; choreographer, Doug Elkins; puppets and movement direction, Barbara Karger
Playing through February 6; Tuesday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-544-1000.

F*ing A** by Suzan-Lori Parks
UCSD Department of Theatre and Dance, Mandell Weiss Forum Studio, UCSD
Directed by Nadine George-Graves; cast: Quonta Beasley, Amy Ellenberger, Bradley Fleischer, Brian Hortenske, Geno Monteiro, Ryam Cyrus Shams, Katie Sigismund, Mark Smith, Samuel Stricklen, Hilary Ward; scenic design, Kim Ehler; costumes, Elsi Thompson; lighting, Jeff Fightmaster; music director, Crystal Li
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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

The Poway Center for the Performing Arts presents a musical version of Mark Twain's novel, followed by a postshow discussion led by author/humorist Roy Blount, Jr. POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 15498 ESPOLA ROAD, POWAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, AT 8:00 P.M. 858-748-0505.

The Amber Glass

Rebecca Lee Means has rewritten the 19th-Century melodrama *The Drunkard* in which "the evils of greed and rum" lead to a battle of good and evil. OTTO WILHELM SCHMIDT THEATRE, 389 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE, EL CAJON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-449-5096.

Book of Days

On Stage Playhouse presents Lanford Wilson's drama about a murder in a small Missouri town. David Kelso directed. ON STAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Burn This

Cygnat Theatre stages Lanford Wilson's comedy-drama about love and art, and lovers who terrify each other. CYGNAT THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

The Clean House

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Sarah Ruhl's comedy about Maude, a cleaning woman who likes to tell jokes. Kate Whoriskey directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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F*ing A**
Reviewed this issue.
MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, UCSD, LA JOLLA, THROUGH JAN-

UARY 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Grassroots Greeks: Ajax
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Life: A Guide for the Perplexed
Reviewed this issue.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6; TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Little Shop of Horrors
Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's "musical horror comedy" gets a local staging, starring Renae Mitchell and Lisa Payton, with Charles W. Patmon as the voice of Audrey II.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JANUARY 23; THURSDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Male Intellect: an oxymoron?
Author/actor Robert Dubac plays five characters who answer the question "What do women want?"
THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, ONGOING RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Mapplethorpe: The Opening
6th@Penn presents Brian Quirk's solo piece about Robert Mapplethorpe's first sex photo showing.
John Stix directed.
6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 10:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American

football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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Of Mice and Men
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Romeo and Juliet

On Verona streets, the Capulets and Montagues talk trash and carry swords — and guns. A soprano, decked in red, sings Puccini. And the star-crossed lovers sprint to the vanishing point where love and death blur. On a spare stage, Richard Baird's Poor Players dress in black and white, modernish, and make the bold choices that have become the company's hallmark; when Friar Laurence performs the marriage, he's like the ref of a wrestling match, having to separate teenagers *in flagrante delicto*. Not all choices work, as in a long stretch during Act Four where the Capulets sort things out. But, along with an unsentimental approach to the Bard, which releases the play's true feelings, the production has many pluses. Almost Falstaffian in size, Baird's Friar centers the show and would dominate it were Rachael Van Wormer's spritely, sage Juliet in less capable hands. Van Wormer lives all "seven ages of man" and grows and evolves and erupts while retaining a pitch-perfect 14-year-old's voice. Romeo's passive enough in the script, but Brandon Walker adds to that with some whiny intonations. Though

he could enunciate more clearly (especially the Queen Mab speech), Max Macke does some of his best work as the witty, addled Mercutio. Also worthy of note: Bob Korbett's creative lighting makes for tight playing areas and tableaux in the intimate Adams Avenue space.

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San Diego Theatresports

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Take Me Out

to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are

far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show.

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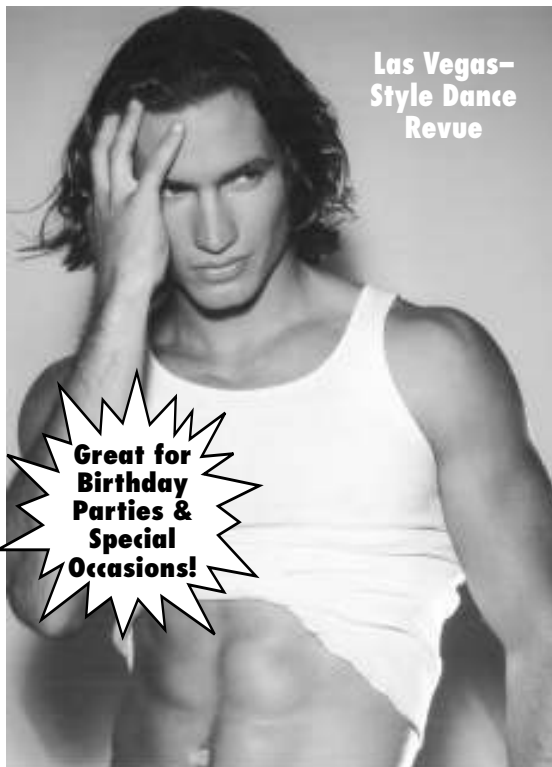
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The local band 3against1 has won the Best Unsigned Band competition held by the Zippo lighter manufacturer,

Resurrection Sunday show, West told his listeners why he would not be on the air in February. He expects to be back on the air in March.

"If the surgery goes well, I'm looking at a full recovery.... This is quite common surgery. John Kerry, Bob Dole, Roger Moore have all had it."

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beating 1200 other entrants hoping to win free equipment and a chance to perform for Island Records. Votes were supplied by website visitors who downloaded samples of songs by eight finalists. A band since 2001, 3against1 appears tomorrow at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Veteran 91X DJ Steve West is open about his upcoming prostate cancer surgery. On a recent

West, a British expatriate, was one of the original DJs when 91X flipped to a modern rock format in January 1983. West won't give his age but says, "Once we reach 40, every man should get a prostate exam once a...year."

In West's case, it was a routine physical and blood test in July that caught the doctor's attention. "I felt fine. I had no physical symptoms of any kind. Based on the blood test, the doctor called me the following day

to inform me that my PSA [prostate-specific antigen] level was high. He said he wanted me to see a urologist. On examination, the

urologist found a lump. They took a biopsy. They found one side of my prostate was well involved [in cancer], and it had gone into the other side. It was aggressive."

West said he had options: traditional radiation treatment, chemotherapy, surgery, hormone therapy, or cryotherapy.

"At the time of my diagnosis, Pfizer coincidentally was running clinical trials to study the use of monoclonal antibodies for prostate cancer treatment. The urologist got me into the study. I'm undergoing this along with hormonal therapy. Now I know what PMS feels like. It makes you really cranky."

West has appeared with other DJs to get the word out. "Jerry Orbach and Johnny Ramone both

succumbed to their battles with prostate cancer."

West continues to operate his 24-hour "'80s with Attitude" online radio



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— Ken Leighton

Unwritten Law fans will receive one free ticket to the February 1 SOMA concert (while supplies last) when they preorder *Here's to the Mourning* at either Lou's Records in Encinitas or M Theory Records in San Diego. According to www.unwrittenlaw.com, "With each preorder of the album, the consumer will receive one free bracelet which allows them access to the front of the line at the postshow signing." This is in addition to the ticket. Lou's says, "We have a bunch of them left."

M Theory says, "We have a few [tickets and wristbands], but we're running low." They're also giving away a free poster "until we run out." The CD comes out on February 1, and preordering customers can pick it up at the store that day before the gig in order to have it signed by the band at the show.

The fully animated video for "Save Me," the first single off the album that's currently number 13 on the *Billboard* alternative rock chart, debuts on MTV tomorrow.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"We bounced Willie."

Hindquarter owner Joe Ellis says he has decided not to invite promoter Willie Carter back after a December 17 show at his restaurant on Miramar Road featuring D.I., American Made, and the Natives (all from L.A.) and local bands the Drapes, Wrecking Crew, and the Foods.

"They destroyed the bathroom," said Ellis about a hole in the wall and a dismounted door. "And then I came back at 3 a.m. and some of the guys took some bottles of liquor, and they were drinking them. We

were more pissed at the guys for that."

And then there was the latest show, January 8, promoted by Sid Sellout.

"Doors were broken and the paper towel machine was



A LITTLE TOO MUCH FUN AT THE HINDQUARTER

ripped off the wall," said Ellis. "It's not becoming feasible. I only charge them [promoters] \$500, and after all the damage, it's not worth it."

"The owner got bent over a bottle of liquor," said Carter about his last show at Hindquarter.

But Carter said he has found a new all-age venue at the Imperial Beach Sports

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Park. On February 5 the Skulls and 13 other bands appear noon to 10 p.m. at 426 Imperial Beach Boulevard, \$10.

— Ken Leighton

San Diego native Jenn Lindsay

at 26, has released five independently produced albums. Her newest, *The Last New York Horn*, contains the song "Uncle Sam," concerning George W. Bush's re-election:

"Alone in a room with Uncle Sam / You can

guess where he tried to put his hand and I said...it's not the cry of the beat generation / it's your beat-up, bullied, bamboozled nation..."

Lindsay discussed her postelection feelings with *AfterEllen.com* ("Lesbian and Bisexual Women In Entertainment and the Media...not affiliated with Ellen Degeneres"). "Truthfully, I feel like I have a big turd in my heart. And I feel like it's important that we give ourselves plenty of space to feel angry and disillusioned. The morning after the election, I didn't want to get out of my bed."

Lindsay is currently attending graduate school at the Yale School of Drama.

— Jay Allen Sanford

A new Belly Up Tavern

is set to open in Aspen, Colorado. The lease was signed December 10 by Michael Goldberg, whose brother Steve owns the 30-year-old Solana Beach sister club. The new Belly Up will include a full kitchen, an all-wood dance floor, a video projection system, and flat-screen televisions. Aside from live music performances booked by agent Steve Weiss (longtime promoter for three venues in the Minneapolis area), the club will also host stand-up acts as part of February's U.S. Comedy Arts Festival.

Plans are for the below-street-level venue to open in



BELLY UP COLORADO OPENS LATE JANUARY

late January. "We want it finished in time for X Games so that sponsors can use it for their musical acts," Michael Goldberg told the *Aspen Times*. The 16-year resident of Aspen (who also owns two Florida-based airline businesses) plans to photograph concerts and offer those services to acts that play the club (co-owned by fellow Aspenite David Gitlitz).

At this writing, no musical acts have been announced to perform.

— Jay Allen Sanford

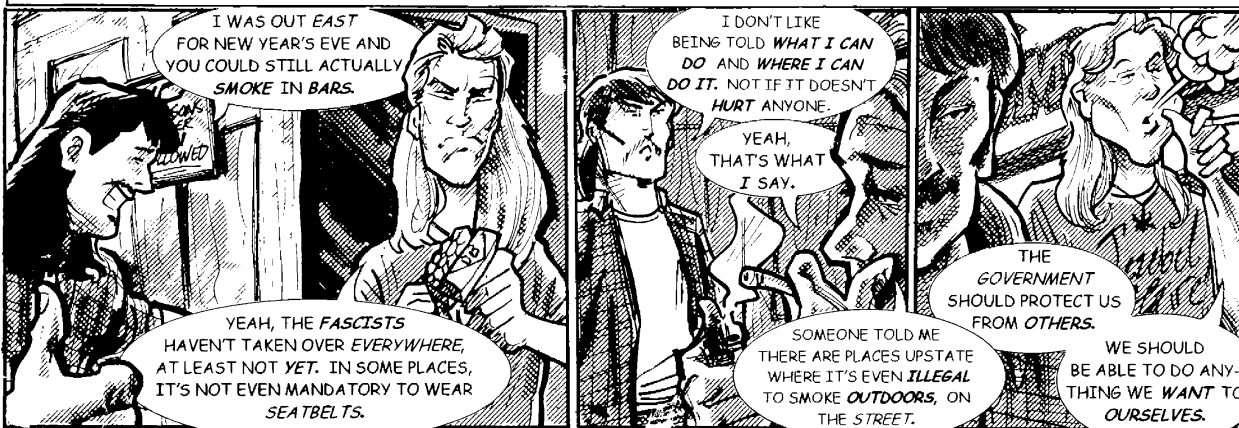
Concerts by blink-182

grossed more last year than tours by Kiss, the Eagles, Norah Jones, or Bob Dylan.

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bad place from which to launch a career, blink accounted for \$17.2 million in concert ticket sales in 2004.

Jewel's \$3.9 million concert proceeds made hers the 122nd biggest-grossing tour of 2004, tied with 50 Cent and Luciano Pavarotti.

Business at Coors Amphitheatre was way off from the previous year. In 2003 Coors sold more than 224,000 tickets. Last year the Chula Vista amphitheater moved only 173,830 tickets.

This is all according to the year-end issue of *Pollstar*, the magazine that covers the national concert industry.

The most successful local music showcase on *Pollstar's* list was Humphrey's, which was ranked 35th with 71,000 tickets, while Soma was 53rd with 46,820, and 4th & B came in 96th with 20,175. Soma owner Len Paul notes, "That doesn't count any of our local shows."

— Ken Leighton

Former Ratt singer Stephen Percy

performed before 5000 sailors on the world's largest aircraft carrier, the USS *Nimitz*, December 17. His backing band consisted of crew members who learned Ratt songs "You're in Love," "Lay It Down," and "Round and Round."

Percy was invited by the ship's public affairs officer, Lieutenant Commander Brad Fagan, a longtime Ratt fan.

"It was a huge honor to play for these guys," said



PERCY LAYS IT DOWN FOR THE USS NIMITZ

Percy. "Most of them are the same age I was when I founded Ratt."

— Jay Allen Sanford

When Dionne Warwick

performs at Sycuan today, Thursday, January 20, her dressing room requirements include a TV ("21 inch, color"), a

telephone, six hangers ("wooden"), a full-length mirror, six ashtrays ("glass"), and a "private toilet." Paper plates are forbidden, only real dishes are allowed. The request for "two bottles of Cristal Champagne per concert" is accompanied by a capitalized, underlined caveat warning, "No substitutions."

Hot hors d'oeuvres must not contain seafood or mushrooms. The limo bringing her to the engagement must be "dark colored (never white)" and furnished with a phone, TV, minibar, and chauffeur.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"You wanna know the truth about all these clubgoing people?" says Zippy the cabdriver as he takes me deep into the Gaslamp on New Year's Eve. "I always do."

Zippy is a short guy in his 50s with a gray beard and long hair.

"Ninety-five percent of them are all right," he tells me. "It's the other five percent that make the world a slice of hell. You get these obnoxious drunks who like

to order you around. You get the screaming girls, the loud girls, poking their bodies out and flashing people or



MOJO A BAD TIPPER? SAY IT AIN'T SO

throwing up in the back seat."

"Ever have anyone famous in this cab?" I ask.

"Mojo Nixon, many years ago."

"I hope he wasn't a jerk."

"He was okay," says Zippy, "just a lousy tipper."

— Michael Hemmingson

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Excites Me Mad

"When I woke up, I walked over to the piano and played it like I never have before."

Usually play solo," says Jane, who started doing the unaccompanied thing on San Diego stages last Valentine's Day, "but I really like doing duets for the thrill of stage chemistry."

When she was part of the duet Jason and Jane, she opened for Jason Mraz before that local boy went big time. When asked if Mraz has changed since, she says, "I honestly don't know. We haven't kept in touch."

Volleying from Hong Kong, this SDSU graduate has been seen recently at the GoGirlsMusicFest (an event coordinated at Humphrey's by another local female soloist, Bridget Brigitte), the San Diego Indie Music Fest, the Gen Y hangout Lestat's, and as an opener for Gregory Page and Trevor Davis.

Is there a CD? "I'll be recording in December with both Aaron Bowen and Greg Laswell, shooting for a release early 2005." The curious can find some of her moody and narrative piano-driven songs like "Pigeon Woman" and "Freddie Goodtime" at www.myspace.com/janeshands. She says two of her main influences are Tom Waits and Tori Amos, and you can hear it.

"I often have weird dreams of playing live," says Jane. "I think I have them because live shows are still new to me. Twice I heard and saw music at the edge of my waking. When I woke up, I walked over to the piano and played it like I never

have before." She's been playing the piano since she was four years old.

Trickiest Musical Problem Playing Live?

"For a long time, no matter how much I rehearsed, it all went out the window when the show began. I go to a unique place when I play, where my mind and voice don't want control of everything, so things can be loose for color changes. It took a long time, but when I finally accepted this, I began writing for the piano with respect. The piano's voice needs space and development just like ours."

Instruments Used?

"My pretty Yamaha P120. I use more instruments on my record. And that excites me mad."

Most Memorable Gig/Encounter With Fans?

"Walking out of a restaurant one night, I saw a little humpback wagon making a big U-turn in the parking lot. It came at me. I thought I was going to die. It screeched to a stop and a head popped out of the window: 'Hey! I saw you the other night! You were good!'"

Top Five Desert-Island Discs?

1. Björk, *Vespertine*. "I fly every time I hear this album; she fully embraces the delicacies of sound and energy."

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Jane

2. Tori Amos, *Scarlet's Walk*. "Her consistency in translating soundforms is incredible. Her every record is a solid individual world."

3. The Cambridge Singers, directed by John Rutter. "I specialized in choral directing in college. This is a closet passion right now."

4. *Getz/Gilberto*, featuring Jobim. "This is such a classic that I couldn't leave it out. Also, my mental value of it went up when it got stolen."

5. Iron & Wine, *The Creek Drank the Cradle*. "I think I sigh every time I hear the beginning."

Top Five Favorite Flicks?

1. *Amelie*
2. *Garden State*
3. *Afterlife* (Japanese)

4. *Spirited Away* ("Must be watched in Japanese.")
5. *Grosse Pointe Blank*

Most Recent Blog Entry?

November 17: "I'm easily amused. And I consider that to be a good thing. I sold my old electric piano a few weeks ago. As we were carrying her into a van that she's never been in, I could literally hear her whimpering. I also parted with her life-long companion, the bench, and he was going crazy too. I was sad for about a day. Then, just now, seconds before I started writing, Mr. UPS walked up my stairs with my new bench. She's still in the box. I just looked at her; she's shy. So there. Make new friends, but keep the old, huh." ■

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Dionne Warwick [497]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Gladys Knight [958]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m., Valley Center Road, Escondido. 1-800-427-7247.

Dakota Dave Hull: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

FRIDAY

Eric Johnson: 4th & B, Friday, January 21, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Throw Rag, Furious IV [107], and the Scotch Greens: The Casbah, Friday, January 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

The Steve Morse Band and the Dregs: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, January 21, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Korby Lenker: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

SATURDAY

Eddie Money [608]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 22, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Chieftains: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Mike Marshall & Choro Famoso: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

SUNDAY

Cantus: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, January 23, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Steve Morse is a guitar player's guitar player. When I see him perform, it's a little like going to a convention. The audience includes other guitarists, people who want to be guitarists, or people who know a guitarist. Morse is pegged as a virtuoso and can play circles around many of his contemporaries but seldom fronts with the moxie that many of them bring to the dance. More often than not, he tones back and plays ensemble. That was the hallmark of the Dixie Dregs (later just the Dregs), called one of the best rock-jazz fusion bands of the '70s. Morse's mastery as a lead instrumentalist in that group was revealed by the playing of his bandmates. After the bad place that guitar went to in the big-hair '80s and some of the neo-punk '90s, it is a relief

to hear that Morse's head is still in the same place — that he has not reduced us all to becoming little planets that revolve around a giant ego.

Besides fronting the Dregs and then the **Steve Morse Band**, Morse spent a few years with Kansas and in the late '90s nearly elevated Deep Purple from a metal band to something approaching prog-rock status. It's all in the point-counterpoint Morse brings as an arranger. If you don't think he's studied Bach or Handel, listen to "Third Power."

On his new disc, *Major Impacts 2*, Morse plays around with his own influences and sounds like everyone from Pete Townshend to Chet Atkins on big amplifiers. Morse can get as homespun as anybody and then switch it up to something that sounds like what Slash (whom I also admire) might have borrowed from Aerosmith. He can milk every tone possible from a guitar, pick leads better



STEVE MORSE BAND

than most, and doesn't bend to cliché. I offer Morse as enlightenment to the insufferable fanatics who think the sun rose and set on Stevie Ray Vaughan.

The **Dregs** open.

STEVE MORSE BAND, Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, January 21, 8 p.m. 619-659-3380. \$35.

John McCutcheon [772]: San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Sunday, January 23, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. Folk Heritage information line, 858-566-4040.

TUESDAY

Andy Griggs, Lee Ann Womack, and Tracy Byrd: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, January 25, 7 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

WEDNESDAY

The French Kicks and dios malos: The Casbah, Wednesday, January 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,

midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

JANUARY

"Sno-Core Tour" with Chevelle, Helmet, Crossfade, and more: SOMA, Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

"Tribute to Glenn Miller" featuring the **Tex Beneke Orchestra, Tony Martin, the Modernaires,** and more: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, January 27, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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.

The Doobie Brothers [561]: Rincon Casino, Saturday, January 29, 8:30 p.m., Valley Center Road, Escondido. 1-800-427-7247.

Blackmore's Night: 4th & B, Saturday, January 29, 9 p.m., 345 B

Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ronny Cox: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, January 29, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Al Jarreau [529]: Pala Events Center, Sunday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys [773]: La Paloma Theatre, Monday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., 471 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-436-7469.

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8 pm-2 am - Spring Break Club Night at Senor Frogs

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Luna and Midnight Movies: The Casbah, Thursday, February 3, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Dave Alvin and Los Straitjackets [528]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 5, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Brazil Carnaval 2005": 4th & B, Saturday, February 5, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Modest Mouse [593]: SOMA, Saturday, February 5, and Sunday, February 6, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Bob Weir & Ratdog: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Ronnie Milsap: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Bright Eyes [244] and Neva Dinova: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., 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.

The Finn Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Ronstadt Ramirez Santa Cruz River Band: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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.

Slaid Cleaves and Eliza Gilkyson: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Ani DiFranco [259]: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, February 13, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

"Old School Valentine's Show" featuring **Lisa Lisa, Debbie Deb, Zapp**, and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, February 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball [953]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 13, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Gavin DeGraw and Michael Tolcher: Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, February 13, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Beppe Gambetta & Dan Crary: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Gwar: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jill Scott: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

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Queensrÿche [431]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, February 18, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows

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Interpol and Blonde Redhead [253]: SOMA, Sunday, February 20, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Perfect Strangers: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

"Bob Marley Festival": San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 21, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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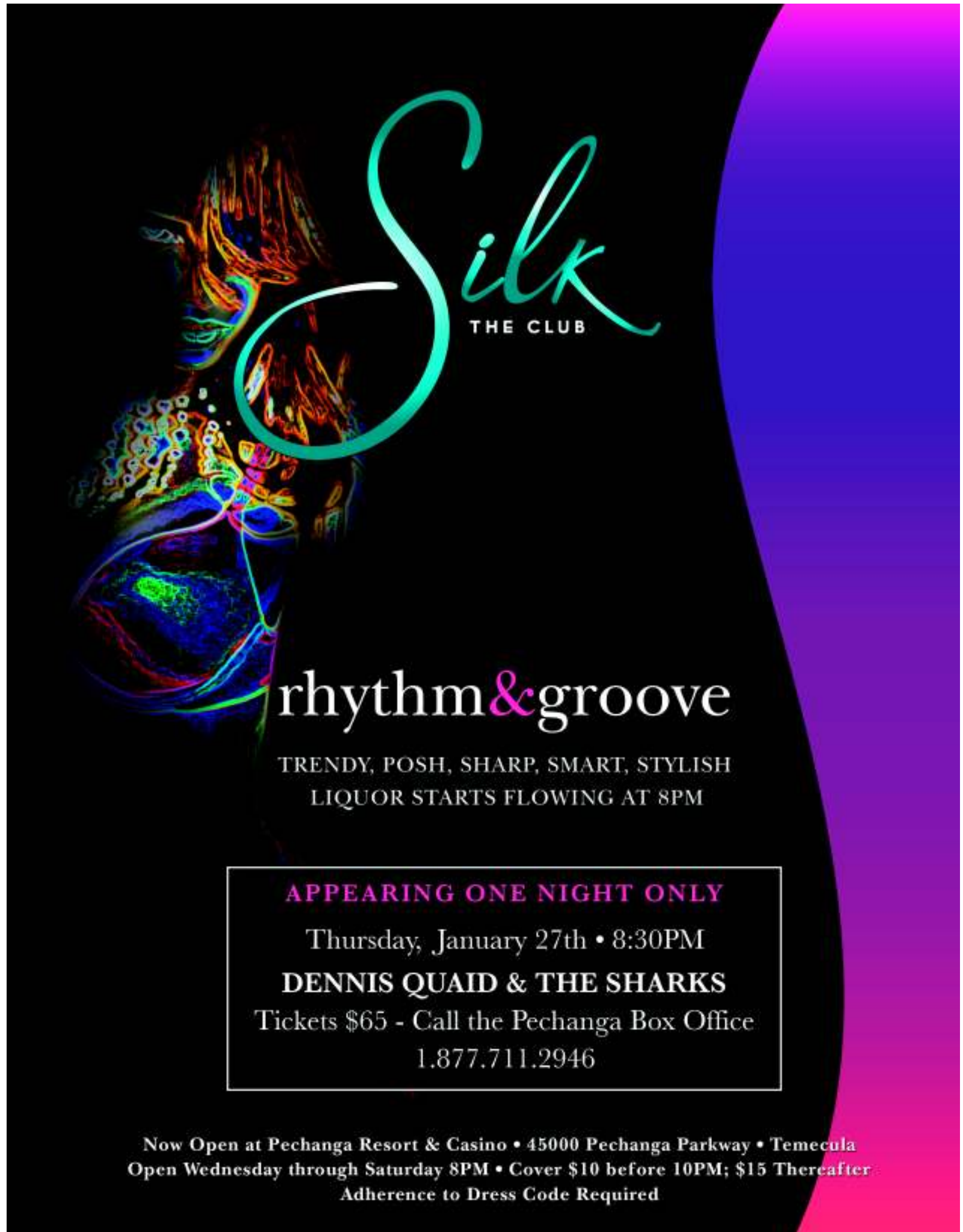
Paul Westerberg: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

MARCH

B.B. King [951]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Chris Cagle: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Big Head Todd & the Monsters [477]: 4th & B, Thursday, March 17, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Cocker [533]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Blue Öyster Cult [509]: 4th & B, Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [610]: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black [830]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Reverend Horton Heat [268]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Mötley Crüe [475]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Handsome Boy Modeling School: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 29, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

APRIL

Rod Stewart [605]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Steve Vai [523]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

MAY

Engelbert Humperdinck [993]: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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Dama: Winstons
Day and Age: The Kensington Club
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The Devices: Blind Melons
dios malos: The Casbah
The Displaced [104]: The Honey Bee Hive
The Nate Donniss Band: Monterey Bay Cannery
Downspell: Dreamstreet
D.O.S.: Blind Melons
The Ellipses: Soma
Eve White Eve Black: Chasers Cocktails
Facing Stateside: The Blvd. (San Marcos), Soma
False Image: Soma
Fith: The Jumping Turtle
Fleck: Soma
Frausdots: The Casbah
The French Kicks: The Casbah
The Furious IV [107]: The Casbah
Heroe: 'Canes
Immaculate: Dreamstreet
Innocent: Longshot Saloon
The Inner Limit: Soma
Jenix: Soma
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Letter Kills: Soma
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Long Live Logos: Epicentre
The Mickeys: Dreamstreet
Mower [239]: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Muff: Epicentre
Narsil: Brick By Brick

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Dios malos, formerly known as dios, has a song on a soundtrack album for the trendy TV show *The OC* and a nice stack of good reviews, but they are probably most famous for their legal run-in with everyone's second-favorite former Black Sabbath singer. Ronnie James Dio reportedly sicced his lawyers on the Hawthorne-based indie kids last year, forcing them to change their name to something less prone to confusion with that of his long-running heavy metal act, Dio. How anyone would mistake dios malos — a band so humble that it spells its name in lowercase letters — for the band that inspired the Stonehenge sequence in *This Is Spinal Tap* is a question only a very well-paid lawyer can answer.

Dios malos is often compared to the Beach Boys because the two bands share the same hometown and an affinity for melodic music that's been drenched in lysergic acid. I think the Beach Boys comparison has been overstated, but there's definitely a laid-back, California-psychedelia vibe going on here — one whose influences span the generations from Neil Young (whose song "Birds" shows up in a cover version on dios malos' debut album) to Granddaddy (with whom dios malos shares a similar indie-rock dork-chic aesthetic).

Amid simple but lovely midtempo chord progressions, dios malos throws in piano, guitar, keyboards, sweetly half-whispered vocals (often obscured by echo), and lots of "found sounds." It's so laid-back, so melodic, that it takes a few listens before the



DIOS MALOS

lyrics reveal themselves to be disturbing portraits of low self-esteem, sick humor, and general misanthropy. Well, remember: Black Flag was from Hawthorne, too.

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DIOS MALOS, The Casbah, Wednesday, January 26, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. \$10.

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The Return of Mr. Blackshirt: Chasers Cocktails
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Stereo Return: Epicentre
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Struck by Silence: Soma
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Sunsets & Landscapes: The Casbah
The Taz Taylor Band: The Jumping Turtle
Ten Twenty Kill: Brick By Brick
Thicker Than Thieves [200]: Blind Melons
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ROCK

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Inside-Out: Viejas Casino

The Jackson 3 [495]: Carvers

Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero

Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Kool Keith: Brick By Brick

Kut U Up: Belly Up Tavern

Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone Pub

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Listen: Tiki House

The Minibosses: The Casbah

Modern Day Moonshine: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Modessa [537]: Brick By Brick

The Monotonous Blitz: Brick By Brick

The Nards: Tiki House

Night After Night: The Casbah

Night Shift: Game Time Tavern

October Burning: Brick By Brick

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Part One Tribe: Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Proper Jive: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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Random Logic: Dreamstreet

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Retrospect: Fannie's

Riot House: Tiki House

Rockola: Viejas Casino

Rookie Card [539]: The Kensington Club

Roxx [444]: Winstons

Serious Guise: The Kraken

Shaggin' Wagon: Winstons

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Coyote Bar and Grill
B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Bottom Line: Boar Cross'n

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Flock of 80's: Henry's Pub

Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Sean McVicker: Trelisses Garden Grill

Eddie Money [608]: Belly Up Tavern

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

The Pier Group: Trelisses Garden Grill

The Ratz Pack: La Scala

Dean Paul Ratzman: T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, Bistro Soliel

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Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Coctail Groove: The Calypso Cafe

Dave Curtis: Dizzy's

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Gary Nieves: Dizzy's

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The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

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Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Coyote Bar and Grill
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EVERYTHING ELSE

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Band Members: Chris Kelly (guitars, vocals), Chad Brienza (drums, vocals), Aquilino Soriano (bass, vocals), Amy Stickney (sax)

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"They say the grass is always greener, so how come you don't like mine?" asks funk rock foursome Brain Buckit on their ambitious six-track EP. Out of

the six songs, there are three that are good, "Sweet Tequila," "Crosstown Traffic," and "Rocket Science." "Sweet Tequila" has the memorable "Tequila tastes sweet on lips

that smile," or perhaps it's only remembered because it is said half a dozen times.

The three guys and a gal render a tight mix of jazzy rock that's occasionally punked out with ska horns. Guitarist Chris Kelly provides Hendrix-inspired fills that add needed complexity.

Brain Buckit's willingness to experiment with their sound is admirable, but they would reach a wider audience if their instrumental quirkiness was a little more palatable. "Rocket Science" features the line, "I never raised no chickens, but I know that they can't fly," before a well-played sax solo by Amy Stickney. Minus the clucking, this song would be a standout.

There is plenty of talent in this group, but they didn't pull it off the ground entirely this time, as prophetically reflected in their song "I Know



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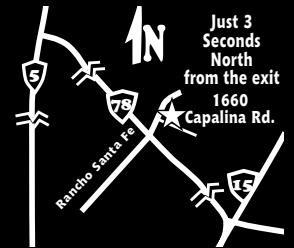
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North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Bargain Music, Shaggin' Wagon*, and *Part One Tribe*, rock. Friday, *Vegetation*, reggae, Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Roxx*, rock, 9:30 p.m., *the Fryday Band, Deadline Friday*, and *Christopher Dale*, rock. Monday, *Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Bradbury Press* and *Agave*, rock. Wednesday, *Dama*, *Off-White*, and *Canobliss*, alternative rock.

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith*.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon* or *Bad Credit*, rock.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Radio Free Earth*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Modessa*,

Skinned, Dirtnap, Narsil, and Abyssal Dawn. Friday, *Accident Experiment, Ten Twenty Kill, Outlet, and October Burning*. Saturday, *Alex Skolnick Trio, 202*, and *RDG*. Wednesday, *Kool Keith* and *the Monotonous Blitz*.

Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sue Palmer, Sharon Shufelt, and Deeja Marie*, boogie-woogie/jazz.

Chasers Cocktails, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-280-9379. Friday, 10 p.m., *Nothing Yet, Eve White Eve Black*, and *the Return of Mr. Blackshirt*, punk/new wave.

Club Miami, 1299 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. 619-843-7400. Friday, reggae/hip-hop. Saturday, salsa, meringue, reggae, and bachata.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Erika Thompson* and *Generik*. Friday, *Arlliss, Alico, Unwynd, ATF, and the Waking Moment*. Saturday, *Muff* and *Of New York*. Wednesday, *Action Action, Lovedrug, Waking Ashland, Long Live Logos*, and *Stereo Return*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Stampede Jam*, classic rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*, blues.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock of 80's*, pop rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Jimmy Sommers*, smooth jazz saxophonist. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., blues festival. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz. Monday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Johnny A.*, jazz/rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Caesar*, jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Boogiemen*, R&B.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.



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CLIENTELE > an all-age venue with a wide age range; 50 percent Latino, 40 percent Caucasian, 10 percent African-American

COVER > \$5 when a band plays (but you get a coin good for one free drink)

HOURS > 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. every day

DRINKS > two happy hours: 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. (with a Bloody Mary special for \$5.50 that includes the drink and breakfast) and 3:00

p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (with free appetizers and drink specials); on Sunday a "Charger-Kaze," which is a kamikaze that's blue

FOOD > tacos on Tuesday, ribs on Thursday; regular menu has a variety of sandwiches (Real Philly Steak Bomb for \$6.75) and burgers (\$5.75), both with fries; four salads

ACCESS > When you take I-15, then the Centre City Parkway exit that runs parallel to the freeway, take the first stoplight west, and it's right there; bus stops all along Centre City; lots of parking available

DRESS > casual; a few of the older folks were in polo shirts and slacks, but everyone else was in jeans and T-shirts

DANCE FLOOR > hardwood that's 15' by 15' (the rest of the place is carpeted)

FIRE EXITS > four – the main entrance, one going onto patio, one on the side near the stage, one out the back kitchen

BATHROOMS > men's had two urinals, one stall; giant mirror over urinals; women's had two stalls and two sinks; clean

CAPACITY > 199
SPECIAL AREAS > outdoor patio with heaters for smokers (mostly covered); five pool tables in two different rooms

FURNISHINGS > 18 TVs, ATM, change machine, video golf, electric dartboards, foosball, shuffleboard

DECIBEL LEVEL > 115 when Clear Shot did a cover of a Santana song; 115 last week at Las Glorias

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN

LAST MONTH: Laguana

QUOTABLE > "If I close my eyes, this shit sounds exactly like Santana." His friend replied, "Why do you have to shut your eyes for it to sound like Santana?"

Moe, the owner of Woody's, told me, "We have a \$5 cover when a band plays, but we can't say the customers get one free beer with admission. So we say the chip they get is good for any drink they want, which can be a beer. We had a similar problem with Oktoberfest. We wanted to have 16 different beers people could sample...we weren't allowed to do that. And, when we have the 'Team Trivia,' we give out an \$8 gift certificate each hour. That covers a pitcher of beer, but we couldn't say that's what it's for."

Despite all this, I was surprised at how easy it is for Moe to serve alcohol in a moving vehicle. Twice a year the bar has buses go to Gulls' away games (the next one is March 19). Moe said, "It costs \$50 to get a permit to serve beer on the bus. And we can fit 40 people on the bus. It's a lot of fun."

—Josh Board

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the *San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock.

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, *the Bert Torres Band*. Sunday, contemporary music.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday and Saturday, classic rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *the Scarlet Symphony, Unsteady*, and *Operator X*. Saturday, *Day and Age* and *Rookie Card*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. All music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Acoustic Underground*. Friday, *Robin Henkel*.

Saturday, *Jenn Grinels* and *Trevor Davis*. Sunday, *Saba, Dava Doobin*, and *Ashley Matte*. Monday, open mike.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, live classic rock/blues. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*. Tuesday, open blues jam. Wednesday, hip-hop/funk/rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-

6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci*, piano.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Ruggarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday

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Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Letter Kills*, *Rose Hill Drive*, *Stutterfly*, and *London Colors*. Friday, 7 p.m., *Facing Stateside*, *the Ellipses*, *Jenix*, *Rookie 7*, *the Inner Limit*, and *Fleck*. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Wild Eyes* *of Terror*, *A Shattered Hope*, *False Image*, *Amaranth*, and *Struck by Silence*.

Trelisses Garden Grill, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-908-5017. Thursday, *Sean McVicker*, contemporary and dance. Friday and Saturday, *the Pier Group*, pop.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Gabriella LaLicata*, *Michael Shelton*, *Proper Jive*, and *J. Turtle*. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Ryan Blue*, *Regina*, *Tommy Dempsey*, and *May River*. Saturday, *Andrew Norsworthy*, *Jennifer Lee*, *Michael Shelton*, and *Until John*.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

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The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Album Leaf*, *Rogue Wave*, and *Sunsets & Landscapes*. Friday, *Throw Rag*, *Furious IV*, and *the Scotch Greens*. Saturday, *Jivewire*, *One Nation Under a Groove*, and *Bad Credit*. Sunday, *Minibosses* and *Night After Night*. Monday, *Razorlight* and *Frausdots*. Tuesday, *Flying Douglas*, *the Defilers*, and *Zindu*. Wednesday, *French Kicks*, and *dios malos*.

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Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*. Saturday, *Primo*, salsa.

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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 9 p.m., *Mitch Manker*, *Bob Campbell*, *Lynn Willard*, *Dave Curtis*, and *Gary Nieves*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, *Victor Goulds*, *Kevin Kanner*, and *Harish Raghavan*, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live music by *Raggle Taggle*, Irish fusion. Call club for information.

Fifth Qtr. (formerly Buffalo Joe's), 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Call club for information.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, 9 p.m., *Eric Johnson*, *Tommy Taylor*, and *Chris Maresh*, acoustic/folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Alter Bridge* and *Silver Tide*, rock.

G5-George's on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

The Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street, downtown. 619-702-6010. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Secret Apollo*, *Bunky*, and *the Displaced*, indie rock.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

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The Local, 1465 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-4447. Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Free Air*, acoustic rock.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, reggae/dancehall/hip-hop/R&B. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

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Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

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The Japanese art of sushi was bound to change once it reached the Americas and American-born chefs and diners took it up. How many aspiring local chefs would put up with the rigors of Japan's decade-long apprenticeship system? And how many eaters here care about that? Those enviable souls who appreciate it and can afford it may pay a hundred dollars or more for an exquisitely artful *omakase* ("chef's choice") meal at, say, Katsu in L.A., or up to a couple thousand (!) for one at Masa in Manhattan. Most Americans, though, are content to drop in at neighborhood sushi bars for a bite. These local places become community hangouts, and if the neighborhood is lucky, they offer good eating, too.

So residents rejoice when a sushi bar lands in a restaurant-sparse area. I first spotted Zensei a few days after it opened. A crowd was gathered at the dogleg at 30th Street and Upas, a line leading to the entrance of a gray, long-vacant building. Driving by, I made out part of the sign — Zen-something — and added up the evidence. "Omgod, omigod!" I squealed like a teenager. "Did you see that? It's a *sushi bar*! Not a taquería, not a pizzeria. We're gonna have sushi in North Park!" "Did you say sushi?" my boyfriend asked, ducking an SUV that was crowding us on the turn.

A couple of months later, we returned on a damp Sunday, a challenging day for sushi, since there are no fish deliveries on the Sabbath. Zensei's interior is long and narrow, with a sushi bar on one side, a row of tables along the windows, and toward the back, banquettes that can be pushed together for larger parties. Oil paintings by local artists decorate the walls. Hidden in back is a kitchen where the non-sushi items are cooked; en route from the parking lot, you can spy on the chefs working there.

We settled down at the bar, and Monica, our courteous hostess, brought relish plates of wasabi and pickled ginger. A young Latino, Hugo Arreguin, stood behind the sushi counter.

We started, as we always do at a new sushi bar, with an order of *uni*, sea urchin "roe" (gonads, actually). It's an instant pass/fail test: If the *uni* is mushy and tastes like iodine, it's too old and we're outta there. But even on Sunday, Zensei's golden-orange lobes were velvety, fresh and briny, and the portion was generous. The rice was excellent, with cohesive grains and a sweetness from seasoned



Zensei Sushi

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sushi vinegar. Our next choice was *ama ebi*, "sweet shrimp," presented with the raw bodies and flash-cooked heads on the same plate and garnished with a heap of raw carrot shreds. Most sushi chefs flavor the rice under the bodies — with wasabi, maybe, or yuzu juice (from a Japanese citrus fruit) — because these freshwater shrimp are often bland. Hugo left the rice unadorned, so this was the one roll for which I stirred up a soy-wasabi slurry dip.

Meanwhile, a ponytailed young woman a few stools down was doing my job, giving Hugo a "chef interview" as he worked. The owners, Jo-Jo (José Fantos) and Al (Alberto Quintos), "don't cook sushi or really know that much about it," Hugo said. "They were looking for an investment and focused on this neighborhood because Jo-Jo used to live around here, and they realized that what the area needed was sushi." "Right!" chorused Ms. Ponytail and her date. "We walked six blocks in this freezing weather."

That comment made us crave hot food along with the cold sushi rolls — a bowl of miso soup.

The kitchen in back prepares the cooked dishes, including soups, hot sushi-bar appetizers such as "dynamite" and stuffed tempura-fried shiitakes (here called Bombe-Bombs, stuffed with salmon, cream cheese, and a touch of *dashi*, dried bonito broth). It also offers entrées of tempura, noodles, teriyaki, fish, and chicken katsu (croquettes), including a version with yuzu sauce.

The soup proved weak on miso flavor but was well garnished with diced tofu, shiitake shreds, green onion tops, and *nori* slices. Monica thoughtfully gave us two spoons without our having to ask.

After the *uni* and *ama ebi*, we were starting to trust the chef, so we tried a spicy scallop hand roll — another test. This roll is a rare delight when chefs do right by it, but some chefs omit vital ingredients (e.g., mayo), some plop the scallops on top of the cone instead of mixing them into the rice, and some use slimy scallops. Trainee chefs may roll so ineptly that the cone-bottom oozes rice into your lap. Hugo's version was a layered construction: He laid rice on a sheet of *nori*, topped it

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Zensei Sushi
*** (Very Good)**3396 30th Street** (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171.**HOURS:** Lunch Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., dinner seven days a week, 5:00–10:00 p.m.**PRICES:** Sushi and appetizer choices about \$4–\$12; dinner entrées up to \$18.**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, Japanese noodle dishes and entrées. Japanese and American beers, sakes, wines.**NEED TO KNOW:** Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas just east of the Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables.**Lizard Lounge Sushi Bar at Bistro d'Asia**
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with cucumber sticks, small scallops (of decent quality) mixed with Japanese mayo, and shakes of hot sauce, then rolled the *nori* into a well-sealed cone. My boyfriend's only complaint was that the mayo was bland. "Almost everybody uses the bottled stuff now, Kewpie brand, instead of making it themselves," he grumped.

Down the counter, Ms. Ponytail's interrogation of our chef continued. Hugo started out making sushi at E Street Alley about eight years ago, learning from the Japanese chefs there. "I learned both traditional and nontraditional styles," he said. "They trained me for about a year. After that they let me start making rolls." He has worked at other sushi bars, including Yokozuna's in Chula Vista and Bamboo Hut in Mira Mesa. Jo-Jo and Al, old acquaintances, approached him to come work for them three years ago, when they began planning for Zensei.

Later, I asked owner Jo-Jo whether "Zensei" was a pun on *zensei* (Japanese for "teacher"). "From what I understand, it's an old term, used in the early part of the last century," Jo-Jo said. "It means 'the height of prosperity and power.' Japanese who are 50 and older know the term, but younger people have no idea what it means." And the reason the restaurant took three years from planning to opening? "The delay was due to our inexperience. We had to redo the

whole interior of the space and also deal with the city about permits. We ran out of money about four times." Jo-Jo said that Hugo's co-chef (on vacation that week), Rocendo Rendón, got his training under the master sushi chef of the Benihana chain and worked at the local Benihana for several years before joining his friends at Zensei. Zensei gets its seafood from the same Los Angeles sushi specialist that supplies the esteemed Sushi Ota and Nobu, among others. (Not coincidentally, Lizard Lounge also buys from them.)

For our first inside-out "party roll," we chose one of the imaginative house specialties, "stuffed tomato," which features a spicy scallop and rice wrapped in ruby-red tuna. The flattened globe (cut into handy quarters) looked like a stuffed beefsteak tomato. The ahi was silky, the rice at the center topped with black masago (smelt roe) for crunch and good looks. Next up, we ordered a "rainbow roll" — a California roll (with sweet crab and avocado at the center) wrapped in slices of ahi, salmon, yellowtail, and avocado. Zensei's version is gigantic and delicious, though standard.

"Isn't it odd that so many sushi chefs in San Diego are Mexican?" Ms. Ponytail asked Hugo. "There's a lot of communities here with a mix of Japanese and Mexicans, like Chula Vista," he answered. "So every day, more and more Mexicans are learning to make sushi."

When I posed the same question to Jo-Jo, he said, "The majority of sushi chefs have to

pay their dues. They start off as dishwashers, and if they show that they're interested, then they have to prove themselves and work their way up. That's how a lot of Mexicans get into making sushi... But it doesn't matter to me what race the chef is, because at Zensei, we're not trying to be traditional. Our chefs are really personable and make it a nice atmosphere. You should come in on a Friday — it's a party! We just want to give people good food and a good feeling."

Our final bites were actually two gulps — one for each of us — of a dish called "honeymooners." This combination of reputed aphrodisiacs includes some of my favorite flavors: a raw oyster, a quail egg, a lobe of *uni*, and a scattering of wasabi-tobiko (flying-fish roe, stained green and flavored with Japanese horseradish). The method for assembling these ingredients differs from chef to chef, but in all versions, the diner is supposed to make a single huge, melty-crunchy mouthful of it. Hugo mixed the ingredients like a cocktail in a wine glass, then drenched them in spicy ponzu sauce. Using chopsticks to get the mixture moving up the glass, we poured the potion into our mouths. The liquid tasted like spiced champagne — a glorious after-dinner drink that warmed us all the way home.

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Coronado has no shortage of restaurants, but when an "institution" becomes a sushi bar, it's news. The Lizard Lounge is an age-old saloon, dating from the days when lounge lizards in

leisure suits roamed the earth. Over the years, the pleasant restaurant attached to it (currently Bistro d'Asia) has undergone numerous changes of ownership, name, and format, but the Lounge has endured as a quintessential Coronado watering hole, drawing a convivial Navy-heavy crowd of regulars. But this lizard can change its color, and a reader named Jade recently e-mailed me to say that the Lounge now includes a good sushi bar. She sounded as if she knew her sushi, and as it turned out, she did.

Friends and I arrived early one weeknight and discovered that the streetside end of the traditional wooden bar had been converted to a short fish counter, where Tim Manley heads the operation. Most of the barstools were already occupied, with something of a blue/red division: Younger folks (under 65) ate *nigiri* or *futo maki* at the left (sushi) end, while retirees slurped noodles and Scotch on the right. But the atmosphere is friendly wherever you sit. A lanky blue-eyed lady wearing a watch cap volunteered to move over one stool to give our trio room to sit together. "I've been to almost every sushi bar in the city," she told us, "and I like this one the best. I come here several times a week." I asked what roll she favored. "I always get the *hamachi*," she said. She was working on her dinner's grand finale, a California-roll variation topped with albacore and lemon slices. "I just wanted one piece of this," she said. "Help me out. Take the rest of it." How could we refuse? Lean white albacore

is far from my favorite fish, but this combination was refreshing.

Eighteen or so rolls are listed on the menu, but additional choices are available for the asking — just tell Tim your desires. You can also order dishes from the restaurant kitchen, the source of both the other-end-of-the-bar's noodles and our own golden, cloudy (and satisfying) miso soup.

Tim grew up in San Diego. "I started out bussing and then waiting tables at a sushi bar and became interested in getting behind the counter," he says. "I've always been sort of artistic — I love to draw and paint — and I just loved that creative part of sushi. So I started asking the chefs a lot of questions. Then I apprenticed at Hayama in Mission Valley for a number of years. I worked for a few years at Zao in La Jolla. I've been at Lizard Lounge since the owners added sushi over two years ago. A friend of mine was a waitress here and told me they were looking for somebody."

We began again with *uni*. The urchin was Grade A — fresh, sweet, with a pillowy texture — and this chef, too, was generous. Although the rice was slightly loose (in all the rolls we tried), it was freshly cooked and flavored with a just-right amount of sushi vinegar. Next, we tried *nigiri*, a warm and savory eel. The sweet brown "eel sauce" was less cloying than the average version.

The Lizard's spicy scallop hand roll was a near-paragon of the form, its spiciness zingy but not painful, balanced by cucumber, avocado, and Japanese

mayo (a little bland, once again). These ingredients, along with fresh-tasting scallop pieces, ran all the way through the roll. The mixture seemed almost sweet, like a spicy fish-flavored ice cream cone — and I mean that in a good way.

Ama ebi were set atop rice dressed with wasabi, their heads stuck into a sweetened wasabi dressing. The heads were too heavily floured for my taste, but the shrimp themselves were distinctly sweet.

Ahi poké (from the sashimi list) offered sinew-free cubes of tuna mixed with seaweed, cucumber, and avocado. But instead of bathing Hawaiian-style in a toasted-sesame oil dressing, the ingredients felt dry under an overabundance of sesame seeds and tobiko roe.

Finally, it was time to check out some party rolls. Nearly all of Lizard Lounge's inside-out rolls are variations on California rolls, with the same center of crab and avocado. Some have coatings of seaweed, avocado, tobiko, or other species of fish. Some have "soy paper" exteriors instead of rice, to please carb-counters. The most creative is a mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, white tuna and ponzu, with mango on top.

The party rolls taste delicious, but given their similarity and size, you only need one per dinner. The plain *nigiri* rolls, on the other hand, are worth exploring in all their varieties. The ability to make the most of the simplest rolls is typical of Japanese-trained sushi chefs — and one mark of a good sushi chef from any country. ■

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Fried Jungle

"Hey, I'm sorry for what your country suffered in the tsunami. Do you have relatives there?"

Another jungle," Hank announces. "Another jungle? Where was the first one?"

"You don't remember? Saffron? Thai place? Jungle soup? Keeps the flu away? Look at me, son. Now did it work or not?"

The guy is all spunk and cheek these days.

"My point is, winter's when you gotta eat healthy."

Sigh. He's back on the lecture circuit.

Hank has just picked me up in his Camry at the La Mesa trolley stop. It's a rainy Tuesday night. I'm half drowned and shivering. Two minutes later, we park at La Mesa and University, cut down a few steps, and swing through a glass door into a little L-shaped room buzzing with people. There are nine tables — I count 'em — and only two are empty.

"What's the deal?" I ask. "Some Tuesday night special on?"

"Everybody's here for the Jungle, dude."

Yui the waitress comes over. She sits us down at one of the spare tables. I scan the menu. Oh yes. They have appetizers I long for: chicken satay with that yummy peanut sauce and the sweet-sour cucumber sauce (\$4.95), shrimp and chicken spring rolls with plum sauce (\$4.95), or mee krob, crispy noodles and tofu in sweet-and-sour tamarind sauce (\$5.45). Plus soups like tom yum koong, hot shrimp soup (\$4.95, small, \$5.95 large), salads like papaya (\$6.45), or larb (a Lao-tian dish with "ground chicken mixed with spicy

chile lime juice and ground toasted rice, mint leaves, sliced green onion, red onion, and cilantro"). Tempting, but \$9.45.

Plus Hank's shaking his head. He's paying tonight.

"Main?" I ask.

"Main," he says.

So, okay, the main entrées page. Basically, every dish here costs the same. You choose the protein first: entrées come with chicken, beef, pork, or something vegetarian like tofu, and they cost \$7.95. Calamari or

shrimp, \$8.95; scallop, duck, or fish, \$9.95; and mixed seafood (shrimp, calamari, scallop, and mussel), \$10.95. If we'd come at lunchtime, almost everything would have been more than a buck cheaper, the mixed seafood dishes \$3.70 less, at \$7.25. Less seafood on the plate, though. No scallops or mussels.

Most of the entrée dishes are stir-fry veggie combos. Like Number 2, fresh ginger with onions, mushrooms, celery, carrot, green onion, and black soybean sauce. Or Number 9, sweet basil, with Thai chili, bamboo shoots, mushroom, onions, carrots. But they have half a dozen curries, too. Number 17 is panang curry, coconut milk with carrots and sliced lime leaf. Number 18 is that delicious musman, the curry from Thailand's Muslim south, coconut milk with carrot, potato, onion, and toasted peanuts.

"Dude, no point in scrutinizing," Hank says. "You're here for Eleven, the Jungle."

I'm about to squawk, demand my First

Amendment rights, when Yui chimes in. "Yes. Jungle stir-fried is the most popular. So healthy!"

"So he'll have Number Eleven," Hank says, "and I'll have Number Six, Mixed Vegetable."

Oh, what the heck. I want mine with pork. Hank, natch, orders tofu — but hey. "You're not having the Jungle?" I say. "After all your preaching?"

"Mixed Veggie's just as good, dude. Wait and see."

He's right. I can smell the garlic as Yui passes him his plate. It's loaded with cabbage, carrots, green beans, peas, celery, broccoli, mushroom, zucchini, cauliflower, the whole shootin' box.

"Cooked in oyster sauce," says Hank.

"That's the basis of most stir-fry dishes," Yui says.

My Jungle is a little different than Saffron's jungle soup. As I recall, that had eggplant, corn, mushrooms, mustard, herbs. This is all chiles, carrots, zucchini, cabbage, celery, basil, fresh garlic, chile paste. But the taste is *muy sabroso*, or *aroy di*, as we used to say when I was kicking about in Bangkok. The sauce is dark, slightly soy, slightly garlic, but it doesn't kill the veggies' burst-in-your-mouth freshness.

'Course the heat — the spice level — is Americanized, gentle. Guess you gotta expect

that in conservative La Mesa.

Yui asked if we wanted "steamed jasmine rice" (95 cents). Hank said no. I said yes. I'm glad I did. I also got a pot of green tea (\$1.95).

"If this guy hadn't been here," I say to Yui, "I would have ordered the *kau pat* [fried rice]. Used to eat it on the train to, like, Chiang Mai, or Phuket..." I suddenly realize. "Hey, I'm sorry for what your country suffered in the tsunami. Do you have relatives there? Are they all right?"

"Thank you," Yui says. "I come from Bangkok. My relatives are all right. But our country is so sorry because many died, and our king's grandson, Khun Bhumi, died. He was only 21. Did you know he was born here?" "Here?"

"Yes, in San Diego. His mother, Princess Ubolratana, married an American. They lived here. Khun Bhumi only went back to Thailand three years ago. He was autistic. We were very sad when he died."

I remember now, hearing about the prince jet-skiing, then getting caught in the tidal wave.

We're both kind of sober by the time Hank drops me back at the trolley. "Hate to leave you here in the rain again," he says.

"Don't worry, dude. In the scheme of things, what's a pair of wet shoes?" ■



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Derby went from the sales floor to the manager's office at San Diego's WineSellar, then moved over to the Wine Lover in Hillcrest to reacquaint himself with the wine-drinking public. Last fall, he pulled up stakes and left America's Finest City; now, he can walk to work. General manager Hudson, a fellow WineSellar veteran who spent the past few years at the Wine Bank, was not so easily moved. He advised the shop's investors about the business, gave them a tour of successful wine shops, and said "hell, no" when they asked him to run the place. Then he saw their business plan. It analyzed how many people were in Rancho Santa Margarita, how much money they made, and how far they had to drive to get to the nearest wine shop. It also included a GM-level salary that Hudson couldn't refuse. He takes the train to work from San Diego.

The group had to settle on a spot "a little off the beaten path," says Hudson, but since nearly

all the shopping occurs in one central region, the location hasn't been lethal. Further, "Our advertising has been so successful. All the people out here read their little community newspapers — Trabuco Canyon, Ladera Ranch, Coto de Caza, Rancho Santa Margarita. We put full-page ads in all of them. One day, every person who walked in the door said, 'Oh, I saw your ad.' The response has far exceeded our expectations."

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And when they do walk in the door, they buy. "This neighborhood has tremendous spending power," says Hudson. "Our number-one-selling wine in six weeks is Caymus Special Select Cabernet at \$130 a bottle." Also popular: "Joseph Phelps's Insignia for \$100. I've got all this \$9.99 stuff in front" — a wide array of wines I know and love — "and people walk right back to the Cabernet. They don't drink any white wine, and they don't drink any cheap wine."

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Of course, when you're in Orange County,

you're not just competing with Costco. Costco you might be able to sidestep by focusing on high-quality, small-production wineries, outfits too small to attract a warehouse chain's notice. But you'd still have to face the Wine Club, Hi-Times Wine Cellars, and Wine Exchange, three giants of SoCal discount retail wine. When I first met David Derby ten years ago at the WineSellar and Brasserie, we chatted about maybe taking a road trip up to Hi-Times. The WineSellar, though smaller than it is today, still had a lot to offer. But Hi-Times was built on a different scale. Huge inventory meant huge buying power, which meant many rare and wonderful bottles. At the same time, huge sales volume allowed for smaller profit margins, which allowed for lower prices. Same thing at Wine Exchange and the Wine Club.

We never did make the trip, but now that Derby and Hudson are doing business in the Big Three's neighborhood, they're having to match the discounters price for price. "It's incredible," marvels Hudson. "People will drive 20 minutes to save a buck. We have to be as cheap or cheaper. You have to compete with guys who are making 99 cents a bottle on Veuve Clicquot." The days of 30 percent profit margins are no more in O.C. Amazing Grapes can't compete sizewise, but it does have proximity on its side and a small, experienced staff with deep knowledge and at least a few connections.

Hudson got a few plums out of the distributors at the outset, just because he was placing such big orders — he had a store to fill. "I got some allocations on things that will look good in the



Terry Hudson, David Derby

store: a little bit of Opus One, quite a bit of Caymus Special Select, some David Arthur, which is nice. The folks at Duckhorn are good friends of mine, and they gave me a lot of wine. Our investors sent in some Kistler Chardonnay from their collections. One of the salesmen found two vintages of Justin Isosceles [a meritage blend] in a restaurant that was just hanging around" and managed to get it into the shop. "The Isosceles had been sold out for about four months, so it was cool for people to see something they hadn't seen in a long time."

The just-sold-out Isosceles got people's attention. The '99 Turley Old Vines Zinfandel — lovingly cellared past its initial too-big-to-taste stage — got them excited. Derby bartered for a smattering of the wine from a friend's collection, put a few bottles on the floor, and put the rest in the tasting bar. Full stop. The tasting bar?

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to pony up the full-bottle price — and even then, they tend to be difficult to find. Just now, the lineup includes Duckhorn Merlot, Patz & Hall Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir, Joseph Phelps Insignia, two vintages of Dominus, Antinori Tignanello, and that aged, semi-cult Turley Zinfandel.

The all-star tasting bar is something Derby has mentioned to me in years past, and it's gratifying to see the realization of a salesman's dream. "It's been a blockbuster. The lower tier is for people who want a glass of wine — 'What's your Cab?' They have a glass of Justin for \$5, and that's great. But some people want to taste wines before they buy them. They say, 'I can't afford to shell out \$100 to decide if I like the '01 Dominus. But I can shell out \$15 for a glass and try it.' And the thing is, it works. People try it, and then they go over and pick up two or three bottles. And some people find that they prefer the '00 Dominus to the '01. They're happy to save money on the less expensive vintage, and they can tell their friends, 'I've tried both, and I think that at this juncture the '00 tastes better.'" (Derby's

handiwork can also be seen in the relatively broad selection of half-bottles — a couple of single-vineyard Rosenblum Zinfandels, Hartley Ostini Pinot Noir, Provenance Merlot, etc. A bachelor, he has long championed the half-bottle as an ideal companion for a solo dinner.)

The tasting bar has also led the Californicentric locals to glance across the Atlantic. Folks will take a seat at the bar and stay there through the stuff they know, then eye the one European selection Derby keeps in every lineup. "If they taste it and they decide they like it, they almost always buy it. I've had Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape there, I've had Rioja. Hopefully, we're going to ease people into a broader spectrum of tastes." But for now, the bar and the shop are heavily domestic. Notes Derby, "Give people what they want' still works after all these years." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too "Frenchy," in the sunny Provencal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barre, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you'd find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached foie gras, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaisse, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — N.W. (8/03)

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet

sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday,

dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolate, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood

purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

Ashoka The Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Mariscos El Titanic 503 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-735-5819. The ship hit an iceberg, but here a bracing chilled ceviche can lift all boats on a steamy afternoon. The menu offers both hot and cold seafood, including almost a page full of chilled arrays. Among them, a unique group of "Culiacan-style" cocktails are served in young hol-

lowed-out coconuts, the soft meat spooned out along with the briny shellfish. (Fresh coconut water, *agua de coco*, is available as a drink.) The range of dishes is relatively ambitious with plenty of authentic entrée choices (not just stuffed tortillas), and the seafood is sweet and fresh from Baja waters. Best of all, the tall straw *palapas* shading the outdoor tables create their own mini climate, as breezy as some faraway beach. Tacos and burritos are bargain-priced, seafood cocktails and entrées are moderate. — N.W. (12/69)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g.,

the airy, bittersweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini al gorgonzola* is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — S.M. (4/04)

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Red Tractor's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from

the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tractor's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tractor's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla,

858-450-3355. This hopping "meet market" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca (carne asada)*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high ad-

venture, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain,

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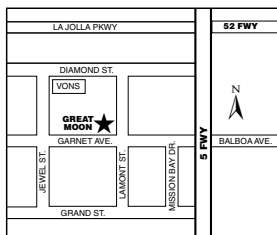
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Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convo Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Cal-based chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — *N.W. (10/02)*

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian

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feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

Go Greek Cafe and Grill 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *taramasalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday;

dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Thee Bungalow 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the overrated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Morelense 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelense-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The *Cecina* (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new

central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sauteed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old-fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-

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South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight; weekend brunches and weekday reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

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Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, mousaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Izzy's Cafe 1252 Broadway, El Cajon, 619-447-5067. Good-ol'-boy eatery in the middle of Box Town. You're looking for quantity? You've come to the right spot. Izzy's — named after co-owner Lorrie Sellers's middle name, Isabel — is all cream walls, country-scene pictures, little wooden hanging milk bottles. They have great breakfasts, two guaranteed to test your belt buckle: chicken-fried chicken in country gravy, with two eggs, potatoes, and bread; or "Izzy's Frittata Bar," an open-faced omelet with spuds and biscuits and gravy. You can add anything from sausage to zucchini — up to four ingredients — without paying extra. Or, oatmeal or a short stack will fill you just fine and leave you with more walking-about money. Breakfast and lunch till 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

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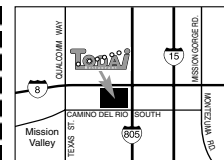
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King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mus-saman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/04)

Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-remnetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felaful, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Woodstock's Pizza 6548 El Cajon Boulevard (at Rolando), College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crust rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and

spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peaking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squash bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American cafe is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate din-

ners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron scones, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

Harvey Sushi 3964 Harvey Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrees (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrees inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in large portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-

based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch

and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Taste Of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standars with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

DOWNTOWN

A La Carte On Sixth Avenue 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrees for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers non-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982 and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, veg-

etable chop suey, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B. (4/03)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of lime bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M. (3/04)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push

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Ruth's Chris Steak House 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — E.W.

Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stingaree, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a domestic beer included. Other good fillers: the "Shortstop" sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They're on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. — E.B. (1/04)

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

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Clayton's Mexican Take-Out 979 Orange Avenue (round corner at 1107 Tenth, at the back of Clayton's Coffee Shop), Coronado, 619-437-8811. It's a hole-in-the-wall, it's where Coronado High School and the military come for their Mexican fix, and it might just have one of the best *carne asada* burritos north of the line. Especially when Manuel's on. He gives you lots of meat. There are other good things, like rolled tacos, chicken tostadas, cheese enchiladas, and combination plates, but nearly everyone asks for the burrito. It has to weigh over a pound. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Karihan Restaurant 2220 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado*, *binagoongan*, and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is

underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with

peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multi-room aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02)

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less

careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open

daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honey-moon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bis-tecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a

tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

Oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

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Like the recent remake of *Dawn of the Dead*, like the still more recent one of *Flight of the Phoenix*, the new *Assault on Precinct 13* patterns itself after a legitimately, a defensibly good movie. Unrepeatably good. Unmatchably good. Any sign of taste and intelligence in the apparent appreciation of the John Carpenter original, 1976, will be cancelled out by blindness or insensitivity to its unique qualities, a model of resourcefulness on a shoestring budget, perfectly weighted, built for speed. The new prologue, detailing a narcotics sting gone sour, tells you immediately to scale back your expectations. Its visual fireworks — all jiggly cameras and jittery cuts — settle down, thankfully, allowing the spectator to do the same, as soon as we get to the central situation, New Year's Eve on the last night at a defunct Detroit police station, stripped of its staff and gutted of its communications system, but obliged by a crippling snowstorm to shelter a busload of prisoners for the night, including in particular a bad-ass cop killer. An armed siege begins, à la the Alamo, and continues through-

out the night.

But the revised plot, just to give the new team of filmmakers some Creative Input, has been altered for minimum interest and sense. The besiegers are no longer an insatiable street gang, but are now policemen themselves, the members of the elite Organized Crime and Racketeering unit, bent on snuffing out the cop killer not because he has killed a cop but because he can blow the whistle on their collusion with him. It takes all the terror out of the terrorism. A specific goal, a quenchable bloodthirst, an air of reason. The deskbound sergeant (wounded in the prologue, psychologically as well as ballistically) who refuses to release the cop killer when at first he assumes the attackers are the killer's allies, cannot claim the same scruples when he finds out they are actually the killer's enemies. And on the other side, a squad of policemen could surely gain easier entry to a police station than by stealth and by force. Further plot twists tie themselves up in nonsense. (The "inside" man would have had numberless opportunities to put an end to the siege, even before it began.) Still, the

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Assault on Precinct 13

movie is more bearable than those other remakes mentioned above. It moves right along, under the imported director, Jean-François Richet. (Whose French heritage, however, does not guarantee he will partake in Carpenter's *homages* to that auteurist treasure, *Rio Bravo*.) The action is rough and ruthless, if at times a bit idiotic. The snowstorm effects are no less evoca-

tive than those in *The Polar Express*. And there are good contributions from Laurence Fishburne, authoritatively menacing as the cop killer, John Leguizamo as a comic-relief junkie, Maria Bello as a police psychologist with an obsessive-compulsive disorder of her own, all dolled up for a New Year's Eve party, and Drea de Matteo as a hot-to-trot police secretary. Ethan

Hawke, on the other hand, is in the lead. Reason enough for desertion.

Elektra resurrects the character of that name, not from Greek tragedy, but from the superhero fantasy of a couple of years ago, *Daredevil*. Resurrects, literally. Just because she got herself killed off, back then, doesn't mean the spinoff has been relegated to a prequel: "Somebody must have

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brought her back from the dead." Apart from chief screenwriter Zak Penn and director Rob Bowman, that somebody would be a hoary-headed martial-arts guru by the name of Shtick — oops, I meant Stick — who horns in on the sightless gimmick of the Daredevil himself, not to mention Zatoichi, not to mention Neo in the third *Matrix* episode, not to mention others, and who is seen in flashback passing his hands an inch above the heroine's lifeless body, as if to levitate it. *Et voilà*, she's back in business, in her trademark red-leather outfit, with bare midriff, her long tresses and tattered topcoat flapping in the slow-motion breeze, somehow concealing on her person a pair of throwable twenty-four-inch tridents. The world's highest-paid assassin, she has the power to transport herself from here to there without moving (so to speak), and she can do the *Matrix* trick of dodging bullets like a matador. Even so, she spends a lot of time pumping those arms and legs, running at top speed toward or away from the henchmen of The Hand, the current name for the eternal Forces of Evil, and she keeps herself in fighting trim through such mundane exercises as one-arm pull-ups and skipping rope. She is still, of course, Jennifer Garner (*sans* Ben), built like a railroad spike and just as cuddly, with her chest thrust out in the manner of a teenager impatient with her growth.

That last characteristic is significant, inasmuch as the film emerges, from the depths of its muddy color and shadowy cinematography, as a continuation of last year's line of empowerment trips for early adolescent girls, one of which, *13 Going on 30*, featured the same leading lady. This new one brings together a thirteen-year-old and a

thirty-year-old on the same screen at the same time, when the heroine opts to cancel her "contract" on a handsome widower and a motherless daughter who reminds the heroine of herself, in her younger days, and opts instead to take up their defense. (The plot in a single line of dialogue: "Mark and his daughter Abby are being chased by The Hand.") Besides insecure young girls, it might appeal to indefatigable fantasists of both sexes who believe there can be no such thing as too many Marvel Comics movies. But I am only guessing. If I went further and said that the two-dimensional animal tattoos that spring to three-dimensional life are a passably poetic effect, I'd be straining myself for something nice to say.

In Good Company puts a new spin on the old boss's-daughter romance. Not just new, but contemporary, up-to-date, timely, topical. The romancer is now the boss himself — a fast-track junior executive fresh out of business school and still wet behind the ears — and the daughter's father is now the romancer's underling, an old-school backslapping glad-handing salesman twice his boss's age. The relationship with the college-age daughter really takes a backseat to the relationship between the men: "I think you have the potential," the pipsqueak throws a bone to the graybeard, "to be an awesome wingman here." Dennis Quaid seems a touch heavy for comedy, or for drama, either, come to that, but he makes sure you always clearly understand his position. Topher Grace, a shade too nice and naive to have climbed so far so fast, still too much the hometown boy of *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, has scads of charm, albeit of an over-practiced, unctuous, sitcommy type. And the alabaster-complected Scarlett Johansson keeps her lips inflated and her waist whittled, the very model of the Girl Next Door down at Androids R Us. The direction by Paul Weitz, who also wrote the smart script, shows abundant evidence of a mind at

work, making connections, drawing parallels, placing emphasis, finding significance. He had a long way to go to live down *American Pie* and *Down to Earth*, but if *About a Boy* took a step in the right direction, this one has earned him a fresh start. ■

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The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushing-three-hours epic on the tumultuous career of Howard Hughes (the eternally boyish Leonardo DiCaprio, deficient in gravitas even with the added mustache midway through) in the parallel worlds of filmmaking and aeronautics circa 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes

him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossip entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, *Hell's Angels*; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in *The Outlaw*, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett's recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale's unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well — if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese's pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda. 2004.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; 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)

Bad Education — An Almodóvar *paella* of priestly pederasty, transvestitism, female impersonation, film, stage, assorted spices and savories. (Gael García Bernal in the persona of cabaret artiste Zahara looks strikingly like a blond Julia Roberts.) The presentation is polished and colorful as always; the onion-y layers of reality — of fiction within fiction — appear muddled

and murky. What his fans will nonetheless be certain to find a satisfying dish will be judged by others to be show-offy and self-indulgent. A tasty bit on which everyone might agree: the predatory priest and boy soprano in a guitar-and-vocal duet of "Moon River" *en español*. A true crossover number. Fele Martínez, Javier Cámara, Daniel Giménez-Cacho. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Bear Cub — Miguel Albaladejo's Spanish comedy about a gay dentist who assumes the parenting responsibilities for his nephew. (KEN, 1/21 THROUGH 27)

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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Beyond the Sea — Vanity film from Kevin Spacey, directing himself in the part of pop star Bobby Darin in a free-form, fantasy-riddled biopic, throwing in a gratuitous impression of Jerry Lewis in the bargain (not bad), and doing his own singing in a mellower, droopier, croonier style possibly more suited to a biography of Vic Damone or Al Martino. The objection, voiced on the set of an autobiographical film-within-the-film, "He's too old to play this part," will not be answered by the rhetorical question, "How can you be too old to play yourself?" You can be too old to play "yourself" if you are really Kevin Spacey and not Bobby Darin, and you are already eight years older than Darin at the end of his life, never mind when he was recording "Mack the Knife" or courting Sandra Dee. (Kate Bosworth, who roughly recalled that actress in *Blue Crush* and *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, fails to measure up when trying to cram her hoof into the actual glass slipper.) Spacey does manage to win some sympathy — no small feat — for the teen

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idol's makeover into the mustached, sideburned, wigless, and politically involved Bob Darin of the late Sixties (a sudden cousin to Bob Dylan), perhaps partly because his physical resemblance is closer at that point. But at all points we are conscious of contemplating not the life and legacy of Bobby Darin but the chutzpah of Kevin Spacey. Not without interest of its own. John Goodman, Bob Hoskins, Brenda Blethyn, Caroline Aaron. 2004.
★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Blade Trinity — Third installment in the god-awful series about the preening and posturing vampire-hunter out of Marvel Comics. The previous installment at least had the curiosity of a slumming Guillermo del Toro at the helm. He, in the meantime, took his slumming elsewhere (*Hellboy*), leaving the scriptwriter of the first two installments, David S. Goyer, to assume command. If so gifted a filmmaker and so strong a personality as 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 gargyle Lucifer. The lone-wolf hero, Blade, is joined for the occasion by 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"), under the leadership of an *au courant* Kick-Ass Chick (Jessica Biel). 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." 2004.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 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, the 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.
★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Coach Carter — Teacherly sports film, the athletic equivalent of *Stand and Deliver* and *Lean on Me* (with Samuel L. Jackson every bit the equal of Edward James Olmos and Morgan Freeman), a salute to a real-life taskmaster by the name of Ken Carter, who demanded that his high-school basketballers sign contracts agreeing to maintain a 2.3 grade point average, attend all their classes and sit in the front row, wear a jacket and tie on game days, address one another as "sir." The results were instantaneous: a total turnaround from the 4-22 previous season, a perfect 16-0

record until the academic reports rolled in and the coach padlocked the gym and began forfeiting games in favor of cramming. It's all perfectly predictable (a group shot of the team walking in slo-mo toward the camera at the state tournament; you could bank on it), but there are good lessons here, engagingly taught, for those who need them. With Rob Brown, Robert R'chard, Rick Gonzalez, Antwon Tanner, Ashanti, Denise Dowse, and Debbi Morgan; directed by Thomas Carter (no relation). 2005.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Darkness — Nameless, malevolent forces dim the lights in an isolated country house, pilfer the colored pencils of the current residents' youngest child, and inflame the nervous condition of the man of the family. Prosaically scripted, pallidly photographed, frenetically edited thriller from Spanish filmmaker Jaume Balagueró, but spoken in English in a cacophony of accents: New Zealand's Anna Paquin, Sweden's Lena Olin, Scotland's Iain Glen, Italy's Giancarlo Giannini, Spain's Fele Martínez. 2002.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Elektra — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Garner, Kirsten Prout, Goran Visnjic, and Terence Stamp; directed by Rob Bowman.

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Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of *Peter Pan* from the soft clay of his real-life relationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: "There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, and why?") The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie's stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the

blue: thus the concealment of the playwright's prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance*), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play's subtitle, "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up," applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow

was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004.

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Flight of the Phoenix — Stripped-down remake of Robert Aldrich's near-perfect survival adventure of 1966, about a new plane constructed from the wreckage of an old one in the middle of the desert. Among the things stripped away are all vestiges of character and thematic interest: no more humanism versus pragmatism; no more lingering hostilities of the Second World War; no more division between military and civilian; no more tension between the old school and the new; no James Stewart (a pilot for real in the Second World War as well as in *The Spirit of St. Louis* and *Strategic Air Command* on the screen), no Richard Attenborough, no Hardy Kruger, no Peter Finch, no Ronald Fraser, no Ian Bannen, no Ernest Borgnine, no George Kennedy, no Dan Duryea. And nothing put in their place. Nothing, that is, except a computer-cartoon sandstorm and plane crash, a handful of pop songs, and a lusterless cast assembled for demographic rather than dramatic purposes: a headstrong woman ("This is bullshit!") where the original cast was all-male (save for Barrie Chase in a momentary hallucination), plus a couple of blacks, a Mexican, a Middle or Far Easterner, a virtual Rainbow Coalition. Director John Moore covers the same distance in half an hour less, hitting none of the right notes but



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hitting them faster and louder. Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi, Tyrese Gibson, Miranda Otto, Hugh Laurie. 2004.
● (GASLAMP 15)

Hotel Rwanda — Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s, and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between *The Killing Fields* and *Schindler's List*, it mercilessly plays the shame game ("Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them — the French, the English, the Americans"), while it also gives us a real-life hero to identify with and become involved with: a

humble hotel manager (Hutu married to Tutsi) who shelters over a thousand refugees in his four-star resort. Don Cheadle is for the most part admirably restrained, though not the part where he rips open his shirt in a cliché of despondency. Nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by the Frenchman Robert Fraisse. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed by Terry George. 2004.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18)

House of Flying Daggers — Martial-arts bodice-ripper about a blind showgirl (the jug-eared China doll, Zhang Ziyi) who is neither blind nor a showgirl, but an agent of an underground movement (and, evidently, a 9th-century forerunner of Zatoichi) opposed to the tottering Tang Dynasty. Zhang Yimou's follow-up to his *Hero* dispenses essentially more of the same — more, that is, of the *sameness* — more of the monotonousness. And the addition of more and more and more ultimately equals less. What's done has been done. To death. A lot of wonderful work went into the color, the fabrics, the sound effects in the opening brothel episode, but once the initial impression has been made, once the viewer can be presumed to be in the palm of the filmmaker's hand, there is a falling-off in those departments. Always, the splendor of the settings — the birch forest, the bamboo grove, the flower meadow, the red and yellow tapestries of autumn leaves, the climactic snowstorm — overpowers the whimsicality of the action. (The weapons for which the rebels are named are not just "flying" daggers; they're "smart" daggers, changing direction in midflight like guided missiles.) To put it a different way, the *variety* of the settings overpowers the *repetitiveness* of the action. With Takeshi Kaneshiro and Andy Lau. 2004.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

In Good Company — Reviewed this issue. With Dennis Quaid, Topher Grace, Scarlett Johansson, and Marg Helgenberger; written and directed by Paul Weitz.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; 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)

Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors — three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device — right at the outset and at intervals throughout — of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species — carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of

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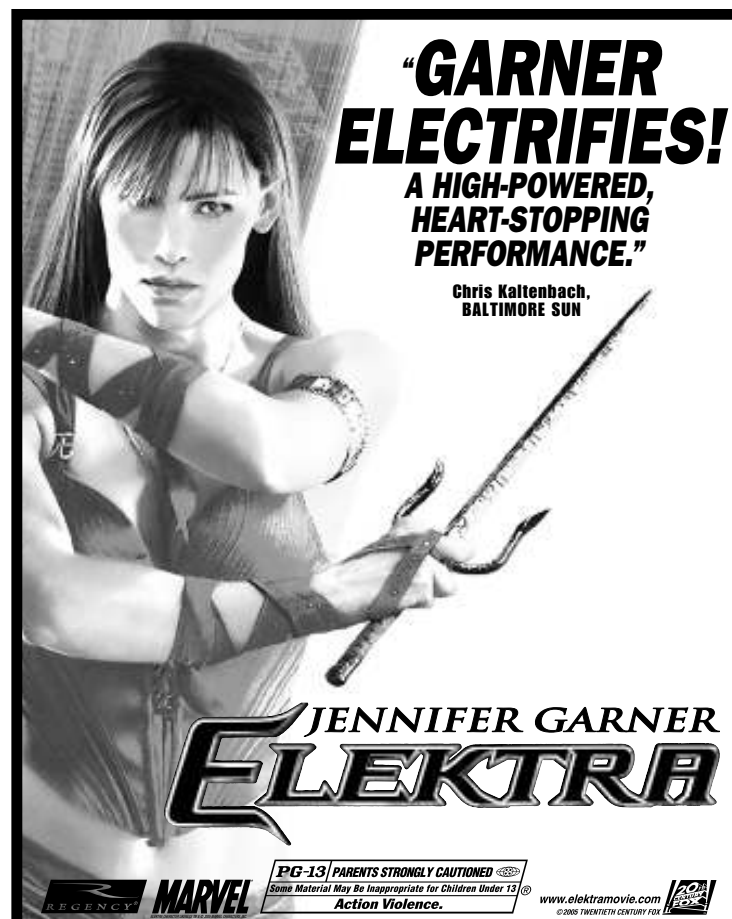
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chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events — An amalgam of three of Daniel Handler's children's books under the pen name of Lemony Snicket (Jiminy Cricket! what a monicker!), here impersonated in voice and in silhouette by Jude Law. The setting is an amalgam as well: Charles Addams Gothic and Edward Gorey Edwardiana infiltrated with modern conveniences such as cars with telephones, and verbal anachronisms such as "This place could use a little TLC." The grand total, the small sum, is a sort of mock-Dickens to do with three orphaned siblings and their nefarious guardian, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey, piling two additional disguises, a slimy herpetologist and a salty sea captain, on top of his initial disguise as a hook-nosed ham actor with Bride-of-Frankenstein hair). The movie starts out with a just-kidding animated feature called *The Little Elf*, and our author/narrator, after its abrupt interruption, cautions us solemnly that the movie we are about to see instead is "extremely unpleasant," and he gives us leave to go elsewhere for our entertainment: "It's not too late to see a film about a happy little elf." But oh yes, it is. In the opening decade of the 21st Century, it is most definitely too late. The "dark" children's film we are now obliged to put up with — ironic, cynical, facetious, factitious, forced, and jaded — takes excessive pride in its trendy conventionality and its stout opposition to forces long since decimated. With Liam Aiken, Emily Browning, Timothy Spall, Billy Connolly, and Meryl Streep; directed by Brad Silberling. 2004.

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The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou — With, more factually, Bill Murray in the role of Zissou, an over-the-hill, or over-the-wave, oceanographer *cum* filmmaker, a cut-rate Cousteau: "What

happened to me? Did I lose my talent? Am I ever going to be any good again?" Director Wes Anderson, a critical darling and "indie" bellwether for *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, and *The Royal Tenenbaums*, took a lot of money

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from Disney for the sake of some animated marine life and a marvelous cross-section set of the ongoing vessel, the Belafonte (shown off to excellent effect on a single-take trek from the belly to the deck). To his credit, he hasn't let the larger investment alter the size of his ambition. He still goes after the muffled chuckle in a quiet corner; and he aims, foremost and hindmost, to please his loyal followers instead of the anonymous crowd. The action scenes, either beyond him or beneath him, are so ridiculous (one-man-army Murray against a boatload of cut-throat pirates) that they play as if they must be fantasies, except they're

not. Maybe they're a "comment" on contemporary action films in general. The bonding between father and long-lost son (Owen Wilson with an uncertain Kentucky accent) takes an unexpected turn at an unexpected juncture. And the quest for revenge against a man-eating sea monster ends not with a bang but with an ooh-ahh. Willem Dafoe has more than his share of good moments as a German crew member with a thin skin; and Seu Jorge as another crew member, endlessly strumming a guitar and singing David Bowie tunes in Portuguese, and Cate Blanchett as a pregnant journalist with a two-shades-too-

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dark suntan, have their moments, too. The whole thing, though, seems quite daffily pointless. Or pointlessly daft. Anjelica Huston, Jeff Goldblum, Michael Gambon, Bud Cort. 2004.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Meet the Fockers — Twenty-five, thirty years earlier, a cast of Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, and Barbra Streisand would have tilted the earth's axis. Nowadays they — or at any rate Hoffman and Streisand, pickups for the sequel to *Meet the Parents*, as the hippie-dippy, touchie-feelie, loosey-goosey parents of the groom-to-be — are just riding the coat-tails of Ben Stiller, happy to prolong their careers and to pretend they are partly responsible for a financial windfall that would have been infinitesimally smaller with Ron Leibman and Lainie Kazan in the parts. To do so, they have only to swallow their pride, if any, at such moments as when the preserved snipping from baby's circumcision gets catapulted into the fondue pot (Hoffman has been entrusted with the compulsory punch line: "Anyone for Chinese?") or when

playing second banana to an undersized and oversexed pooch who will hump a foot, a cat, a doll, anything. As if all this were not demeaning enough, the two newcomers are introduced on screen via answering machine. De Niro, by comparison, comes off as almost dignified. Everything's relative. With Blythe Danner, Teri Polo, Owen Wilson; directed by Jay Roach. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Moolaadé — Ousmane Sembene's agitprop protest of the Islamic "purification" ritual — clitoridectomy — in a modern-day African village. Fine sense of place — the colors, the light, the sounds, the daily activities. Slow-moving, stiff-moving narrative (nonetheless horrifying) and amateurish performances — not all, but many. Fatoumata Coulibaly, Maimouna Hélène Diarra, Salimata Traoré, Dominique T. Zeïda. 2004.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/20)

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)

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 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.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Ocean's Twelve — The gang of eleven, the ersatz Rat Pack, reconvenes (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, et al.); the newcomer, the apparent twelfth, is not a member of the gang at all, but a member of law enforcement (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Even the victim of the previous heist returns (Andy Garcia), rounding up each of the thieves in a laborious preamble, demanding repayment plus interest, or roughly \$19 million per head, after having been informed of their identities and whereabouts by a rival heister known only as the Night Fox (Vincent Cassel), who wants to force them into a bragging-rights competition to swipe the "famous Fabergé coronation egg" on exhibit in a Roman museum. Smugness, rather than the promoted "coolness," would seem to be the predominant attitude, not only of the cocksure crooks but also of the filmmakers, fresh from laughing all the way to the bank. Steven Soderbergh, as he found out on the first film, has built up enough credit with critics (some of it well earned)

that they will go a long way to make excuses for him. This time they will need to go a long way and a little farther. It oughtn't to be necessary, though, to pick apart the nonsensical plot in detail in order to demonstrate the contempt of the filmmakers for their material and their audience. It ought to be sufficient to cite the lame comic twist whereby the character played by Julia Roberts is asked to put on a Southern accent and impersonate the *real* Julia Roberts; is accepted as such by the Roman press as well as by Bruce Willis (playing himself); and is put in the position of speaking over the telephone to "herself" on her Taos ranch. Far from being some postmodern Pirandellian prank, this smacks of the desperation of an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood comedy such as *Take Her, She's Mine*, in which the character played by James Stewart gets hounded in France on the grounds that he looks like James Stewart. Of course an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood hack such as Henry Koster had no one to make excuses for him. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Phantom of the Opera — Thanks (if that's the word) to the "revival" of the movie musical by way of *Moulin Rouge* and *Chicago*, the bombastic score of Andrew Lloyd Webber at long last reaches the screen, in a jewel-box production of flowers,

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 1:00, 2:35, 3:20) 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:05, 9:30, 10:20; Sun. (12:20, 1:00, 2:35, 3:20) 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:35, 3:20, 5:00, 5:45) 7:15, 8:05, 9:30; **Beyond the Sea** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:45) 7:00, 9:55; Sun.-Thu. (1:05, 3:45) 7:00, 9:35; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:05; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:10) 8:00, 10:10; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 3:50) 7:20,

9:40; **Kinsey** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:10) 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:55) 7:05, 9:45; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:45, 10:25; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:10, 10:45; Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:30) 8:10; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:20; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:00; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:35, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:35) 8:15; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:40) 6:50, 10:00; Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 6:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10, 10:15; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:15, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50, 10:40; Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:15, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:05) 7:30, 8:20, 9:50

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Assault on Precinct 13 (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 7:00, 9:35; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:30) 8:30; **Being Julia** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:50, 9:55; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:45, 3:20, 4:00) 6:30, 7:10, 9:40, 10:20; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 5:20) 6:10, 9:00, 10:30; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30); **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:45; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:10, 3:25, 4:10) 6:05, 7:05, 9:05, 9:50; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 1:30, 3:40, 4:15) 6:40, 7:20, 9:40, 10:10; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:20, 3:50) 6:10, 9:10, 9:45; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00) 6:20; **The Work and the Glory** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 9:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Assault on Precinct 13; Are We There Yet?; Elektra; Coach Carter; In Good Company; Racing Stripes; White Noise; Beyond the Sea; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; The Phantom of the Opera; Finding Neverland

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; Wed. (1:30, 4:10) 9:45; Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55;

Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Assault on Precinct 13; Are We There Yet?; Elektra; Coach Carter; In Good Company; Racing Stripes; White Noise; Hotel Rwanda; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; The Phantom of the Opera; The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events; Spanglish; Ocean's Twelve; Closer; Finding Neverland

Mann Hazard 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Assault on Precinct 13 (R) Fri. (11:30, 1:55, 4:25) 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Thu. (11:30, 1:55, 4:25) 7:20, 9:55; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:15) 8:00; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:50, 10:05; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:55) 7:40, 10:25; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:20, 10:15; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 6:45, 9:45

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Assault on Precinct 13; Are We There Yet?; Elektra; Coach Carter; In Good Company; Racing Stripes; White Noise; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; Fat Albert; The Phantom of the Opera; The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events; House of Flying Daggers; Ocean's Twelve; National Treasure; The Incredibles

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
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Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bear Cub (Not Rated) Fri. (5:05) 7:25, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (5:05) 7:25, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bad Education (NC-17) Fri. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:15; **The Motorcycle Diaries** (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:05, 7:10, 9:55; Mon. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; Tue. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; Wed.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; **Sideways**

(R) Fri. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; **A Very Long Engagement** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Woodsman** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:25, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:30, 9:45

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Chronos (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Forces of Nature** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** Sat. 10:00; **Roar: Lions of the Kalahari** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 9:00; Sat. 11:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Rolling Stones: At The Max** (Not Rated) Sat. 9:00; Sun. 7:00; **Special Effects** (R) Fri. 7:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 1:10, 3:55, 4:20) 7:05, 7:30, 10:15, 10:40; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35); **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:05, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:05; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 9:45; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

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Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30; Sat. (10:00, 12:45, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30; Sun. (10:00, 12:45, 3:30) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:30) 6:45; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 6:00, 8:50; Sat. (10:55, 1:00, 3:15) 6:00, 8

candles, literal smoke-and-mirrors, under the direction of Joel Schumacher: an overstuffed and suffocating bore. (Mere boredom, moreover, becomes outright exasperation in the cemetery scene where the romantic hero, after a sloppily staged swordfight, lifts his blade from the Phantom's throat and lets him go, only to begin frantically plotting his capture in the very next scene.) None of the fulsome visual effects can match the little slip of a thing who goes by the name of Emmy Rossum, with her tightly woven mat of hair, her pillowy lips, her perpetually surprised eyebrows. If she made a few fans with *Passionada*, *Mystic River*, and *The Day after Tomorrow*, she should herewith make a few slaves. Broadway musical star Patrick Wilson, meanwhile, following his impressive screen debut as Travis in *The Alamo*, proves to be strangely bland in his own element. And Gerard Butler is an uncharismatic Angel of Music (a nicer alias of the Phantom), but at least his habitually noisy nose-breathing gets drowned out in the din. Miranda Richardson, Minnie Driver. 2004. ● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Racing Stripes — A zebra on the racetrack, with Bruce Greenwood, Hayden Panettiere, and the voice of Frankie Muniz, directed by Frederik Du Chau.



Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;

MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Ray — Truncated and time-scrambled biography of singer Ray Charles, with a lot of back and forth between his childhood in rural Florida and his manhood *circa* 1948-65, to ensure that Jamie Foxx will never be absent from the screen for too long at a stretch. There's a nice scene of the newly

blind boy at age seven or eight, getting his bearings from the aural co-ordinates around the wood shanty he calls home, while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been more of that sort of thing. At two and a half hours, the movie taxes our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul); and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only tightens the emotional screws. The routine re-enactments of financial exploitation, marital infidelities, drug abuse, backstage discord among band members, etc., hope to be ennobled by the brand name of Ray Charles — or more broadly, by the customary blackmail of True Story. Foxx does a commendable job of mimicking the trademark mannerisms — the rocking motion whether walking or singing, the self-hug, the twenty-four-tooth grin — but it's a performance condemned to stay on the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Shall We Dance — Ill-conceived American remake, under British director Peter Chelsom, of the 1996 Japanese film (not the 1937 Astaire-Rogers film), the original of which was a success as much artistically as commercially. The social stigma, for starters, which we learned was attached to ballroom dancing in the

Daggers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:35; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 6:50, 9:40; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:45) 7:00, 9:55; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:20) 10:40; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:50) 7:10, 10:20; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:15, 10:45; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10) 7:25; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **The Work and the Glory** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

White Noise; **Elektra**; **Racing Stripes**; **Meet the Fockers**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Wed. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45); Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15) 5:15, 5:45, 7:45, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denberry Road (858-558-2262)

Assault on Precinct 13; **Are We There Yet?**; **Elektra**; **Coach Carter**; **In Good Company**; **Racing Stripes**; **White Noise**; **Meet the Fockers**; **The Aviator**; **Fat Albert**; **The Phantom of the Opera**; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events**; **Spanglish**; **Closer**; **Ocean's Twelve**; **Blade Trinity**; **National Treasure**; **The Incredibles**

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:10, 10:35; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:30, 10:30; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 1:00, 3:20, 4:10) 7:00, 7:30, 10:10, 10:35; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:20) 7:45, 10:25; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:30); **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35) 7:10; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:05, 10:00; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:15) 6:20, 9:00; **Meet the Fockers**

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Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)

The Incredibles (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 6:00; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:15; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:45

NATIONAL CITY

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:00; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:22; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:15; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:04; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:19

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mt. Rd. (858-674-9770)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:35) 4:50, 7:50, 10:25; Sat. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:40) 6:55, 9:15; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30) 7:15, 9:40; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 3:25) 6:50, 10:15; Sat. (11:10, 2:55) 6:30, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 2:20) 5:40, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:30) 9:00; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (12:40, 3:35) 6:30, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40) 6:30, 9:20; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 1:30, 2:50, 3:45) 5:05, 6:00, 7:20, 8:15, 9:35, 10:30; Sat. (11:15, 12:35, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:05, 6:00, 7:20, 8:15, 9:35, 10:30; Sun. (11:15, 12:35, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:05, 6:00, 7:20, 8:15, 9:35, 10:30; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 2:20, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20) 6:40, 7:25, 8:55, 9:30; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:00, 5:10) 7:20, 9:30; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Sat. (11:00, 1:25, 3:55) 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Kinsey** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 9:40; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 6:50, 9:25; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sat.

(11:55, 12:40, 2:15, 3:00) 4:35, 5:20, 6:55, 7:40, 9:15; Sun. (11:25, 12:20, 1:45, 2:40) 4:15, 5:00, 6:35, 7:30, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:50, 2:50, 4:15, 5:00) 6:35, 7:30, 9:05; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri. 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; Sat. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:30, 7:00; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)

Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old

California Walk (760-471-3711)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:20, 2:10, 2:45, 4:45, 5:00) 7:10, 7:35, 9:25, 10:15; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:05) 7:40, 10:35; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:50) 8:00; **Beyond the Sea** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:05; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:00) 7:10, 10:20; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:20, 7:40, 9:45; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:05); **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:35; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:20, 2:25, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40; Tue.-Wed. (11:20, 2:25, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 4:35) 10:05; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 10:10; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:40; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:15, 4:55) 7:00, 9:30; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:30, 10:25; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Tue.-Wed. (2:25) 7:55; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:10) 7:55, 10:30; **The Work and the Glory** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:35, 4:20) 7:15, 9:55

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

(760-945-7469)

Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420)

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Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)

Are We There Yet?; **Elektra**; **Coach Carter**; **Racing Stripes**; **White Noise**; **Meet the Fockers**; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events**; **Closer**

La Paloma

Calendar MOVIES

regimented Land of the Rising Sun, hardly obtains in the do-your-own-thing Land of the Free. And Richard Gere, from the outset, is too glamorous, too confident, too cool for the lead role of the closet twinkle-toes, and is not a good enough actor to pretend otherwise. And Jennifer Lopez, no matter how withdrawn from the world her character is supposed to be, or how subordinate her role, cannot help but act as though she's the center of the universe. (The dark costuming, the dim lighting, the 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.

● (VOGUE)

Shattered Glass — The re-enacted downfall of up-and-coming journalist Stephen Glass, twenty-seven of whose forty-one pieces for *The New Republic* in the mid-Nineties turned out to have been fabricated in whole or in part. No great shakes as a movie, clumping along in the talking-heads style of a TV docudrama, the writing and directing debut of Billy Ray, adapted from a *Vanity Fair* article by H.G. "Buzz" Bissinger, is nonetheless a painless and often quite pleasurable way to bone up on the material: you don't even have to move your eyes. There is ample suspense in the layer-by-layer unmasking. (Glass's first line of defense is his stock disarmament ploy, "Are you mad at me?" Next line of defense: he was duped. Next line of defense: he got the story secondhand.) And there is heroism as well, all the more impressive for the lone hero's



Racing Stripes

unpreparedness and unsuitedness: Peter Sarsgaard, as the friendless editor in charge of the in-house investigation, is properly unimposing and put-upon. And there's a goosebump-raising emotional payoff when the editor finally lays down the journalistic law to one of Glass's die-hard defenders (the miraculously unaffected Chloë Sevigny). And while, on the face of it, the story is not as earth-shaking as that of (everyone's favorite reference point) *All the President's Men*, it still has much to say about the state

of American journalism in particular, its insidious slide toward "entertainment," its blurring of the line between reporting and coloring, and about the state of American culture in general: the culture of lying and cheating and getting ahead no matter how. If those subjects are not earth-shaking, they are at any rate earth-eroding. With Hayden Christensen, Hank Azaria, Steve Zahn, Rosario Dawson. 2003.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1/24, 6:30 P.M.)

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Spanglish — Heart-on-sleeve comedy from James L. Brooks, told in the form of an admissions essay to Princeton University, a document that must, by the end, have stretched to 60,000 words. It has, in the pattern of a Well-Made Sitcom if not a 19th-century Realist Novel, a set of characters and relationships in a socially "relevant" milieu: a master chef fearful of the effect of a four-star review on his cozy little neighborhood restaurant; his high-strung, motormouthed, hardbodied wife, who requires domestic help now that she has been downsized into a full-time mom and part-time adulteress; her bibulous live-in mother, a former jazz singer; an adolescent daughter with a weight problem less burdensome than her mother's jabbing reminders of it; a younger brother who you often forget is in the movie; and a beautiful Mexican housekeeper who knows no English and has a beautiful preadolescent

daughter of her own. Naturally, Brooks being Brooks, there are occasional scraps of observation and sensitivity: e.g., the maid's inability to express her indignation in language when the lady of the house appropriates the other's daughter. Yet the entire project looks to have been sabotaged in the casting. Adam Sandler remains a highly mannered actor even when he attempts to tone down his shtick; and his standard recipe of juvenile awkwardness and bashfulness, with a dash of infantile temper, seems rather unattractive in "the best chef in the United States." Téa Leoni, as the wife, is portraying so unattractive a personality to begin with, it's both unfair and unwise to allow her also to be less attractive *physically* than her unimpeachable maid and romantic rival, Paz Vega, who appears ready to steal a few roles from Penelope Cruz. In the result, what's supposed to be a bittersweet ending tastes strictly bitter. Cloris Leachman, Sarah Steele, Shelbie Bruce. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

A Very Long Engagement — Jean-Pierre Jeunet's visualization of a novel by Sebastien Japrisot, a name firmly entrenched in the mystery and suspense genres: *The Sleeping-Car Murders*, *The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun*, *One Deadly Summer*, others. This one is plainly in the grips of a greater ambition, a WWI-period romance about a tuba-playing, polio-crippled cutie (Audrey Tautou), pounding the trail of her soul mate (Gaspard Ulliel) who vanished on the front lines at the quaintly named bunker of Bingo Crepuscule. So, there's still a mystery element in it, and even a professional detective (not one to inspire much confidence), but the overriding feeling of the thing is expansively, unconstrainedly "novelistic," with scraps of information gathered willy-nilly from different time zones and a narrator to fill in the gaps. Neither the pet composition — giant faces floating in front of a blurred background on a convex canvas — nor the monochromatic, butterscotchy color manages to redeem the film as cinematic. (Though the first shot, of a broken Christ hanging from a cross by one hand, is a grabber.) The scrambled structure never quite enables you to believe in the Great Love or to follow the train of detection. And the winkingly tall-tale tone disengages you to the point of uninterest. Jean-Pierre Becker, Dominique Bettenfeld, Jodie Foster. 2004.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

White Noise — Serious-minded, studiously researched occult thriller on the topic of EVP, short for Electronic Voice Phenomena. Or in plain words, communication from the Other Side through household appliances and gadgets. Sitting in front of a bank of AV equipment, looking at snowy screens and listening to staticky speakers, does not make for the most interesting cinema, but the film still delivers a jolt or two, a tingle or two. And though the plot may be hyped up (a mix of ghostly demons and a flesh-and-blood serial killer), the special effects are held in check. With Michael Keaton, Deborah Kara Unger, Ian McNeice, and Chandra West; directed by Geoffrey Sax. 2005.

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The Woodsman — Kevin Bacon in a restrained performance as a paroled pedophile (less restrained in his sex scenes with his real-life mate, Kyra Sedgwick) who takes up residence opposite a grade school (this is "supervised parole?"), tries to stay straight, and keeps a watchful eye on a prowling predator whom he nicknames "Candy." Some of the protagonist's torments are credible enough, though the filmmaking (first-timer Nicole Kassell) is unassured and underfunded. Adapted from a play by Steven Fechter; with Benjamin Bratt, Mos Def, Eve, and David Alan Grier. 2004.

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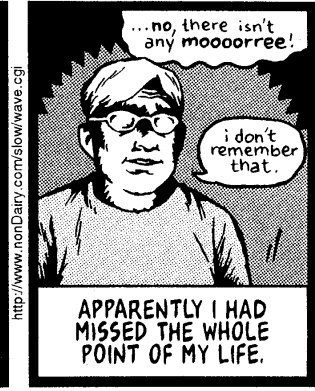
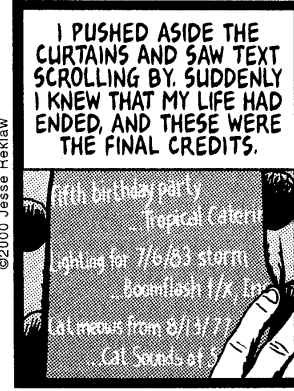
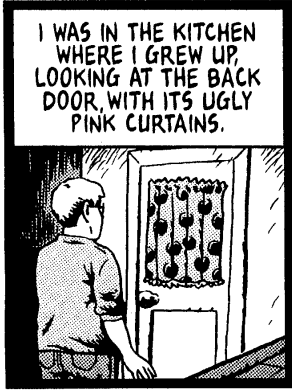
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Facial expressions. I'm more subtle when it comes to mood changes. Spending time with my friends puts me in a good mood; I've had the same friends for a really long time. On the same token, if I'm in a bad mood, my friends definitely know when to stay out of my way and give me time. If I'm in a bad mood and annoyed with a friend, I find it helps to take some time away from that person and not speak to them when I'm caught up in whatever is bothering me. I'm not afraid to tell my friends when I'm angry about something because their support is one of the reasons we're friends.



Vanessa Martinez
Sales Representative
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If you see me smiling, then you know I'm in a good mood. Very seldom do I smile when I'm in a bad mood. Since I'm pregnant, I experience a lot more ups and downs. Being pregnant, I don't even know when I'm in a good or bad mood. It's hard to remember how I was when I felt normal. My husband walks on egg shells because my mood can change at the drop of a hat. The poor guy, I feel sorry for him.



Wes McMoran
Host
Clairemont Mesa

By my personality, my friendly smile, and my positive attitude toward people. Watching sports puts me in a good mood; I'm a big fan of local sports teams, including the Padres, the Chargers, and even the Gulls, although I'm still a Green Bay Packer Cheeshead at heart. I don't get angry or upset if my teams lose; a loss is a loss.... When I'm in a bad mood, I try to keep my anger to myself. I like to be a good Christian, so I don't take my anger out on others.



Damon Curry
Retail
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You see me laughing and smiling when I'm in a good mood. I'll be putting out more of a positive vibe. I'm shy, so I'm not as outgoing as some people. A lot of times, shy people might have a frown on their faces but not be in the right mood to want to express themselves. I really try not to get into a bad mood. Even when people come at me with negativity, I try to redirect their negativity back at them and away from me.



Miguel Pena
Assistant Manager
Ramona

I consider myself to be a vibrant kind of guy when I'm in a good mood. If I'm at work and I'm in a bad mood, I'll still smile and fake a good mood. When I get into my work and talk to people about what they're buying, then I'm in a good mood. In a bad mood, I'll definitely be more distant while I work. I'll still wear a smile, but there'll be an added level of professional distance. If I'm in a bad mood around my friends, they'll know. I make mean jokes but they call me on it. They'll ask me, "Why are you being such a dick?" It's better to get those feelings out, though, because you don't want to bottle it up inside.



Megan Anderson
Waitress
Pacific Beach

I'm a bit of a jokester. At work, it totally helps when I'm in a good mood because then I'm more talkative and I interact better with customers and give them better service. If I'm quiet and wearing a smile, then you know that I'm in bad mood. I get rude in a bad mood. If I get angry, I start to use the word "fat" when I describe people; I'll be talking and say, "Oh, you know that fat bitch, I hate her," when it's not necessarily true that the girl is fat.

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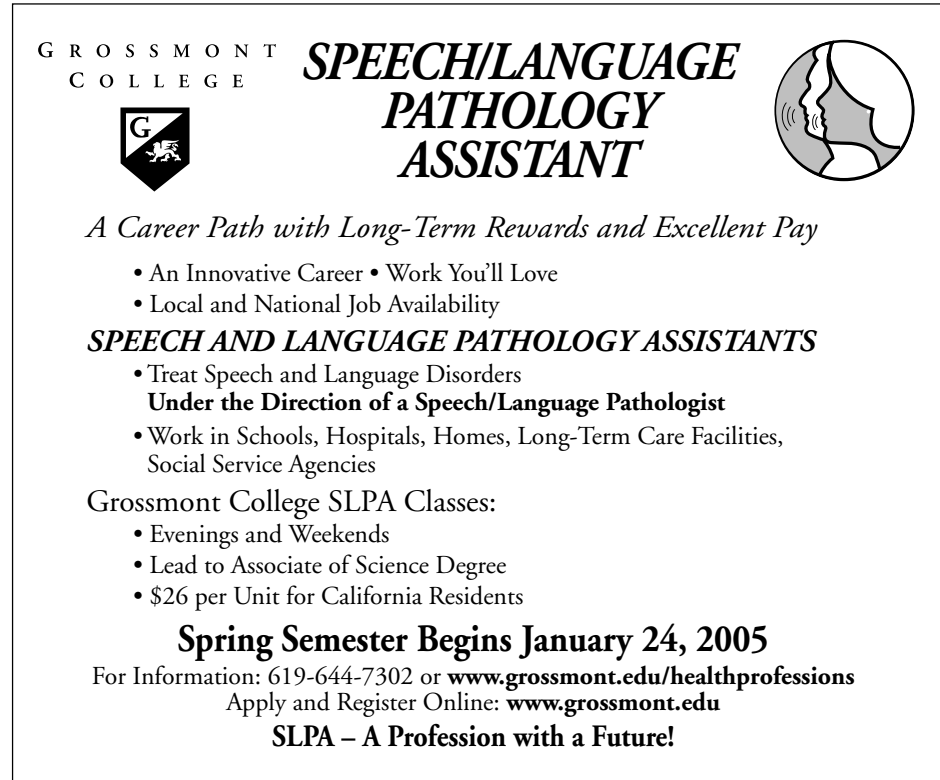
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- Company that uses the voice of Gilbert Gottfried in its TV ads
- Prefix with meter
- Slammer
- Earlier
- Throw in the towel
- Gov. agency that rejects bad eggs
- "Access Hollywood" co-anchor can't go on because of exhaustion?
- Watched the kids
- Cop's route
- Wineglass features
- General Motors subsidiary
- Fruity drink
- What a florist could profit from on St. Valentine's Day?
- Quarterback John
- Son on "Married ... With Children"
- Guinness of "Doctor Zhivago"
- Handshake's meaning, maybe
- Overdo a scene, say
- "___ Zapata!"
- Argentine "other"
- Data storage acronym
- One in the kiddie pool, perhaps
- Perform a surprise attack on the author of "Sex and the City"?
- Good things to rack up: Abbr.
- Agy. affiliated with the National Weather Service
- U.S. Senator from Illinois
- Italian carmaker
- U.K. record label
- Lament (or exclamation) heard from about half of the U.S. on 11/3/04
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- Peeve
- Therefore
- Some are pale
- Work toward a Masters?
- Commercial cow

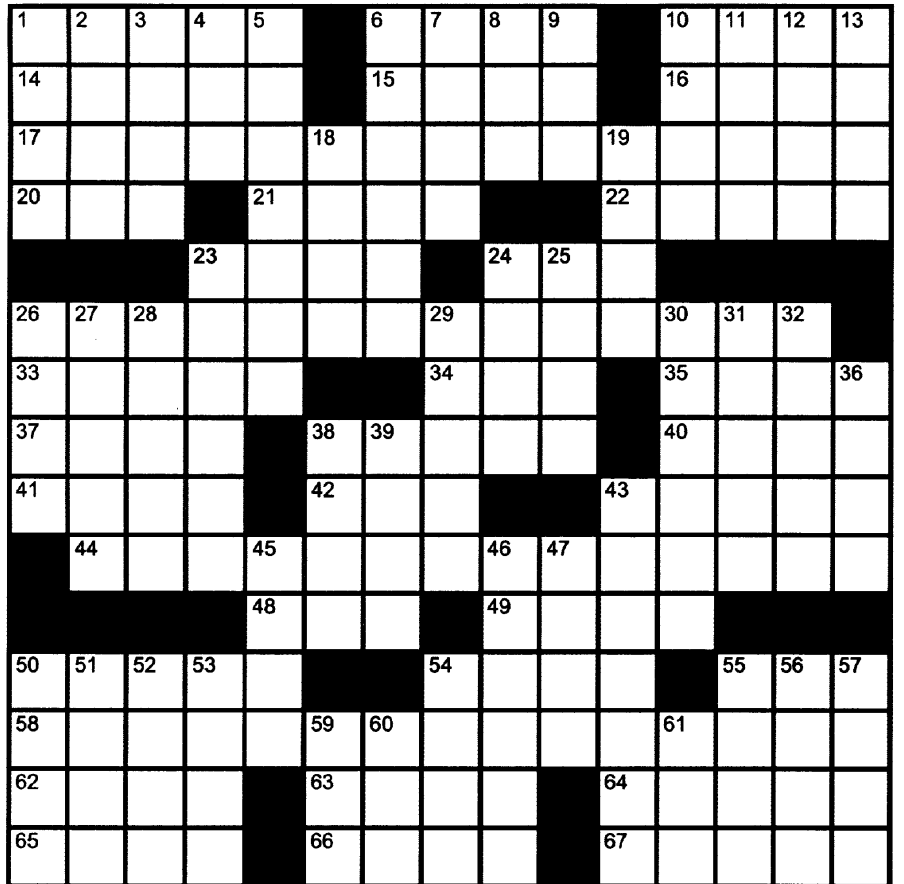
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- Alerts about perps
- Cold, to Conchita
- Cheery tune
- MSN competitor
- 1990 Johnny Depp movie
- Young pigeons
- Give the heave-ho
- Medical research agcy.
- Wagering venue, for short
- Like some desserts
- "Off the Court" author
- Same, in footnotes
- Boys
- Sweetheart
- A Swiss army knife has lots of them

- Aquanaut's workplace
- Lie next to
- Chick mate?
- Emulate the "Trading Spaces" folks
- "Get Here" singer Adams
- Group that's got a lot of buzz?
- Weapon of mass destruction since 1952
- Capital on the Florida Strait
- Fail to pronounce
- Be candid (with)
- Poet Sandburg
- Once, once upon a time
- Mineral hardness scale inventor
- "Huh?"
- ___ the crack of dawn
- Worldwide relief gp.
- Drench
- Syllables before "Di" and "Da" in a Beatles song
- It may be skipped or jumped
- Spots that are unpopular with teens
- NASDAQ, NYSE and AMEX, e.g.: Abbr.
- World Series season
- Sea eagles
- Start of the next century
- "No need to explain"
- Brief association?
- Science class, for short
- Slithery swimmer

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/13/05.

Of the 79 entrants, 61 were correct. The winners are:

- Rhonda Fleming, *San Diego*
- Matthew Marrone, *Solana Beach*
- Davis Taylor, *San Diego*
- Greg Sparrer, *Oceanside*
- Dena Inez, *San Diego*

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Last week's place: Students pouring out of Alexander Graham Bell Junior High School, 620 Briarwood Road. The school is named after the Scottish inventor who, at the age of 27, worked out the principle of transmitting the voice electronically. (Last week's winners: Johnny Jamison, Norman Felling, Diana Blebinsky, Jason Rogue, Hank Repozo)

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MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

FRIENDSHIP WANTED. Female, non-smoker, adventurous, independent, 45-55, reliable. Funds shared, end of June Italy vacation. Me: platonic female, 55, adventurous. Let's talk. (1/26) ☎ 33530

FRIENDSHIP. Married female artist seeks male/female for happy hour, movies, shopping, coffee, dancing, galleries, etc. 25+. (1/26) ☎ 33531

SCRABBLE. I am a 71-year-old looking for a Scrabble partner. I am happy, healthy and have a positive attitude.

Seeking similar type female. (2/2) ☎ 33607

FRIENDSHIP. Woman, white, 49, walking, hiking, tennis, hoops, swim, surf, ride horse, coffee, jazz, sax, bilingual, educated, shy, soft-spoken, loyal. East County. Financially responsible. (2/2) ☎ 33572

DANCE PARTNER WANTED. Attractive, blonde seeks male dance partner, 40s, for country two-step, west coast swing, friendship, fun and possible romance... (2/2) ☎ 33573

DIVE PARTNER needed for local regional dives. Have boat, share gas expense and cleaning of boat after dives. (2/2) ☎ 33574

HAROLD & MAUDE FRIENDSHIP wanted. Young man, 22, with learning disabilities looking for a mature woman to

share fun with. Movies, music, walks, shopping, etc. (2/2) ☎ 33608

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks a few platonic pals for movies and happy hours. Age 40. I call back! (1/26) ☎ 33554

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

DARK HAIR, VERY ACTIVE, attractive, fit lady, loves outdoors, live plays, dancing. Seeks fun, humorous, active, fit, open male, 48-50, for fun times. Non-smoker. (2/2) ☎ 33884

BEAUTIFUL, PETITE, BLACK woman. Seeking very sexy, attractive, white man with soul, 33-45, over 5'9", muscular build, financially stable and likes children. (2/2) ☎ 33886

BEAUTIFUL, SHAPELY BRUNETTE, fun, honest and caring. Seeking mellow, easy-going, patient, understanding, honest and caring gentleman, 50-60, to be my very best friend. (2/2) ☎ 33882

NEW AGE PRINCESS, TALL and playful. Seeking carnivorous white frog, 46-60, for long-term relationship. Must like metaphysics, swimming, garden adventures, nature walks, and kissing. (2/2) ☎ 33877

ENJOY'N LIFE! Desire an average guy for an average girl. Friendship, balance, romance, commitment, laughter. You: at least 5'10", not slender. Me: cute and curvy! (1/26) ☎ 33844

YOUNG AT HEART fun loving, blonde, 5'8", enjoys movies, fine arts, dining, cooking, good conversation, values, family. Seeking generous, intelligent, humorous, charming, attractive gentleman, 65-77. (1/26) ☎ 33853

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: find punk-rock guy, 30-40, interested in girl who loves music and single life and underground interests. Take me out. (1/26) ☎ 33836

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, young 58, active, real, truthful, loves laughter, 5'3", 135lbs., blonde/blue, curvy. Interests: sailing, fishing, Harleys, traveling, cooking, relaxing, enjoying life. (1/26) ☎ 33845

WON'T YOU BE MY VALENTINE? Blonde, blue eyes, 5'3", 125lbs., in good shape. Seeking male between ages 40-50 for honest, sincere relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33888

PLUS SIZE, WHITE FEMALE seeks outgoing male companion who likes to dance, be affectionate, funny, available, adventurous. I'm pretty, laid back, financially secure, home owner. (1/26) ☎ 33852

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 40s, brunette. Seeking single white male, 40s, honest, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities, to share life's adventures. (1/26) ☎ 33859

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, Mexican, 5'8", 140lbs., 39, fun, easygoing, educated. Seeking attractive Caucasian man, 40-50. Fun-loving, romantic, possible long-term

relationship. Please, no games. (1/26) ☎ 33854

AUSTRALIAN DESIRED, other ethnicities welcome. I dig Australian culture and a variety of other interests. To learn more about me, see my profile! (2/2) ☎ 33878

I'M CUTE, CLASSY, POSITIVE, emotionally stable, slender, brunette. No pets, no baggage. You're 45-54, compatible. I like classical music, dancing, cooking, traveling and more. (1/26) ☎ 33862

CUTIE BLONDE, 55, 120lbs., shapely. Seeks strong, take charge gentleman for passionate, committed relationship. I do not smoke. (1/26) ☎ 33839

SEXY, PASSIONATE, attractive black lady seeks playmate. You be white or Hispanic, cute, fit, under 40, ready for long-term play, good food and fun. (2/2) ☎ 33869

TIME LIMITED, foot operation, no walking 3 weeks. Let's get together before January 19, perhaps continue. Am 60ish, fit and full of fun. Call me. (1/26) ☎ 33866

LATINA LADY, 51, attractive, intelligent, widow, with lots of love. Seeking companionship. Honest, believe in God, financially secure, speak some Spanish, enjoy Latin food/culture. (1/26) ☎ 33861

GERMAN BORN, long blonde hair, blue-green eyes, 5'6", curvy, very good looking. Seeking tall, attractive, degreed professional, with great sense of humor, 140-50. (2/3) ☎ 33880

RELIGIOUS, TRAVEL PARTNER sought. Activities include: church tours, Goth music, dry wit humor, mountains, beaches, environmental conquests. (2/2) ☎ 33870

INTELLIGENT, CURVACEOUS, 5'2", lovable, long blonde/blue, 55. Desires tall, honest, well-educated, traditional, confident, emotionally strong, sincere man of integrity for a fantastic relationship! (2/2) ☎ 33875

SEXY LONG LEGS, JAPANESE American, 5'9". Seeking 30s gentleman for the perfect supportive relationship. I'm worthy of an abundance of love right now! Are you? (1/26) ☎ 33864

ENJOY SAN DIEGO and beyond with me. I'm 5'8", Caucasian senior woman eager to meet Caucasian senior man, 70+, active, nonsmoker. For friendship and companionship. (2/2) ☎ 33891

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no-baggage man, friendship, supportive/sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious. 37-49, 5'9". (2/2) ☎ 33876

LET'S GIVE IT ONE MORE TRY. Petite, affectionate senior lady of color from the island. You: 60+, classy, senior gentleman. Let's meet for coffee. (2/2) ☎ 33885

IF I COULD CATCH a rainbow, I could do it for you! Let me be who I know best, a happy woman, 70, adventurous, stable. (1/26) ☎ 33840

BEAUTIFUL, BRIGHT, full-figured, shapely educator, brown sugar, artistic, political. Seeking honest, respectful, loyal, stocky, rugged looking white male, professional, for committed, passionate, monogamous relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33872

BLONDE BOMBSHELL, bikini looks, 5'8", 135lbs., single, white and ready! Seeks Caucasian gentleman, 5'10"-6'4", 45-55, financially secure, homeowner, for dates, fun, romance. (1/26) ☎ 33843

VIBRANT, EDUCATED, enchanting East Coast lady, 56, with gentle and loving personality seeks gentleman, 53-60, for honest, meaningful, loving, long-term relationship. Are you ready? (2/3) ☎ 33881

PLAYFUL, PETITE VENUS desires romantic, considerate Mars, 57-66. Share, care, enjoy sports, theater, arts, quiet times. Educated, fun(ny), optimistic, Caucasian, non-smoker, (com)passionate, sensual seeking same. (1/26) ☎ 33855

TALL, PLAYFUL, AUBURN, 45, 5'9". Seeking professional, 38-46, 6'+, 200lbs+., no smoke/addictions, spiritual, stylish, adventurous, cultural, dancer, romantic, communicative, emotionally available, humorous, travel, friendship. (2/2) ☎ 33575

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing, adventurous. Let's share movies, dining, sports, great conversations. Seeking outgoing professional, romantic, intelligent man for friendship, laughter and exploring the city. (2/2) ☎ 33893

FUN, HONEST FEMALE, Seeking male, 30-48, for adventure, road trips, travel, and fun. Me: like variety, exploring, movies, trying new restaurants. It's a new year! (1/26) ☎ 33858

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus-size brunette. Very loving and sincere, nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it, baby! (1/26) ☎ 33835

SOPHISTICATED, YOUTHFUL, late 60s, pretty, world traveler, homeowner, Jewish. Many interests including music and art. Seeking joyful, like-minded, educated, gentleman, 66-75. Sincere, homeowner only. (2/2) ☎ 33892

AWESOME KISSER AND HUGGER wanted. If you are 58+, tall, optimistic, good communicator; liking traveling, dining out, hiking, movies. Sexy pretty lady awaits your call. (1/26) ☎ 33857

SLIM, ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, real estate agent, 59, who likes travel, a glass of wine, and good conversation. Seeking an attractive, reasonably fit companion. (2/2) ☎ 33879

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (2/2) ☎ 33874

NORTHERN EUROPEAN FEMALE, sleepless in San Diego, late 50s (looks 40s), attractive, active, bright. Seeking successful, degreed professional, for social activities, travel, long-term relationship. (1/26) ☎ 33865

SOUTH AMERICAN, PETITE, pretty, 56 years young. Seeking 54-58, Christian gentleman; romantic, honest, non-smoker, good sense of humor, outgoing, financially secure. Possible long-term relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33871

FUN, SEXY, CURVY brunette with wicked sense of humor seeks handsome, funny prince charming, 47-54 years young. No kids, so let's have fun. (2/2) ☎ 33898

SASSY 60-ish SIREN seeks merry, mature male for dancing, romancing around town, prancing. You are Caucasian, interested in life, open to change, anticipating me. (2/2) ☎ 33868

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, EXOTIC, nice legs, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking fit nonsmoker, generous, upscale, compatible, financially stable, 35+, Caucasian/Asian bachelor. (1/26) ☎ 33851

FUN, PERKY, ADVENTUROUS, warm, 60 year old. Looking for love/companionship. Photography, museums, music, outdoors, indoors, travel and sense of humor. Let's do things together. (1/26) ☎ 33846

ATTRACTIVE WHITE FEMALE, 51, 5'6", 182lbs., nonsmoker. Seeking affectionate, outdoorsy, humorous, white male, 45-55, for long-term relationship and adventures, handyman a big plus. (1/26) ☎ 33863

EASY TO LOVE. Spoil this beautiful, sexy, childless black goddess with diverse interests. White male of substance preferred. Emotionally stable, unencumbered lifestyle, humorous, humble. (1/26) ☎ 33848

Russian from Moscow 51, divorced, attractive blonde, blue eyes, 7 years in San Diego, no problem seeking 55-67 gentleman, financially secure, good character, likes nature, travel, humor. (1/26) ☎ 33856

WIN WIN, DOES THAT relationship appeal to you? Chemistry, communication, compatibility sought by curvaceous, outgoing, articulate divorced white female. Be attentive, smart, fun, 65+. (2/2) ☎ 33887

Sassy Southern Lady Young 60+, looking for sincere, well-established gentleman, 50+, who will pamper her. Likes romance, sports, long-term marriage-minded gentleman. (2/2) ☎ 33895

JERSEY GIRL. Attractive, intelligent, Jewish, into fitness, outdoor activities, music, dining, good conversation. Let's talk. Seeking professional with humor, integrity, intelligence, depth, 44-52. Possible relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33867

CUBANITA, feminine, 47, romantic, sincere, with good morals. Seeking gentleman with same qualities, for a loving, serious relationship. Let's share 2005 together. (1/26) ☎ 33847

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CUTE AND SEXY seeks stable and secure guy for a long-term committed relationship. Let's meet and see if we can ignite the night. (2/2) ☎ 33896

FRENCH, PETITE, 45 but look 35, physically fit, attractive, romantic, fun. Love dancing, movies, travel, dinners, and quiet times. Seeking honest, fun, romantic gentleman, 35-55. (2/2) ☎ 33894

IMAGINE KATIE COURIC at 62. Playful, healthy, active, attractive, retired professional, 5'3-1/2", 118lbs. You are healthy, active, attractive, financially secure. Seeking friends, possible relationship. (1/26) ☎ 33849

WARM PERSONALITY, traditional values, pretty blonde/blue widow. Navy officer, retired beauty fashion coordinator. Seeking congenial Christian gentleman. Enjoy healthy lifestyle, arts, cruises, swimming, gardening. (1/26) ☎ 33838

HISPANIC, 47, SMILES, honest, sense of humor, easy to get along with. Enjoys jazz, arts, dining, movies, adventurous, romantic, affectionate, sincere. (2/2) ☎ 33889

SAN MARCOS CAUCASIAN LADY seeks caring man, 65-70, who is a nonsmoker. I enjoy good health, music, dancing, travel, cooking, gardening, and much more. (2/2) ☎ 33873

PRETTY TEACHER, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, bikini looks. Beach, boating, skiing, dancing, concerts, rock, jazz. Sincere. Seeking fun loving, successful, attractive, fit, Republican, Christian, 34-48. (1/26) ☎ 33860

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BIG SMILE! 33, 5'4", professional, curvy, sensual, fun, affectionate, spirited, caring, active woman. Seeking nice guy, 29-43, educated, nonsmoking, honest, upbeat, communicative, for sincere relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33897

NO MILLIONAIRES or gymaholics, please! 40s, looking for fun, articulate, intelligent gentleman with some free time. Enjoy movies, street fairs, music, outdoors, dining, new adventures! (2/2) ☎ 33890

CURVACEOUS, 5'3", 138lbs., 50s. Seeking casual, fun dates with you: honest, good-natured, gentle, manners, attractive, hair. Spiritually, mentally sound. (1/26) ☎ 33837

WANTED: TEDDY BEAR, 44 year old female, North County Christian believer seeks friend, lover, companion. I'm outgoing, love travel. You: professional, honest, caring, great kisser! (2/2) ☎ 33883

MATCHES MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HOT, TALL, HANDSOME white male, father, cuddly, sexy, young 60ish. Seeking very sexy, generous, romantic woman; intimate, romantic evenings, kisses, candles, soft music, wine, me. (1/26) ☎ 33558

RESPONSIBLE, REAL communicator. Very musical, homeowner, Home Depot? Romantic, fit, same? 35-50, white Latina, fit, no children. Let's cook together, enjoy life. 2005. (2/2) ☎ 33609

VERY CURIOUS, FUNNY, kindly, literate, handsome professional, divorced Jewish, 62, 5'8", 150lbs., nonsmoker, classical music, New York Times. Seeking petite, sweet professional, divorced Jewish counterpart. (1/26) ☎ 33548

CAUCASIAN, 45, accomplished, physically fit, communicative, educated, speaks French, Spanish. Enjoys hiking, camping, dancing, motorcycles, moun-

tain biking, sailing, gardening, traveling, wine tasting. Seeking outdoorsy woman. (2/2) ☎ 33604

FULL TIME MINISTRY, 77, attractive, good listener, Caucasian, Ph.D., radio broadcaster. Seeking dedicated Christian companion for outreach, seeker small group ministry, and fellowship. (2/2) ☎ 33606

MAN OF FAITH, GROWING spiritually, blessed with honesty, integrity and love. Seeking a woman who is spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically balanced with me. Amen. (1/26) ☎ 33556

COASTAL, 45, 5'11", 165lbs., fit, athletic, health-minded, real estate entrepreneur. To enjoy outdoor activities, dining, with slender, energetic, nonsmoking lady. Let's talk, exchange pictures. (1/26) ☎ 33543

SEEKING MISCHIEF, MAYHEM, earth trekking? Attractive, successful Jewish guy from midwest, 40. Seeking creative and adventurous woman with open heart. Healthy rebels and nonconformists welcome. (1/26) ☎ 33560

TALL, FIT, FUN, handsome, 43, blue eyes, good communicator, happy with life, sense of humor. Seeking slender, attractive soul mate, for dining, dancing, travel, relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33597

6'4", TEDDY BEAR, 36, cuddler, quiet, considerate, car guy, movies, financially secure. Seeking Hispanic or Asian angel. Kids OK. Call, you'll be surprised! (1/26) ☎ 33542

LIVE NORTH COASTAL? Aching to find that someone special? Oceanside gentleman, 52, 5'9", sharing honesty, quality conversations, integrity, performing arts, humor, adventure, romance, spirituality, love. (2/2) ☎ 33598

ARE YOU OVERWEIGHT or fat, but not obese, fair looking, feminine, active, happy, 25-50 female, seeking a fairly handsome-looking, fit, loveable, 40, black male? (1/26) ☎ 33539

HANDSOME, 54, African-American seeks sexy, white or Hispanic female, serious relationship, nonsmoker, serious only reply. Are you real, fun and love happiness, romance. (2/2) ☎ 33578

HANDSOME AFRICAN-AMERICAN Christian, 5'7", 150lbs. I am seeking an attractive Christian lady, physically fit, small-medium size, 50-60, race open. (2/2) ☎ 33588

Date or Soul Mate?

Are you 35-45, spontaneous, energetic, fit, attractive, balanced, witty, gainfully employed with a solid future, seeking a meaningful relationship? Me, too, call now! (2/2) ☎ 33581

SENSUAL, CREATIVELY, passionate, romantic, saturate the senses, deep sweet kissing, dancing, love nature. Male, 6'1", self-employed, supportive, loving, dancer, understand the goddess, happiness, 40s. (2/2) ☎ 33576

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker, acting and being myself. (2/2) ☎ 33577

YOUTHFUL 75, sharing life, movies, theatre, dining, dancing, caring conversation with compassionate nonsmoker, healthy lady. Radius 15 miles around Lakeside. Seeking sincere lady for sharing. (1/26) ☎ 33566

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE seeks happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive lady, 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate, blue eyes, muscular, well dressed, Catholic. (1/26) ☎ 33546

LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, mature, older woman sought by tall, attractive, white, 53. I'm unencumbered, financially/emotionally secure, homeowner, loving, caring, unpretentious. Enjoy dining, travel, music, romance. (1/26) ☎ 33534

70, HONEST, to travel, movies, music. I'm active, adventurous, outdoors type. Seeking attractive lady for events, attractions, hugs, 5'10", nice looking, retired San Diego, unencumbered. (1/26) ☎ 33532

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DIVORCED WHITE MALE, 60+, healthy, sincere, intelligent, easygoing, financially and emotionally secure. In search of divorced white female, nonsmoker, 55-67, for loving relationship. (1/26) ☎ 33567

56, GRAY/BLUE, 5'11", 160lbs., simple, surly, Leucadia trailer owner, liberal Taoist, healthy, caring, ecological, resourceful, employable, enjoys wine. No savings, medical or debt. You: my clone and local. (2/2) ☎ 33584

LATIN MALE, 22 YEARS OLD, 5'11", 180lbs. Looking for friends to have fun with or something more down the line. (1/26) ☎ 33570

INTELLIGENT, FIT, ROMANTIC looking for same, plus sexy, sensual, 28-40, nonsmoker, easygoing, playful, sense of humor, noncontrolling. Enjoys travel and adventure. (1/26) ☎ 33562

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 56, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, nature and just having fun at home. La Mesa please. (1/26) ☎ 33559

LET'S BE REALISTIC, man and woman are meant for each other. 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Outdoors, hiking, biking, simple pleasures. You're somewhat attractive, monogamous, got ideas. (2/2) ☎ 33599

NICE GENTLEMAN, attractive, professional, financially secure, emotionally available, divorced Caucasian, 66, would like to meet nice lady to share the joys life has to offer. (2/2) ☎ 33611

SENSUAL, FUN LOVING, playful, adventurer. I'm tall, slim, white, 51. Enjoy river, desert, skiing, Harleys, travel. Secure homeowner for dating, romance and relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33605

NICE GUY, 53, seeks nice girl, 46-50, slender, active, nonsmoker, playful, romantic. For passionate relationship, friendship, partnership. Call now. (1/26) ☎ 33544

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. (2/2) ☎ 33612

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 47. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 30-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (1/26) ☎ 33547

HONEST, DECENT-LOOKING. Seeking smart, assertive, funny woman, 40ish-60ish, for theater, movies, dancing, coffee and ethnic foods. I'm 48, 5'11", 195lbs. Prefer free spirited. (2/2) ☎ 33593

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME and very successful! Retired, 51, North Coastal homeowner, no children, committed, monogamous and ready for long term with beautiful, caring, sensitive woman! (1/26) ☎ 33557

HISPANIC, 53 YEARS, 5'8", 155lbs., attractive, good shape, nice personality, stable finances, likes desert, dining, movies. Seeking fair skinned, petite lady, long-term relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33610

ITALIAN, 45, HARD WORKER. Seeking single, nice lady for long-term relationship. Race open. No games. Enjoy romantic dinners, music, sports. Nonsmoker/drinker. Call me. (1/26) ☎ 33545

LET'S TAKE ROMANTIC cruises. 55-65, feminine, fit, flexible, playful, bright, nutty; prefer attractive, full figure, handsome slender, energetic educator, 5'9". Dance, theater, easy tennis/Scrabble. (2/2) ☎ 33586

IF YOU'RE A LONELY SENIOR lady, 70s-80s, this lonely senior widower, 80s, would like to meet you for friendship, companionship, dinners, shows, concerts, travel together. (2/2) ☎ 33601

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TOTALLY OPEN MINDED, uninhibited, sensuous male, nonsmoker, who is a die-hard romantic and seeks lover for loving, kissing, fondling, touching, holding with tenderness. (1/26) ☎ 33551

IN HILLCREST, tall, fit, nice looking, retired professional, eclectic interests. Seeking nonworking lady for loving, caring, sharing, mutually fulfilling, long-term relationship. 55+. (2/2) ☎ 33587

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, blue eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (2/2) ☎ 33589

ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN, mature professional, 66, 5'9", 167lbs., passionate, considerate. Seeking attractive, slender, intelligent Caucasian woman, 40-60, 5'3"-5'7", for serious relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33579

GOOD GUY, GOOD LOOKS, good job, 5'11", 165lbs. Seeking good girl, 35-50, attractive, intelligent, curvaceous, for dating, friendship, possible long-term relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33595

36, 6', WHITE MALE. Interests are: cool dive bars, vampire folklore, collecting rare records, classic horror movies, cajun food, anything vintage, jazz, meeting freaky people. (2/2) ☎ 33600

ELIGIBLE BACHELOR, 45. Looking for friendship, companion and love. Apply for position by answering this ad. Requirements: strong woman, 25-40, with sense of humor. (2/2) ☎ 33594

TIRED OF WORKING? See world with me. Seeking young, active female for romance, travel, adventure, backpacking, sailing. I'm retired teacher, secure with house and pool. (1/26) ☎ 33552

STILL BELIEVE IN HONESTY, traditional values, lasting relationships. Seeking nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (2/2) ☎ 33613

EAST COUNTY SINGLE father looking for single mom. I'm 36, 5'11", have brown hair and green eyes. Must be honest, caring, loyal for serious relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33583

FRIENDLY, ATTENTIVE, laid back single white male, 40, 5'10". Seeking curvy lady for friendship, frolicking, fun, romantic companionship, walks, coffee and laughter. (1/26) ☎ 33549

CAUCASIAN, HANDSOME, loving, romantic, Sagittarius, 5'8", 165lbs., brown/blue. Seeking attractive, fit, adventurous companion, 35-50, who enjoys traveling, aquatic, outdoor, social activities. Long-term relationship. (1/26) ☎ 33540

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl, 7 years, 46 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (2/2) ☎ 33590

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL, 57, looks/acts much younger, 5'8", 155lbs., brown/brown, Herpes. In search of compatible woman, age/race not important. Take a chance. (2/2) ☎ 33585

PASSIONATE 38-YEAR-OLD male. Enjoy the beach, conversation, good food and movies. You like the same. Age

doesn't matter. North County area. (2/2) ☎ 33602

PICK FAVORITE COLOR. Narrow down from there. 6', Caucasian, 50, doing well. Seeking the right educated, sweet black lady for good company, long-term relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33592

SLEEPLESS IN NORTH COUNTY. Tall, handsome, honest, financially stable man, 35. Seeking fun-loving, affectionate lady for dining out, movies, conversation and possible relationship. (1/26) ☎ 33536

EAST COUNTY, RETIRED, 68, nice guy. Enjoy car trips, movies, walks. Am healthy, active, trim. Looking for a nice lady. (1/26) ☎ 33565

EAST COUNTY SEEKS sexy, fit, Christian woman, nonsmoker, no kids, 47-54. Me: 6', 190lbs., custom motorcycle and homeowner, loving, caring, stable. (1/26) ☎ 33571

WE'RE ON A QUEST TO FIND our mate. Realistic expectations, healthy, grounded, active, coffee, wine, conversation, rain, movies, not afraid to commit. I'm 65, trim. (1/26) ☎ 33533

DESIRABLE, CREATIVE, exciting, class act. Integrated, committable, off beaten path, desires cultured communicator, cuddler, to divide wows, double joys. No burnouts. 57, 5'10", dark, attractive. (1/26) ☎ 33568

GENEROUS, FRIENDLY, ABLE to afford best things in life. Seeking attractive female to enjoy the good life and smell the roses with. No smokers, please. (1/26) ☎ 33561

LET'S TRY THIS RECIPE for a great relationship. Combine equal parts: honesty, communication, humor, and generosity. Mix well. Serves two. North County guy, mid-50s. (1/26) ☎ 33535

VERY HANDSOME AFRICAN-American male. Seeking 30-40 year old Latina or Asian female, nice shape, open minded, beach walking partner, friends first. (1/26) ☎ 33550

BLACK TEDDY BEAR, extra large, tall, handsome, stable, funny, romantic, Sagittarius. Seeking full-figured, white or Hispanic female; friendship, possible long relationship. All replies answered. (1/26) ☎ 33541

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. (1/26) ☎ 33537

HANDSOME BLOND, DEBEE, tall, slim, robust, healthy, debt-free, young-looking senior white male. Seeking sincerely romantic, financially secure, outgoing lady for permanent relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33591

ASIAN BEAUTY REQUESTED by a very loving kind hearted, 30-year old Latino, 5'8", hazel eyes, fit. You: kind-hearted, loving, fit. (2/2) ☎ 33582

GREAT CATCH! Down-to-earth Jewish male, 35. Enjoys movies, hiking, cats, 80s, music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (2/2) ☎ 33603

SUPER NICE GUY! Handsome, young 54 (looks 40), romantic, kind, honest, humorous, Jewish, nonsmoker, educated, professional, loves music. Seeks younger, petite, attractive, unencumbered, quality lady. (1/26) ☎ 33553

LOOKING FOR NORTH COUNTY woman who is nonsmoker, happy person, good sense of humor, happy with her life and has good heart, like myself. (2/2) ☎ 33580

HISPANIC FEMALE. Sean Connery look-alike. Athletic, communicative,

monogamous, 61. Seeking down-to-earth, fit woman for sharing, laughing, good conversation, emotional intimacy, camping, hiking. (1/26) ☎ 33538

LIKE TATTOOS AND HARLEYS? I'm looking for you. Good-hearted biker looking for fit nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (1/26) ☎ 33555

SECURE, STABLE, dependable, honest, sincere, homeowner, 77, 6', 220lbs., nonsmoker, Caucasian, former Naval officer. Likes camping, fishing. Seeking lady, liking same for mutual lifetime happiness. (1/26) ☎ 33569

BON VIVANT, never married, 5'11", 175lbs., middle aged, honest, respectful, financially secure, athletic. Like to read, travel. Bilingual, degreed, drive old economy car, not rich or pretentious. Let's have my French toast. (1/26) ☎ 33563

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CARDIFF. \$500, utilities (cable, power, Internet) paid, \$250 deposit. Room with private bath in Park Place condos. Washer/dryer, parking. 1213 Camino Septimo. 760-944-3938.

CARDIFF. Bedroom and office available together for \$600. Both same size, 13'x14'. Bills include gas/electric, trash, cable/Internet. Deposit \$616. No pets/smoking. 760-634-7623.

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CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$995/month. Private room with full bath, cable, Internet, utilities, use of washer/dryer. Easy freeway access. Dave, 858-792-0707.

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CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$1100. Totally private suite, in large luxury home, includes 15x15 living room/dining area, bedroom, and full bath. All private. Includes kitchen privileges. Free utilities, cable, Internet. Bob, 858-792-6300.

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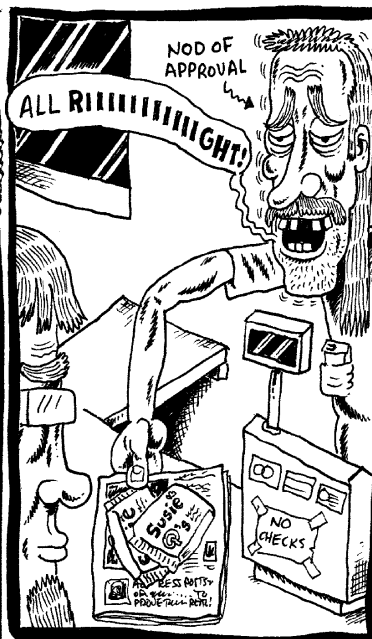
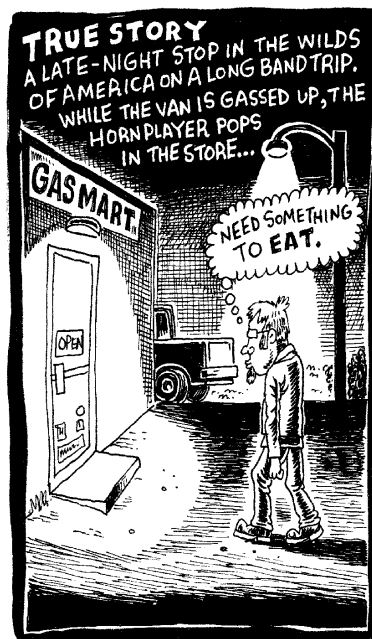
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LA MESA/SAN CARLOS. \$550, 1/2 utilities, deposit. One bedroom/bath. Storage, backyard, washer/dryer, quiet, clean, safe neighborhood. No drugs, no smoking. Tina. 619-337-2779; 619-235-2415, x23452.

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MIRA MESA. \$750. Female. Large master bedroom, private bathroom. Large house. Includes all utilities, plus cable TV. Washer/dryer, community pool. No pets/smoking. 858-271-1035; 619-235-2415, x31455.

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ing male preferred. No pets. Available now. Mike. 858-699-6292.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$600, plus deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. North of Adams. Female only. Ample parking. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer. Yard. Available now. Sandra. 619-823-4556.

NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 rooms available, \$500 each. Close to Morley Field. Large canyon deck, off-street parking. Pets OK. Don. 949-218-2553.

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NORTH PARK. Room available in 3 bedroom house. Laundry room, off-street parking, share kitchen and living room. No smoking, pets. \$380, plus 1/3 utilities, and \$200 deposit. 619-283-3774.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$625/month, plus 1/2 utilities. 1 room available in 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher, on-site laundry, 2 blocks to beach. 619-523-9394; 619-235-2415, x32693.

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PARADISE HILLS. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in quiet community. 2-car garage, fenced back yard, washer/dryer hookups. 239 Ledgewood Lane. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

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DEL MAR. 1 bedroom, \$1195, \$1395. 3 bedroom, \$1795 and \$2175. Block to ocean. Views. Gated. Cable, pool, spa, sauna. Indoor cats. 858-481-9585; mikaetia@aol.com.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. From \$1395. 13068 Callcott Way (detached home). 13754 Mango Drive #322 (top floor, west of I-5). 1552 Camino Del Mar #601 (almost ocean front). Some ocean views. Interior laundry. Pets OK. Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pictures at www.ILoveDelMar.com. Distinctive Properties RE/MAX. 858-755-8580.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$1499 with \$1000 deposit. 2 bedroom, covered parking, 1-year lease. Washer, fireplace, balcony, new carpet. Like Hawaii pool, clubhouse. No pets. Beach, restaurants, shopping. 858-204-3732.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. From \$1165. Spacious 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms. \$500 off move-in with 6-12 month lease on all vacant apartment homes! Swimming pool, tennis court, fitness center. Close to beaches, entertainment, shopping. Large pets welcome! Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.solanahighlands.com, 1-877-443-4030. http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Starting from \$1140! Studio/lofts, 1 bedroom/loft, 2 bedrooms, 2 bedroom/lofts. 2 bedroom special: \$75 off per month! Dishwasher. Balcony. Pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Fitness center. Laundry. Garages available. Near freeway/beach. Cat OK. Esprit Del Sol Apartments, 873 Stevens Avenue, 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

DOWNTOWN loft. Walk to ballpark, Ralphs, Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, Seaport Village. Top floor, corner unit, spiral staircase, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave, secure parking, gated entry, small pets ok. Available 2/1. 221 Island. 858-442-6361.

DOWNTOWN, CORTEZ HILL. Brand new luxury 1 bedroom in quiet gated property. Washer and dryer included, underground parking. Granite countertops. Never lived in before. 619-296-2787.

DOWNTOWN. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Washer/dryer in unit. View San Diego bay. 2 blocks from Little Italy. Free recorded message. 800-701-1374 x9288.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Call, move-in special! Only \$695/month! Utilities included! Please visit us, Monday-Friday 8am-6pm, Saturday 8am-3pm. Near Petco Park, bus/trolley. Fully furnished. Bay/ballpark views. Underground parking. Air conditioning. Laundry. Internet. Clubhouse/library. Income qualify! Island Village. 1245 Market Street. For details, 1-800-351-0613. www.sdreader.com/rent/2070.

DOWNTOWN. A must see! Recently remodeled, large, stylish studios. Murphy bed, hardwood floors, separate kitchen, full bath, walk-in closet with built-ins. Laundry and ample storage. \$795+, \$500 deposit. Call to schedule appointment, 619-423-3893. www.floot.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$475 and up plus deposit. Furnished room available in residential hotel with shared kitchen/bath. Includes microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. 1545 Second Avenue, between Beech and Cedar. 619-595-0078.

DOWNTOWN. Looking for housing? Check us out! \$600/month. Low weekly rates from \$175! Utilities included. Ideal location! Near San Diego bay, Gaslamp District, Little Italy, Seaport Village. Flat screen television. Telephone. Airforce. Full kitchen. Laundry. Internet. Fitness center. Pool. 500 West Hotel, 500 West Broadway. 1-866-420-3926. www.500westhotel.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/2114.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable rooms and studios near Gaslamp District. \$400-\$675, very quiet and clean. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, community kitchen, shared bathrooms. Near shopping, restaurants, movie theatres and Horton Plaza. No pets. Arlingtons Apartments, 701 7th Avenue. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385. www.sdreader.com/rent/2097.

DOWNTOWN. Cozy rooms, \$400-\$550, grab these little jewels today! Very comfortable, convenient location, historic building near C Street trolley. Choice of shared or private bathrooms. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator, no pets. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B, Hughes Management, 619-239-3808. www.sdreader.com/rent/2099.

DOWNTOWN. Economical furnished rooms, \$385-\$500, best price, save money. Conveniently located on C Street trolley line, near restaurants, free cable TV, shared bathrooms, on-site laundry facilities, vending machines, elevator service, no pets, 636 C Street (between 6th and 7th), C Street Inn, Hughes Management, 619-234-4165. www.sdreader.com/rent/2098.

DOWNTOWN. \$2495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Views from every room! Upgraded. Hardwood floors. Appliances. Balcony. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. Barbecue area. Exercise room. Secure. 619-206-6267.

DOWNTOWN. \$1,297-\$2,200, 1 and 2 bedrooms. Parkwest, Palermo, Gaslamp

and City Square. Call Larry anytime. Immediate move-in. Call 702-249-7101.

DOWNTOWN. \$1695. Downtown loft. 731 9th Avenue, "BlueBox Lofts." 25-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, washer/dryer in unit. Three blocks to ballpark. Available immediately. 619-885-1843.

DOWNTOWN. \$2300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, luxury high-rise Renaissance, upgraded kitchen, balcony, 2 gated parking spaces, all amenities, fitness center, walk to everything. 619-985-9729.

DOWNTOWN. Best value. Gaslamp District. \$360/month, community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x103. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. \$1650. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, Gaslamp. Granite counters, 2-car parking, balcony, washer/dryer. Gym. Jacuzzi, pool table. No pets/smoking. 619-296-2225.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful building, new furnished rooms. Free wireless internet! Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. \$160 weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN. Renaissance. Panoramic views, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, gourmet kitchen, washer/dryer, large storage, parking, secured entrance, gym, pool, jacuzzi, near shops/restaurants. \$2675/month. 714-969-0078.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful city front terrace in Marina District. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. All amenities. Fantastic city views. \$2500 unfurnished/\$3100 furnished. 619-421-1520. 619-253-7335.

DOWNTOWN. Studio with great view, urban-style, high ceilings, kitchenette and full bath, air conditioning/heat, includes utilities, no pets. \$700-\$870/month. 728 Market. 619-239-1639 x103. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Outstanding furnished rooms, \$400-\$500, heart of Gaslamp, shared bathrooms, community kitchen, free cable TV, no pets, 843 4th Avenue, Windsor Hotel. 619-231-2385. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Stunning 8th floor luxury condo. New, spacious, 2 bedroom, 2 bath located in the heart of Marina District. Bay/city views. \$2800. 619-660-1785; 714-335-7348.

DOWNTOWN. \$1350-\$1500. Newly renovated loft. New paint/hardwood floors. Washer/dryer in unit. Month free with 13-month lease. Bright, full kitchen, full bath. 825 5th. 619-544-4488.

DOWNTOWN. Near City College. Single rooms with kitchenettes from \$150/week plus deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmed-sd.com.

DOWNTOWN. From \$2100, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, plus den. 1100 square foot balcony. Amazing views. Pool, jacuzzi, gym. No smoking/pets. http://www.intergulf.com/lavita. 619-274-1900.

DOWNTOWN. \$595. Deal of the week! Studio. Utilities included! Gated community, on-site laundry and on-site management. Great location and walking distance to all. Call Dennis at 619-708-9313.

DOWNTOWN. \$1295. 1 bedroom condo in Union Square. 753 square feet, washer/dryer, 1 underground parking space. 1400 Broadway. 619-435-2700, www.mckeecompany.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$1250. New condo at the Mills! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 841 square feet. Washer/dryer in unit. Storage. Parking. 1642 7th Avenue. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$2395. Park lofts condo. 1431 square feet. 2 bathrooms. Wood floors. Washer/dryer. Parking. Close to PetCo Park. 877 Island Avenue. 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$4595. Luxury Park Place, 1900-square-foot condo. 2 bedrooms plus den, 2 bath. All amenities. Air conditioning, fireplace, pool, 2 parking. 700 West Harbor. 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$1500. Brand new! 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 secured parking. Granite countertops, hardwood floors, stacked washer/dryer, jacuzzi. Near Petco Park, Gaslamp. Agent, 858-576-2176.

DOWNTOWN. Penthouse loft. 1000 square feet, (2000 square feet including deck). \$2000. Includes all utilities. Contemporary custom designed loft located in a remodeled distinctive historic building. Hardwood floors, huge deck with best view in San Diego. The list is end-

less. Must see! Street parking. 1 block from Balboa Park. 619-235-5601.

DOWNTOWN. \$1650. Park Row. Fabulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lush grounds, secured entry, new carpet/blinds. No pets. 701 Kettner Boulevard #141. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$1350. Palermo. Brand new 1 bedroom condo. 4th floor, large balcony, pool view, all amenities. No pets. 1501 Front Street #435. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

DOWNTOWN. Close to all! Quiet 1 bedroom condo with balcony and tropical garden view. All new appliances. Secure parking. Pool, spa, exercise room. \$1300. 858-354-4320.

DOWNTOWN. 7th/C. Live/work. Trolley Lofts. \$915-\$1375. Hardwood, some vaulted ceilings, laundry, heat/air. Great central location! Parking or most pets (extra fee). 619-702-7222.

DOWNTOWN. \$725. Beautifully renovated large studio. Charming built-ins, hardwood floors, laundry. No pets. No smoking. 1732 Fifth Avenue. Agent, 619-685-3960.

DOWNTOWN. Luxurious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Brand new. Washer/dryer, granite counters, new appliances, cabinetry, and upgraded lighting. 2 parking. No smoking/pets. \$2200/month. 858-692-3880.

DOWNTOWN. Studio, \$700. Quiet complex. Gated parking with remote entry. Laundry on premises. 1830 Market. No pets. Available 2/1. Section 8 OK. 619-405-7368; 619-742-2100.

DOWNTOWN. The Grande. \$2200. Townhouse. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath condos in the newest complex in Downtown San Diego! All upgraded kitchens, hardwood floors, decks with harbor views. Building features pool, spa, workout room. 24-hour concierge. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN. 500 West Harbor Drive, City Front Terrace. \$1950. 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath plus den. Upgraded interior, extra large deck. Building has all amenities in the Marina District! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN. 645 Front Street, Renaissance. \$3300. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-level townhouse in the Marina District! High ceilings, huge windows, upgraded kitchen with almost 2,000 square feet of space! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN. Condo. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all appliances, underground parking. \$1175. 1650 8th Avenue. 619-233-4182.

DOWNTOWN. \$2490. Renaissance, 10th floor, panoramic bay view. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Pool, spa, gym, garage, storage, gourmet kitchen, huge windows, marble baths. Kevin, 619-306-1065.

DOWNTOWN. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath, granite counters, black appliances, washer/dryer in unit, patio, garden/fountain view, garage parking, pool, spa, gym. \$1350/month. 619-463-2346.

DOWNTOWN. El Cortez Hill. \$1795. Huge, deluxe, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, granite, fireplace, laundry. 4th floor. 2 underground parking. 1640 10th Avenue. 619-222-9308.

DOWNTOWN. \$2250. Upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Stunning. Open floor plan. Granite counters. Stainless steel appliances. 2 parking spaces. On approved credit. Craig, 858-243-4071.

DOWNTOWN. 3 bedroom house and 3 bedroom apartment. The Grand, 1199 Pacific Highway. 858-547-8073 or 858-382-1164.

DOWNTOWN. Studio, \$550 and 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$695. Water, trash paid. Near City College, 16th and Broadway. For viewing call 619-232-7397.

DOWNTOWN. \$625/up. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, carpet, 500 square feet. All utilities. Laundry, street parking. No pets. Close to Balboa Park. 1758 6th. Agent, 619-298-7724.

DOWNTOWN. El Cortez 1 bedroom/bath. Pool, spa, gym, huge deck, 24-hour door-man/valet. Landmark luxury living near everything. Pets welcomed. \$1500 negotiable. 858-274-3487.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in the heart of Downtown San Diego in beautiful Palermo. \$1325. Joanne, 760-419-7989.

DOWNTOWN. \$1195. 1 bedroom loft. 1200'. Newly renovated building. Full kitchen/bath. Air conditioning. Underground parking available. 1055 6th Avenue. No pets. 619-261-4793.

DOWNTOWN. \$725, studio. \$1050, 1 bedroom. \$1175, 2-bedroom cottage. Hard-

wood floors. Private, quiet. Easy freeway access. 619-239-1558.

DOWNTOWN. \$2495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful downtown rowhome. Parking. Kitchen/granite counters. Fireplace. Built-ins. Pets accepted upon approval. Shannon, 619-223-1500; 619-347-7325.

DOWNTOWN. 1 and 2 bedrooms starting at \$1100. 15 to choose from. Laundry, off-street parking, close to all. Broker, 858-751-0193.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright, corner studio, \$795. Hardwood floor, nice kitchen, bearclaw tub-shower. Charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front, near Beech, 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1500. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, secure parking, washer/dryer, fireplace, balcony with courtyard view, gym, pool, spa, rec room. Near all. 619-200-5595.

DOWNTOWN/HILLCREST. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Spacious, new unit, prime Bankers Hill. 2-car secure parking. Crown molding, lots of marble/granite. Quiet street. 2 blocks to Balboa Park. \$2600. 619-683-2370.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Hardwood floors, granite, washer/dryer, walk-in closet. Includes parking, gas and water. Fitness center with jacuzzi and spa on site. Upper unit, available now for \$1350. Call 619-980-2793.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. From \$650-\$750. Beaumont mini lofts, located blocks from Petco Park. Unique urban lofts with approximately 250 square feet, 12 foot ceilings, brick, hardwood floors. Solid wood furniture available. Paid cable, electric, water. Most spaces include sleeping lofts. Includes refrigerator and microwave. DSL available. On-site laundry, barbecue deck. Impeccable renovation. 927 6th Avenue. No pets. Map available on sreader.com. Call Michael, 619-232-1517.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1750-\$1800. Work/live loft across from Petco Park! No pets. 619-291-4441; evenings/weekends. 619-920-4368.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Acqua Vista. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new condo, all appliances. Pool, spa, gym, parking. 425 W. Beech Street #208. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Marina District. 2 blocks to Petco Park. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with view, 2 master suites, 2 underground secured parking spaces, 2 balconies, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances. Available 2/15/05. \$2350. 619-203-9204; 619-228-4426.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$725-\$950. Sassy, sexy vintage studio, junior 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom. Historical building, high ceilings, decorator colors, hardwood floors. Cat considered. 619-231-8723.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. No rent until March 1, 2005! Undeniably stylish apartments and townhomes. 1 bedroom flats from \$1385; Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$2220! Near Gaslamp Quarter, Horton Plaza, more! Heated pool, spa, fitness center, parking. Washer/dryer, central heat/air. The Heritage, 1471 8th Avenue. 1-888-707-3529. www.sdreader.com/rent/2010.

NORTH PARK. \$1125. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Newly remodeled. New kitchen, cabinets, appliances. Hardwood floors. Laundry. Parking. Great location. No pets. Lease. Alabama. 619-220-6023.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$625-\$725. Studio/1 bedroom. Clean nonsmoking building. Hardwood and ceramic floors. Charming built-in storage. Laundry, 1 cat OK. On trolley line. 830 Park Boulevard (12th). 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/EL CORTEZ. \$1495. Amazing bay, cityscape and Coronado Bridge views from this light filled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Cedar walk-in closet. 619-210-5753.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Large, open, historic 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, high ceilings. Steps to Petco and Gaslamp. Sun porch and yard with gas grill. Free laundry. Parking available. Cats OK. \$1150. 619-232-4045.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. 1465 C Street, Union Square. \$1595. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath, bright and sunny unit with lots of windows. Upgraded kitchen, large deck with courtyard views. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Historic 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 5000-square-foot corner lot. Downtown and ballpark views, walk to Gaslamp or Petco Park.

Hardwood floors. 2 fireplaces, newer appliances, gardener, off-street gated parking available. \$1395/month. No smoking/pets. 619-804-3088.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. 750 11th Avenue. \$1100. Loft on 2 levels, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, bamboo hardwood and concrete flooring, all new appliances, washer/dryer, deck with views to Coronado and Ballpark, high vaulted ceiling, parking included, in a new secured building! Jaime 619-921-5838.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Lofts in the heart of the Gaslamp from \$975! 85 lofts, 17 different floor plans, 890-1300 square feet. Move-in specials! Select pets OK. Roof deck, barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Parking available. Pioneer Lofts leasing office: 315 4th Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdreader.com/rent/2064.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. 5th floor with view, brand new 1 bedroom. Pool, jacuzzi, gym, washer/dryer, 1 parking spot. 50% off first month, \$1450/month. 949-690-8467.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. \$121/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Safe and secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. City Square. Large, brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer, view, jacuzzi, pool, gym, secured system/parking. \$1600. 450 J Street. 619-395-6881.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1200-\$1500/month. Walking distance to PETCO Park. 1250-square-foot loft. Hardwood floors, new appliances including dishwasher, washer/dryer. Pets on approval. Available 1/15. 619-235-5606.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. 450 J Street. \$1550. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath in a newly completed building in the heart of the Gaslamp! Great city views, upgraded kitchen, pool, spa, workout. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. 450 J Street. \$1050. Large studio on the top floor. Bright and sunny. New building with all amenities. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Studios, 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms and 3 bedrooms. Washer/dryer, all upgrades, secured parking. Available now. \$1400-\$2500. 619-325-2820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Never lived in! 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, stainless, outdoor spa, underground parking. Coronado Bridge view. Next to Petco. \$1790. 619-307-0210.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Modern lofts, only for the truly urban at heart! New studios and 1 bedrooms. \$995-\$1495. High ceilings, huge windows. Little patios. Stained concrete or wood floors. Euro kitchens. Washer/dryer. Pets OK. Highly desirable location! Near trolley, restaurants, shops. Call Kandace 619-750-9642 or Trey 619-233-4118. www.sdlotfs.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath in La Vita. Granite countertops, parking, pool, spa, fitness, courtyard view, washer/dryer. \$1600. Call 619-885-8003.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath at Palermo. 1501 Front Street. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. Microwave. Granite countertops. Secured parking. Gym. Patio with access to pool/spa. \$1250. Available immediately. 619-216-1627.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Up to 3 weeks free! 1 bedrooms from \$1130. 2 bedrooms from \$1440. Low deposits! Views! Controlled access. Elevators. Clubhouse. Landscaped courtyards, barbecues. Subterranean parking. Storage available. Fitness center. Pet friendly! Full-size washer/dryer. Air conditioning. Internet. Porta d'Italia, 1970 Columbia Street. 1-866-465-2127. www.sdreader.com/rent/2095.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$895-\$1895. Luxury lofts. Month-to-month furnished or year lease on unfurnished lofts with bay views. Washer/dryer, parking,

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Acqua Vista. \$1650. Beautiful 10th floor brand new condo. Panoramic bay views, living room with pool view. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Floor to ceiling windows. Washer/dryer in unit. Stainless steel appliances. Granite countertops. Free valet parking. New fitness room. 8th floor heated pool, jacuzzi, barbecues. Walk to Gaslamp. Available immediately. January free! 858-922-8811.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. La Vita, brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 13th floor corner unit. 1200 square feet, 2-car parking. Granite counters, floor to ceiling windows, walk-in closets, views. Pool/spa. \$2100/month, 1 month free! 619-606-3085.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3 story, hardwood floors, garage with direct access. Gourmet kitchen, Subzero refrigerator, washer/dryer. \$2100. 619-885-8003.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 425 West Beech Street, Acqua Vista. \$1350 brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 7th floor. Large deck with views. Granite kitchen, secure parking. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 300 West Beech, La Vita. \$1550. 11th, 12th & 18th floors! Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath with bay/city views. Large deck, fireplace, floor to ceiling windows, all upgrades. Pool, spa, workout! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 300 West Beech Street, La Vita. \$1400. 4th & 5th floors. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in brand new building. All amenities. Perfect Little Italy location! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 1240 India Street, Treo. \$1795. 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 level, loft. Floor to ceiling windows, hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen, parking, pool, spa, workout. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1601 India Street, Porto Sienna. \$1450. 1 bedroom, 1 bath top floor. Huge deck with city views, upgraded kitchen, perfect location! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist. 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1595. 11th floor, 1 bedroom corner unit, stainless appliances. \$1750, 19th floor, 1 bedroom, fireplace, balcony. Both: new, panoramic bay/city views, dramatic windows, granite, washer/dryer, pool, spa, gym, parking. 760-815-1054.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. LaVita, \$1950. Water view all rooms, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking, indoor-outdoor living on spacious 50 foot patio deck, all amenities. 619-237-0954.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, \$1539. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, \$1209. On-site management. Laundry. Parking available. Income restrictions. Nonsmoking. No pets. Available now! Call for details, 619-236-9353.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in brand new luxury building, La Vita. Complex features pool, spa, fitness. \$1895/month. No lease required. 619-861-6690.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$875. Studio loft. New model paint, tile and carpet. Heart of Little Italy. Walk to everything. 1525 Kettner. 619-985-6384.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Move-in special! Corner Ash/Union, great views, 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$1250-\$1750. Stainless steel appliances, 17-foot ceilings. Pets OK. 619-501-6731, www.thebillboardlofts.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Brand-new Acqua Vista condo, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 balconies, pool/fitness, valet parking. Great location! \$1395. No smoking. By appointment, Del Phillips, 619-298-6666, www.delphillips.com.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA. City front. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Views! \$2500. Call now for move-in special. @ Home San Diego, 619-571-9977.

DOWNTOWN/Marina District/Gaslamp. New 2 bedroom Renaissance condo. Views. Jacuzzi tub/walk-in closet in master. Washer/dryer. Pool/gym. 2-parking. \$2800. 619-733-9300.

DOWNTOWN/UNION SQUARE. Brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Never lived in. Washer/dryer. \$2900 furnished; \$2400 unfurnished. Nonsmoking. Small pet with deposit. 619-683-7695.

EAST SAN DIEGO. 1 bedroom, \$700. Newly upgraded. On-site laundry. Parking. 4169 to 4179-1/2 Central Avenue. 619-284-0611.

EASTLAKE. 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2-story condo, high ceiling, very clean, new carpet, 1 parking space plus garage. Lake, pool, clubhouse access. Andre, 619-993-2671.

EASTLAKE/ROLLING HILLS. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath nice townhome. Air conditioning, spacious kitchen, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, pool. 619-656-1406.

EL CAJON. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1st month's rent moves you in! Upper unit, coin laundry, large deck area and parking. Cat OK. 463 North First Street. Call 858-571-1970. www.sunriseliving.com.

EL CAJON. \$875. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fresh paint, new carpeting. Recreation room. Barbecue area. Sparkling pool, relaxing spa. Laundry on site. Lush landscape. 501 Greenfield Drive. 619-441-9726.

EL CAJON. Near La Mesa. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Huge upper with balcony. Tons of storage! Central air and heat. Extremely quiet area. Secluded pool area. 862 South Mollison, #11, corner of Merritt and South Mollison, front building. Manager in rear in #16. By appointment. Broker, 619-548-4599.

EL CAJON. Move-in specials! Newly refurbished 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, some include backyard. Conveniently located near stores. I-8. Amenities include pool, 2 laundry facilities, dishwashers, assigned parking. 1 bedrooms start at \$730, 2 bedrooms start at \$850. 619-579-5640.

EL CAJON. Award winning community! Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment homes. Sparkling swimming pool. Clubhouse. Barbecues. Pet friendly. \$300 security deposit on approved credit. Great move in special! Evergreen Gardens, 291 Jamacha Road. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2113 or call 619-442-9935.

EL CAJON. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated community, downstairs unit. New paint, new carpet, 411 Emerald Avenue. See manager in #1 or call 619-440-4607.

EL CAJON. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs. Garage, upgraded, close to all. 1109 East Lexington Avenue. See manager in #1 or call 619-440-4607.

EL CAJON. \$725. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs, off-street assigned parking. 735 South Orange Avenue. See manager in #6 or call 619-440-4607.

EL CAJON. \$850/up. Large, deluxe 2 bedroom. Amenities. Pool, park-like grounds. Parking. 743 South Magnolia Avenue. Near town, shops, bus. 619-579-0174.

EL CAJON. \$800. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath near new downtown development area. Gated, controlled entry, pool. 294 Ballantyne. 619-440-3044.

EL CAJON. \$795. Deluxe 2 bedroom apartment, air conditioning, fans. Pool. New paint, carpet, appliances. Nice patio. Off-street parking. Laundry, quiet, gated. 619-579-6705; 619-925-7657.

EL CAJON. Quiet courtyard living, 1 bedroom at \$695. No pets. Call 619-838-8088. www.eastwindsapts.com.

EL CAJON. \$655. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in fabulous pool and courtyard complex. Must see to believe. No pets. Call 619-985-3900. www.fourwindsapts.info.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom at \$675. Air conditioning and ceiling fans, peaceful community, conveniently located to I-8 and I-67. No pets. Call 619-742-7600.

EL CAJON. \$695. 1 bedroom in fabulous pool/courtyard complex. Super clean apartments, a must see. No pets. 619-850-9722. www.palmtowers.com.

EL CAJON. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Relax and enjoy the sounds of the fountain, or barbecue by the pool. Especially nice complex. No pets. Call 619-990-5900. www.tradewindsapts.info.

EL CAJON. \$755. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1270, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Community complex. Gated pool. Parking. Air conditioning. No pets. Central location. 933 Peach Avenue. 619-447-9193.

EL CAJON. \$1095. 2 bedroom apartment. Move-in special: \$500 off 1st month's rent with a 12 month lease! Spacious, remodeled and luxurious! Beautiful pool area, parking, on-site laundry. Going quick! 410 East Lexington Street. Call 619-588-7532. www.sunriseliving.com.

EL CAJON. Newly remodeled! 2 units; one lot. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus patio room. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2-car garage. Large yard. \$1895. 619-997-0014.

EL CAJON. Furnished condo. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1500. Pool. 619-258-3531.

EL CAJON. \$790-\$810. Affordable housing. \$499 moves you in! 2 bedroom, 1

bath apartments. Close to all. Gated community. 2 pools. 2 laundry facilities. Available now. Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30am-6pm, Saturdays 9am-3pm. 619-442-8306.

EL CAJON. \$950. Luxury for less. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. In-unit washer/dryer, microwave, central air. In-door cat? Available on about 2/1. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

EL CAJON. \$1075. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome with large private patio and balcony, dishwasher, central heat and air, pool, jacuzzi. Call 619-447-7386. 619-726-7933.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. 1019 Peach. Upper unit with air conditioning. Pool, on-site laundry, parking, quiet area. Sandy. 619-588-4773.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$625. 6 month lease. On-site laundry, pool, parking. Great freeway access. 800 N. Mollison. 619-447-0531. 858-200-9408.

EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse with patio. Fireplace, dishwasher, and washer/dryer hookups. \$1250/month, \$800 deposit on approved credit. 278 S. Pierce Street. 858-200-9408.

EL CAJON. Make Stratford Arms your new home! Small gated community. Laundry facilities. Pool. \$975, 2 bedroom, 1 bath flat available. \$1040, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. New carpet/appliances. No pets. 1397 East Washington. 619-593-6602.

EL CAJON. \$925. Complete remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with washer/dryer, dishwasher, private garage and more. No dogs, cats ok. 960 East Chase Avenue, El Cajon. 619-244-9882.

EL CAJON. 1 and 2 bedrooms. \$735 and up. First months rent moves you in! Great amenities: pool, barbecue, fitness room, laundry. On approved credit. www.villasofwashington.com. 619-440-1774.

EL CAJON. \$850. 2 bedroom. Newly renovated. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Near park. 963 Estes. Section 8 OK. No pets. 619-464-7957; 619-328-5233.

EL CAJON. \$850. 1423 Peach Avenue. Section 8 OK! 2 bedroom, 1 bath (one apartment upstairs and one apartment downstairs). Large kitchen, living room and bedrooms. Laundry room, assigned parking. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

EL CAJON. \$900. 1423 Peach Avenue. Section 8 OK! Between Grape and 3rd. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs. Huge living room and bedroom. Laundry, new carpet, assigned parking. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

EL CAJON. \$795. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Air conditioning, fireplace, fresh paint, dishwasher. Upper unit. Parking, laundry on site. 855 E. Lexington. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

EL CAJON. \$850. Large deluxe 2 bedroom. All on inside. Upstairs or downstairs. Peaceful community. Beautiful new carpet, tile floor, all appliances, dishwasher, ceiling fans. Walk-in closets and more. Laundry, pool, convenient assigned parking. Excellent location. Easy freeway access. No pets. Must see. On-site manager open daily. 619-464-5595.

EL CAJON. \$1150. Move-in special! 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment on second level with huge deck. Ceramic tile in kitchen, dining room and bathroom. Small, quiet complex with lots of grass and trees. Extra parking. 260 Lloyd Street. By appointment. Call Broker, 619-548-4599.

EL CAJON. \$825. Very large 2 bedroom upper with new carpet and ceramic tile. Small complex with lots of pine trees. Extra parking. Ask for move-in special! 157 East Madison. #D. By appointment. Broker, 619-548-4599.

ENCINITAS. Best trailer park near Moonlight. Coaster, shops, restaurants. Cozy, cute trailers from \$650 and up. You'll love living here! Sorry, no pets/smoking. 760-753-4101.

ENCINITAS. 1 bedroom, \$900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with attached garage, \$1350. Quiet, private complex. Dishwasher, berber carpet, on-site laundry. Close to shopping/freeway/beach. Cats OK. 185 Saxony Road. 760-720-1400, 760-613-1104.

ENCINITAS. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Duplex. Garage, large fenced yard with patios/lawn. Washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher. Trash paid. Sorry, no pets. Lease. 760-753-6375.

ENCINITAS. \$1,395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Condo. New granite, new appliances and carpet. One assigned parking, coin-op onsite laundry, pool. Large closets, 2

small patios, no pets. Some utilities paid. Lease. 760-753-6575.

ENCINITAS. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to Moonlight Beach. Vaulted ceilings. Parking. Storage unit. Berber carpet. Includes washer/dryer. Yard. No pets/smoking. 760-634-2330.

ENCINITAS. 1 bedroom, \$1045. Small complex. Assigned parking. Laundry. Patio. Bright and airy. Garden setting. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. Close to shopping, freeway, Coaster. No pets/smoking. 760-929-1950.

ENCINITAS. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Recently remodeled. Private yard. Off street parking. 1/4 mile to beach. Pristine! 760-942-4470.

ENCINITAS. \$1075. Studio, open and airy with ocean views, island kitchen in park-like setting, walk to beach and park, pool and spa. Deposit \$1500. 760-436-0909.

ENCINITAS. Spacious living! Fabulous views! 1-1/2 mile to ocean! From \$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den condos. Dishwasher, Cable TV. Washer/dryer hookups. 2 pools, spas. Covered parking. No pets. Available immediately. Mission Ridge, 1320 Via Terrassa. Call toll free: 1-888-332-8574. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2018.

ENCINITAS. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1-car garage. Pet OK. 1052 Golden Road. Agent, 858-755-1139, www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1-car garage. Small pet OK. High Country Villas. Senior complex. 1892 Forestdale. Agent, 858-755-1139, www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. \$1550. Townhome, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2-car garage. Pet OK. Patio. 1994 Country Grove Lane. Agent, 858-755-1139, www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. \$1200. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, garage. Close to beach. Laundry on site. Small pet OK. 1150 Hermes Avenue. 760-720-1400 or 760-613-1104.

ESCONDIDO. Enjoy a quick drive home once off the freeway! Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes with great roommate floor plan. Pool, spa. Covered parking and laundry facilities. Nice clean community. Start at \$760 monthly. Phone: 760-489-8989.

ESCONDIDO. Gated, garden-style living! Junior 1 bedrooms, \$770. 1 bedrooms, \$870-\$900. 2 bedrooms, \$995-\$1025. Washer/dryer included. Central air and heat. Dishwasher. Microwave. Walk-in closet. Large private patio/balcony. Pool. Covered parking. Near bus and shopping! Teton Pines Apartments, 2100 East Grand Avenue. 760-747-5566. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2090.

ESCONDIDO. \$900-\$1195. 1/2 off 1st month's rent with approved credit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Appliances. Laundry. Pool. 760-738-2303.

FALLBROOK. \$930. Spacious 2 bedroom single story apartments with woodburning fireplace. Back patio. Covered parking. Sorry, no pets. Manager, 760-728-0538.

FASHION VALLEY/WEST. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhome. Friars Village. Pool, spa, 1-car garage plus carport. Covered balcony. Moran Realty, Inc., 619-231-1818.

FASHION VALLEY WEST. \$1800. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with new furniture/appliances. Washer/dryer, tennis, pool, jacuzzi, sauna, underground parking. 24-hour security. 858-342-4361.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. Condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage. Washer/dryer, fireplace, large patio. Available 2/1/05. \$1650. To see call 858-569-1477.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Appliances. Fireplace. Coin laundry. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 1/20. 5720 Lauretta. 858-753-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker. www.delsolpm.com.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$1025. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large living room/bedrooms. Laundry on sight! Small pets welcome. 1230/1234 Azusa. 619-997-8614.

FASHION VALLEY/MISSION VALLEY. \$2150. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage. Fashion Hills Townhome. Granite kitchen, marble floors, yard. 619-220-8317.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$850 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom apartment. No pets. At 1340 Eureka Street #23. Agent, 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY. \$900 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Tandem underground parking spot. No pets.

At 5550 Mildred #2. Agent, 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1150 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No pets. At 1330 Eureka Street #1. Agent, 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, lower, gated, view, washer/dryer in unit, parking for 2. Cat OK, no smoking. 5919 Mildred Street #A. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Franciscan. 1 level, stove, refrigerator. Central laundry, pool, spa, clubhouse. Security building. 6780 Friars #263. MTM, 619-464-6444.

FASHION VALLEY. Fully furnished/equipped large 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Den, hardwood floors, private elevator, washer/dryer, garage. Nonsmoking. Small pet/deposit. \$3000. 619-683-7695.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1795. Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath condo in Friars Village. Dishwasher, Washer/dryer, Pool, Spa, Tennis courts. Garage and carport. www.utiopiamanagement.com. 858-598-1111 x193.

FLETCHER HILLS. \$825. Studio in private home. Private entry and bath. Utilities paid. Pool. Access to washer/dryer. Parking. View. No smoking. 619-297-1483 x110 or 619-85-1-7986. www.rasnydr.com.

GASLAMP. \$1575/lease. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Granite. Stainless steel. Microwave. Washer/dryer. Secured parking. Rooftop pool. Gym. 619-708-7792; 760-207-9498.

GOLDEN HILL/BALBOA PARK. Gorgeous bright 1 bedroom condo, golf course view with balcony. Cathedral ceiling, fireplace, and complete security. Covered and secure parking. Refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Huge attic storage. Small pet ok. Lease required. \$1275. Harvey, 619-233-1301.

GOLDEN HILL. Beautiful condo right on Balboa Park. Newly renovated. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. http://home.san.rr.com/rental92102/. 858-733-1430.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Unique metropolitan setting offering comfort and convenience. 2 bedroom townhomes with washer/dryer, \$1505. Call for availability. Private balcony! View. Central air and heat. Controlled access. Reserved covered parking. Dishwasher. Microwave. Feline friendly. Freeway access. Golden Pacific, 1015 19th Street. www.pacificliving.com, toll free: 1-866-807-3215. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2028.

GOLDEN HILL. All new 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Granite countertops, dishwasher, washer/dryer, hardwoods, parking space. No pets. \$1400/month, 1/2 first month! 2782 Treat. 619-247-0036.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750/\$775. (2 units). Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great neighborhood, laundry on site. Available now. No dogs. 2427 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$875. Very large 1 bedroom, recently remodeled apartment. New appliances, pool, on-site laundry, quiet neighborhood. Available immediately. Pet OK. 619-962-1887.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, tiled living room, kitchen, hallway/bath. Freshly painted. Pool. On site laundry. 619-962-1887.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1200/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Parklike view from sunny balcony, air conditioned, covered parking, on-site laundry, workout room. Minutes to Downtown. Easy access to freeways, buses. No pets! 3078 Broadway. Available now! R.A. Properties, 858-483-3989.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695. Studio, quiet, gated, near Downtown, close to bus, no pets. 2528 C Street #5, #6, #8. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great apartment in fun-loving Golden Hill. Stove, refrigerator. No pets. 838 Toyne Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

GOLDEN HILL. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry room. Small pet OK. 2498 Island. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

GOLDEN HILL. Must see! 3 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs. Eat-in kitchen with balcony. View of Downtown skyline from back room and balcony! 1100 square feet. 11 foot ceilings. Completely remodeled. On-

street parking, laundry on-site. Approved pets OK. \$1600/month. 619-840-2105.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675 includes utilities. Studio. Hardwood floors, ceiling fan, microwave. Nonsmoking. No pets. 943 20th Street. Available now. Row, 619-865-1556.

GOLDEN HILL. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment in fourplex. Pet friendly, hardwood floors, on-site laundry. \$1100. 619-282-5954.

GOLDEN HILL. \$900/month, \$500 deposit. 2 large bedrooms, 1 bath. Large living room. New appliances and carpet. Laundry room, off-street parking. 619-234-2844.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Awesome Downtown view. All tile and hardwood floors. Balcony, small backyard, gated parking, laundry. Pets ok. 619-347-0787.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700, studios and 1 bedroom in gated community. Underground parking, laundry, dishwasher, no pets. 3013 C Street. 619-595-7823.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1125. Victorian! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, recently renovated, wood floors, dishwasher, high ceilings, pet friendly, laundry, security entrance, street parking, shared backyard. 619-804-0115.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650. Cute studio in gated country courtyard. All new paint, carpet, laundry. No pets. No smoking. 2760 Broadway. 619-251-4355. Agent, 619-685-3960.

GOLDEN HILL. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Totally remodeled. New carpet, paint, fixtures and appliances. Ceiling fan. Laundry. No pets. 1644 Grove Street. 619-466-3969.

GOLDEN HILL. \$975, all utilities paid! All new interior! 1 bedroom apartment. 1-car garage, very nice property. 1218 31st Street. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Stunning studio with unobstructed city view in historic building on the hill. Brand new kitchen with maple cabinets, tiled floor and countertop. Newly tiled bathroom with clawfoot tub. Refinished hardwood floors, large closet. Corner unit with big windows, tiled ceilings. Free hi-speed wireless Internet. Quiet, secure building on the edge of downtown. \$200 off first month! 619-239-2278. www.goldenhillrentals.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, hardwood floors, tile. Washer/dryer. Patio, parking. Recreation room. www.innorenterprises.com. 619-233-5663.

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom apartment. Newly remodeled old Victorian with view. Must see! Available now. \$1075. No pets. 408 21st Street. 619-223-3495.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes starting at \$1450. Contemporary setting, wood flooring/carpet, Italian tile/countertops, 1-car garage, private patio, new landscaping, security entry, laundry on site. 619-247-7327.

GOLDEN HILL. "Pacifica." \$890, 1 bedroom and \$1200, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1100 square feet. Secure building. Minutes to Downtown. Ask about manager's special! 2874 B Street. 858-274-6856, www.booneproperties.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1195. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Completely remodeled kitchen, tiled counters, dishwasher. Designer Berber carpet. Wood blinds. Mirrored closet. Garage available. 811 26th Street, #16. (upstairs). 619-559-5423.

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. \$850 plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in historical building. Newer kitchen with refrigerator. Large bedroom. Near Downtown/Gaslamp. Terry. 619-778-2830.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Studio. Laundry. Cat OK. 2042 F Street #3. Great location. Near 20th and Broadway. 858-866-5636.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Totally remodeled, large 1 bedroom. Upstairs, tropical, private. Rear second floor open. Walk to downtown and trolley. Large open living room/dining room. Bar/countertop. 1752-1/2 National Avenue, #2. 619-236-1186.

GOLDEN HILL. 1/2 off first month! \$675-\$700. Furnished studios. Open house: Sunday 9am-3pm. Lovely apartments with city view. Beautiful older building, controlled access entry. Cat OK. Wilshire Apartments. 2004 C Street. 619-232-0903. www.rasnyder.com.

GOLDEN HILL. Studio. \$725. Totally remodeled inside and out. New paint, appliances, windows, etc. Off-street parking, on-site laundry. Convenient to Downtown and freeways. 858-342-8077.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs. Classic Victorian. Historic. 12-foot ceilings! Hardwood floors. Built-in hutch. Huge kitchen with washer/dryer included. Views. Balcony. Tiled kitchen and bath. A must see! No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. Immaculate remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, fresh paint, secure in lovely garden fourplex. Includes 1 car garage, on-site laundry. \$1100. Agent. 619-233-3910.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750, includes utilities. Large Victorian 1 bedroom. Remodeled and painted, new carpet and flooring. 9 foot ceilings. Very charming. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-602-7699.

HILLCREST. Artistic 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, secured parking, amazing views, close walk to shops and park. Must see! \$1650. 619-298-6222.

HILLCREST. \$860. 1920s 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors. Large closets. Clean and quiet. Indoor cat ok. Assigned off-street parking. Third and Washington. 619-226-1021.

HILLCREST. Spacious 2 bedrooms starting at \$1225. Berber carpet, fireplace spa, gym, intercom, elevator. Sorry, no pets. 4134 4th Avenue. See photos at www.WexfordLiving.com. 619-299-0047.

HILLCREST. Great move-in specials! Studio, \$825. 1 bedroom, \$985/10. Elegant apartments! Elevator, clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Laundry. Microwave. Floor-to-ceiling windows. Covered parking. Locked bicycle storage. No pets. Park East Apartments. 111 West Pennsylvania. ParkEastApts@aatt.net. www.sdreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

HILLCREST. \$825. Studio apartment. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Laundry. Gated. Walk-in closet. Newer carpet. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs unit in small complex. Includes water and trash. On-site laundry. 1231 Pennsylvania Avenue. Available February. Call Jennifer at 858-490-2727 x140.

HILLCREST. Loft in new building! Top floor. Huge deck! View. Concrete floors. Large windows. Stainless appliances. \$1650. University Lofts. 1431 University. Call now! 858-945-5710.

HILLCREST. \$625. Includes utilities. Small canyon studio, feels like treehouse. Extremely quiet. Large closet, full kitchen, safe neighborhood. No smoking/pets. Available 2/1. 619-297-7377.

HILLCREST. Seniors only, \$800/up. Extremely large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Air con-

ditioning, dishwasher. Controlled entry, sheltered patio. Near all. Quiet location. Parking. All amenities. 4574 Campus. 619-296-0364, 619-461-9415.

HILLCREST. \$975. 1 bedroom apartment. Quiet, charming building. Private patio. No dogs. Laundry. Gated. Walk-in closet. Newer carpet/paint. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. Ask about Manager's Special! From \$795. Studios, 1 bedrooms in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated! Controlled access. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated management. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Near bus, shopping, freeways. Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. Studio, \$775. 2 bedroom, 1 bath #D, \$1025. Pool, view, laundry, in the heart of Hillcrest, near all. Sleepy Hollow Apartments, 4201 6th Avenue. CCPM, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, cozy apartment in quiet gated community, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 1224 Pennsylvania Avenue #1. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new remodel, large living room, all new appliances, dishwasher, refrigerator, microwave, washer/dryer, parking, 3427 Wilshire Terrace. 858-945-2394.

HILLCREST. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Private yard, laundry, quiet, end of cul-de-sac. Available 2/1/05. 660 Bush Street. 619-992-9927.

HILLCREST. \$975. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry, off-street parking, indoor elevator. Controlled access. Great shopping and dining 1 block away. 4043 First Avenue. 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. \$795. 1 bedroom. Upper unit. Light. Bright. New kitchen/bath. Laundry. Cat OK. Very nice. Drive by 3703-B 6th Avenue, then call 858-945-5710.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom. \$950, 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.

HILLCREST. \$799. Ask about special! Bright, upstairs corner unit, junior 1 bedroom. Newly remodeled. Hardwood floors, tile, new appliances, laundry. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4170 Park Boulevard #12. 619-299-4034.

HILLCREST. \$950. large 1 bedroom with garage and off-street parking. Dishwasher, microwave, ice-maker, air, ceiling fans, private patio with storage closet. No pets/smoking. 4021 Richmond Street. 619-944-2816.

HILLCREST. \$1600. Condo, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, 1-car garage. Quiet location. Available March 1. Call 858-488-2424.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 1 bedroom. Super large, downstairs unit in fourplex. Very old, rehabbed charming building. Appliances. Wood floors. Formal dining room with built-in buffet. Garage. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 2/10. 1632 Upas. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. Large Victorian studio. \$795. 6 month lease. High ceilings, full kitchen, tub shower, new paint, laundry, walk to Balboa Park, shops. 619-297-0213.

HILLCREST. \$950. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath inside Victorian, close to all. Privacy, balcony, hardwood floors, unique street. No pets. 3730 8th Street. Available. 619-889-6771.

HILLCREST. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Older, charming, Spanish-style duplex. Downstairs. Stove, refrigerator. Nice shared lawn area. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 1/20. 3755 Fourth. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$1175 and up. Premium 2 bedroom, 2 bath, balcony. Tandem underground parking. Perfect location, close in. Move in this weekend! 3989 Richmond Street. For appointment, 619-299-8952.

HILLCREST. \$1050. Comfy 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment. Gated courtyard, laundry, off-street parking. No pets/smoking. 4011 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. Like charm, convenience? San Francisco-style apartments: 1 bedrooms, \$900; studios from \$700. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, views, controlled access, laundry/community room. Near all. The historic Casa Grande at 1751 University Avenue. Cat accepted.

Call 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom, \$750-\$895. Charming duplexes with large shared yard. Parking with restrictions. Larger unit includes utilities. Sorry, no pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

HILLCREST. \$650. Studio in quiet courtyard setting. Upper unit. Laundry facilities. Sorry, no pets. 3933 Florida. Call 619-299-5718.

HILLCREST. \$995 rent, \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 3831 First Avenue #5. 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. Studio. Great location, intercom system, great patios, \$700. 3560 6th Avenue. 619-233-4182.

HILLCREST. 3650 Florida Street. Spacious studios, 1 and 2 bedroom townhomes, \$750, \$925, \$1195 and \$1250. All new carpet, paint, appliances, countertops, cabinets and more. 1/2 off the first month's rent! Open house Saturday, from 1-3pm. Call 619-280-0888. www.msbrowar.com.

HILLCREST. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security building, pool, laundry, underground parking. 3450 Second Avenue. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry. Large unit. Close to all. 3701 Seventh Avenue #4. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

HILLCREST. \$665. Sharp view studio. Secure parking, full kitchen with dishwasher, on-site laundry facility and spa. Agent, 619-248-4991.

HILLCREST. \$975. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath in beautiful community! Courtyard, laundry, barbecue, fully gated and more! Must see! 3953 Centre Street. 619-299-4666. www.msbrowar.com.

HILLCREST. 62+ senior living at its best! Nice 1 bedroom apartment in the Park View Robinson building. New paint, carpet, vinyl. Walk-in closet, air conditioning, activity room and laundry onsite. Gated with intercom. \$825/month, \$400 security deposit. 1/2 off first month's rent with lease. Section 8 and indoor cat OK. 1220 Robinson Avenue. Manager, 619-291-7284.

HILLCREST. Deluxe studio in Park Towers Apartments. \$950/month. Completely remodeled. Brand new kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile countertops, flooring and bath. Crown moldings, designer colors. Pool, off-street parking. Laundry room. Gated access. 3562 Sixth Avenue. Flo, 619-542-0377.

HILLCREST. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming Cape Cod style, upstairs unit. Appliances, utilities included. Cat OK. Year lease. Move-in special. 127 Brookes Street. 619-698-6913.

HILLCREST. \$820. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. Near all! Available 12/3. 3632-E Park Boulevard. Available now! 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$100+ move-in special! 1 bedroom in small complex with on-site laundry. \$900. No pets. 3626 First. 858-483-5111 x42. Much more at www.melroyproperties.com.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in the heart of Hillcrest. Just 1/2 block to Balboa Park. Laundry on site. Available now. 3533 Sixth Avenue #8. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in a beautifully landscaped gated property. Beautiful hardwood floors, breakfast nook with built-in table and seats. Laundry on site. A must see! Available now. 3718 #3730-1/2 Park Boulevard. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. \$1550. Uptown! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upgraded! 988 square feet. Secure building/park, large patio, many windows! Pool/spa and full gym! 1260 Cleveland F-103. 858-675-0200, www.twhmc.com.

HILLCREST. Upgraded 1 bedroom with light wood floors. Granite counters in kitchen, stainless appliances, parking garage, pool. 3980 8th Avenue. \$1195. 858-675-0200, www.twhmc.com.

HILLCREST. North Park boundary. \$720. Comfortable 1 bedroom apartment in neat Victorian building surrounded by trees and large green yard. Newly painted. Always maintained in good condition. Easy move-in. No pets. 619-296-7255.

HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, immaculate apartment in quiet complex. New carpet, floor tile. Coin laundry. Barbecue patio. No pets. 4225 Georgia. Near Henry's Marketplace. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-299-1004.

HILLCREST. \$950. 1 bedroom, upstairs. Quiet complex. Pool, tennis, jacuzzi, sauna. One parking space. Near hospital. Dave, 619-392-2903.

HILLCREST. \$825/\$1195. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. New carpet, paint. Pool, parking, laundry, gated entrance. No pets. 1810 Cypress. Agent, 619-295-6005.

HILLCREST. \$1250. 3807 Park Boulevard (behind Numbers). Lovely cottage. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, small dining room, gas stove, brand new carpet, all fenced. Available now. Laundry. No pets. Parking. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$800. 3820 Georgia (between Robinson/University). 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, new carpet, assigned parking, laundry. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$795, studio. \$895, 1 bedroom. 1/2 off first month! Great location. Quiet area. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4166 4th Avenue. 619-298-7868. www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST. \$695, studio. \$795, junior 1 bedroom. Great area. Quiet complex. Walk to shopping. 3685 7th Avenue. 619-692-1004, www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST. \$900. 1 bedroom apartment, 1-car garage. Close to park. No pets. 619-508-1513.

HILLCREST. Studio. \$650, \$600 deposit, electricity included. Kitchenette, refrigerator, underground parking, gated. Nice area. 4155 Georgia Street #102A. 619-297-7662.

HILLCREST. Discounted rents, must qualify with Housing Commission. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1039/month. Dishwasher, Jacuzzi, air conditioning, gym. Underground parking. Gated. Pets OK with approval. 619-295-2500.

HILLCREST. Gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1190-\$1350. Available now. Air conditioning, dishwasher, Jacuzzi, gym. Underground parking. Pets OK with approval. 619-295-2500.

HILLCREST. \$700-\$800. 10 remodeled 1 bedroom units to choose from! Features hardwood, laundry, off-street parking, walk to all! Pet OK with deposit. Broker, 858-751-0193.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedroom, \$1295/up. Great move-in specials! Great location. Elevator. Pool. Laundry. Lovely courtyard. Gym. Sauna. Barbecue. Off-street parking. No pets. Hillcrest Towers. 1030 Robinson Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2066. 619-295-9673.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 1 bedrooms, \$800/up. Secluded location beside lush canyon on "No Through Street." Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered off-street gated parking, poolside barbecue, recreation room/television/laundry room. No pets. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2015. 619-298-6768. ParkViewApts@att.net.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1250. Very large newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upper floor patio. Unit laundry. Single garage plus tandem space. No dogs. Available soon. 4545 Georgia Street, near Park/Adams. 619-255-7860.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, gas and electric included, hardwood floors, laundry, nonsmoking. 4554 North Avenue #1. 619-741-9554.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1045. Sunny upper half of Victorian house. New carpet. Cat OK. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. Sunny, upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. \$795. Cat ok. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Bright, spacious secure second floor unit with 2 balconies, master bedroom with walk-in closet, laundry, underground parking. Close to everything. 3795 Georgia Street, #205. Call 619-282-4102.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN DISTRICT. Sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath, third floor. Stainless steel appliances, washer/dryer, plantation shutters. Security, pool, gym, jacuzzi. \$1750/month. Lease. 619-708-7987.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1250. Charming, private 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper duplex, fresh paint, carpet, garden, laundry facilities, balcony, roof views. Parking. 4118 Hamilton. 619-260-1377.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. Must see! Spacious 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Tiled entry/kitchen, dishwasher, microwave. Screened balcony. Elevator, laundry, sauna, recreation room, pool table. Gated parking. Pet OK. \$1450. Available 1/23. Message, 619-293-3378.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Cute tiled kitchen and bath, walk-in closet! Laundry, parking on site. Very quiet. Small deposits! Move-in special! 3620 Georgia. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1250. Very large (1000 square feet) 2 bedroom,

2 bath with balcony. Quiet area. Walk to shops and restaurants. Locked building with intercom. Laundry room on site. Parking. 3836 Front Street, between University and Robinson. By appointment. Broker, 619-548-4599.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1350. Very large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with remodeled kitchen and dining alcove in quiet, beautiful Art Deco building. Includes reserved off-street parking. Private garage available. 619-298-2802.

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. Apartment homes available for immediate move-in! From \$1195. Low deposits! 2, 3 bedroom townhomes. Low deposits! Patios. Storage. 2 pools. Covered carports, storage. Fitness center. Close to beach! Pets welcome! Near award-winning schools. Sports park nearby. Imperial Beach Gardens, 319 Imperial Beach Boulevard. 866-509-6750. www.sdreader.com/rent/2105.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 1 bedroom, \$740/month, 1/2 off first month's rent. Lots of off-street parking, quiet complex. On-site laundry. 1472 Iris. 858-490-2727 x140.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled. Hardwood floors, 1-car garage, upper unit, a block to beach, cat OK. 230 Elm Avenue. Call 858-571-1970.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$760. \$200 off first month! Large 1 bedroom. Laundry, Court-yard. Carpet. Gated. Storage. \$600 deposit. Available now. 750 11th Street. 619-423-4610.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$865. 1 bedroom, all new, appliances, carpet, paint, tile floors in bathroom and kitchen, tile countertops, new tub, shower, extra large closet, storage, 1/4 block to beach. 137 Evergreen, off Seacoast. 619-575-3199.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 3 and 4 bedroom houses. Newer with all amenities and appliances. Some with ocean views, 2-car garages. \$1795 to \$1995. 619-423-3023.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Oceanfront, 2 upper level condos, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1100. \$1495 for panoramic view. Newly remodeled, new facade, new kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. 676 Seacoast Drive. Call Anna Marie, Prudential CA Realty, 619-840-MOVE (6683).

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Deluxe 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Very nice property with courtyard. Pool. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management. 619-575-0778.

KEARNY MESA. \$2000. Brand-new luxury 3-level townhouse, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, in-unit washer/dryer, 2-car tandem garage. Easy access 163/15/805. Available now. No pets. 858-337-2196.

KENSINGTON. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Very large, clean, quiet, laundry on site. No pets. \$500 deposit. 4598 39th Street. 619-283-3280.

KENSINGTON. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Gated, new kitchen, carpet, pool, parking, laundry onsite. Small pet OK. Quiet area. Available. 5116-1/2 Marlborough Drive. Call 619-922-0200.

KENSINGTON. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment plus extra office/dining area. All amenities. Security building, laundry, off-street parking. No pets. Please call 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON. \$800. Quiet charming small 1 bedroom apartment, renovated, hardwood floors, laundry. Cats OK. Available now. 4574 Kensington Drive. Call for appointment to view. 619-795-0073.

KENSINGTON. \$1115. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great neighborhood. Quiet complex near Adams Avenue. 5111 Marlborough. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

KENSINGTON. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. Very nice! Available now. 4118 Adams Avenue #3 and #4. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

LA COSTA HILLS! 2 bedroom, 2 bath in gated community with fireplace and garage! Washer/dryer/refrigerator included. Recreational amenities include pool/spa/gym/tennis! 858-675-0200, www.twhmc.com.

LA COSTA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Clean, comfortable, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, patio, air conditioning, in-unit washer/dryer. On golf course. Pool, jacuzzi. 760-415-3300.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1275-\$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Prestigious La Costa community with views of golf course. Amenities include washer/dryer. Fireplace and central air conditioning with each apartment. 2385 Caringa Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful view complex

above golf course. Washer/dryer in unit, central air, fireplace. Pool/spa. No pets. 2385 Caringa Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. 1 month free! \$1150, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1300, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet community, upstairs unit, vaulted ceilings. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Available now. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA JOLLA COLONY. \$1595. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry, hardwood floors, new appliances, pool, parking. Available 2/1. Contact Margie, 858-688-1433.

LA JOLLA Village Tennis Club. Must see! Tri-level condo. Near UTC. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New carpet. Hardwood. Fireplace. Laundry. 2-car garage. \$1995. 602-549-2279.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Great location! 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Stove/refrigerator. Washer/dryer. Patio. Parking. \$1875. 7347 Fay Avenue. Available 2/1/05. 619-339-8516.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Charming 1 bedroom studios from \$925. Nice community, pool, laundry, elevator. Walk to La Jolla Cove, dining and shops, nightlife. No pets. 7621 Eads Avenue; 858-459-8254. www.casinaldaapartments.com.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE Square. \$1795. Near UCSD, west of I-5. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, loft, 2-car attached garage. Dishwasher, washer/dryer. Pool/spa. Pets OK. 858-205-0493.

LA JOLLA. \$350 off! 2 bedroom. Walk to UCSD, shops, Balcony. Garden window. No pets. Available now. \$1400. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive #11. 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Amazing location 1 block to ocean in heart of Village on Prospect! Kitchen with appliances. Walk-in closet, laundry, \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious, 1250 square feet, first-floor unit conveniently located in the village. All appliances furnished including washer/dryer. Secure building with underground parking. Pets

Garage parking with lease starting at \$1700. Call 858-454-8857.

LA JOLLA. \$1795. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner condo with a single car garage in the gorgeous Renaissance. Condo comes with fireplace, full-size washer/dryer in unit, dishwasher, air conditioning, large patio, community pool and spa, and much more! A must see! 7245 Calabria Court #49. 858-270-5500. www.msbrrowar.com.

LA JOLLA. In Village. \$1745. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. Gated entry. Open Saturday 1/22, 10-11am. 7601 Eads. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

LA JOLLA. Beautiful Coast Boulevard neighborhood, ocean views, walk to beach, quiet street. \$1995, 2 bedroom, 2 bath with carport; \$1095, studio, corner unit. No smoking/pets. 441 Ravina Street. Photos: http://home.san.rr.com/emiller. 619-602-4116.

LA JOLLA. \$1800. Close to Windansea Beach. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 311 Nautilus. 619-508-1513.

LA JOLLA. \$1200. Deposit \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, newly remodeled, hardwood flooring, new appliances. 6176 Agee Street #95. 858-735-5773.

LA JOLLA. \$1400. Deposit \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, newly remodeled, hardwood flooring, new appliances. 6184 Agee Street. 858-735-5773.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse. Washer/dryer in unit. Fireplace, balcony, vaulted ceilings. Pool, spa, tennis courts, covered gated parking. Close to shopping and freeways. 858-452-4307.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Step up to high-rise living! Move-in specials, March 2005! Lease. 1, 2, 3 bedrooms. \$700 deposit. Cat-friendly. Panoramic ocean, mountain views! Travertine marble floors. Granite countertops. Valet parking. Spa. Pool. Tennis. Fitness club. Towers at Costa Verde, 8775 Costa Verde Blvd. 1-888-300-8450. cveleasing@gardencommunities.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/2119.

LA JOLLA/MT. SOLEDAD. \$2400. Townhome, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, pool/spa, fireplace, quiet planned community, single level. 858-459-2059 or page 858-494-2083.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Attached 2-car garage, washer/dryer, new kitchen appliances, granite countertops, fireplace. Close to all. 858-699-7940.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Up to \$500 off first month! Studio, 1, 2, 3 bedroom Italian style apartments from \$1220! Newly renovated. Granite counters. Berber carpet, crown molding, new appliances, washer/dryer. Walk-in closet. Fitness center. Movie theater. Near shopping, 1-5/805. Lush landscaping, 4 pools, spas. Parking. 1-888-218-0377. www.sdreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1590. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, freshly painted. No pets. Pool, double garage, fireplace. Walking distance to grocery. Available 2/3. 858-457-3865.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Open house Sunday, 12-3pm. Construction special, 1 month free rent! Brand new Mediterranean community. Studios, 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from

\$1150. Patios/balconies. Full-size washer/dryer. Cable/Internet. Fitness center. Racquetball. Aerobics. Pools. Hot tubs. Parking. La Jolla Crossroads, 9085 Judicial Drive. Call 1-866-829-8271. www.sdreader.com/rent/2112.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1900. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. All appliances. Remodeled kitchen and bathroom. Veranda and patio, fireplace, pool. Close to all. 858-457-1951.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1550. Woodlands. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Balcony, pool, fireplace, wood floors, new paint, patio, garage. Close to all. 858-245-0870.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. Townhouse, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, plus 2 additional parking. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace, patio, pool. Close to all. No pets. \$2200. 858-453-5498.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, storage. Beautifully upgraded, quiet park-like setting. Pet OK. Near UCSD, shopping, bus. \$1600. 858-626-8148.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Furnished/unfurnished condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, patios, fireplace, laundry, cable-Internet, security, attached 2-car garage, more. 7642 Palmilla. \$2500/\$2000 month-to-month. 858-552-0368, 760-782-0409.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1695. Top floor view! 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Twin master. Garage. Granite counters. Washer/dryer, refrigerator. Pool, spa, sauna, tennis, gym. Agent, 858-560-8656.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-story townhouse. Canyon view. Pool, spa. Beautiful patio. Walking distance to UCSD. 858-625-0053 or 858-735-4958.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. Canyon view. Fireplace, deck. Walk to UCSD. Washer/dryer, appliances. 2-car garage. Fenced backyard. Nonsmoking. \$2700/month. 650-814-1490.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, patio, washer/dryer, white and bright. Close to UCSD, freeways, shopping, entertainment. 858-449-1915.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. ocean view, upper unit, parking, laundry. No pets. Available 2/1. 858-456-1810.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1000 square feet. Large patio. Pool/spa/workout room. 858-675-0200. www.twhmc.com.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1000 square feet. 2 blocks to beach, storage, laundry facilities. Cable/Internet included. \$1695. Call Mark, 858-336-9254.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 3 blocks beach, quiet complex, pool, spa, exercise facility, near laundry, parking. Furnished (\$1400); unfurnished (\$1350). 619-804-9756.

LA MESA. On Lake Murray, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. View. Pools. Fishing. Boating. Deck. Laundry. Parking. No smoking. \$1295. Open Sunday, 11am-2pm. 619-461-0315.

LA MESA. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse. Close to all. Near SDSU. Available 2/1/05. Pool, off-street parking,

new living room carpet. Laundry room. 619-861-5330.

LA MESA. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No balcony. Central heating/air conditioning. Appliances. Laundry facilities. Pool. 7740 Parkway Drive. Nice view. Quiet. 619-469-3072.

LA MESA. \$1375. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo washer/dryer hookups, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet, balcony. Many amenities. 7780 Parkway Drive. 619-440-4607.

LA MESA. \$825. \$600 deposit. 1 bedroom apartments, air conditioning, swimming pool, great parking, fabulous location near Trolley Square/Grossmont Center. Nancy, 619-469-3735. www.floft.com.

LA MESA. \$740/month. 1 bedrooms, first and second floor. Move-in special: 1/2 off first month! New carpet, air conditioning, stove, refrigerator, walk-in closet. Laundry onsite, assigned parking, pool. Cats welcome! Close to bus line, walk to Lemon Grove Shopping Center. Leave message, 619-466-9899.

LA MESA. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs. 1000 square feet plus. Carport. Air conditioning. End unit. 8761 Lake Murray Boulevard. Agent, 619-260-1368.

LA MESA. \$715. 1 bedroom. Small, well maintained community close to I-8. No pets. Call 619-463-3882. www.villaparks.info.

LA MESA. \$925 plus move-in special! Spacious 1 bedroom. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley. Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Model open! Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955. www.sdreader.com/rent/2054.

LA MESA. \$925 plus move-in special! Spacious 1 bedroom. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley. Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Model open! Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955. www.sdreader.com/rent/2054.

LA MESA. \$775. Quiet 1 bedroom, upper unit. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Walk to village, shopping, trolley. Available now. 8288 Orchard Avenue. 619-466-6062.

LA MESA. \$975. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet gated complex, air conditioning, on-site laundry. Upper unit. No pets. 4641 Date Avenue. Donna, 619-469-3809.

LA MESA. \$675. Studio apartment, close to the village, parking, laundry, jacuzzi. 7883 La Mesa Boulevard #4. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

LA MESA. \$100+ move-in special. Beautiful complex! 1 bedroom, \$675-\$750. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury apartment for \$950. \$500 deposit. Upgraded units with pool, dishwasher, air conditioning, laundry on site. Gated. Assigned parking. Carports available. 7481 Mohawk Street. Call 619-466-6149.

LA MESA. \$995. \$700 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Laundry. Move-in special! 7656 Normal. 858-483-3534. www.calprop.com.

LA MESA. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit, balcony with view, laundry hookups, yard, pet negotiable. 6042 Horton, 91942. 619-698-6911.

LA MESA. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Carpet, blinds. Dishwasher. Private patio. Washer/dryer hook-ups. 1 assigned parking space. 7410 Lime Street. 619-298-7724.

LA MESA. \$750, studio. \$350 deposit. Carport space, storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$775. Nice 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Quiet cul-de-sac street. Parking. 5045 Woodyard. Drive by and call. Agent, 619-246-7715.

LA MESA. \$1015. Deposit \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit with stove, refrigerator, new carpeting, off-street parking. 6004 Lake Murray #C. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$850 and \$925. Spacious, near all, air conditioning, pool, laundry. 4201 Spring Street. 619-464-4255.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom at \$895. 2 bedroom at \$1195. A meticulously cared for community with lots of extras. No pets. Call 619-884-7900. www.villageapts.com.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs with large storage unit. Quiet residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. 6289 De Camp Drive. 858-650-3582.

LA MESA. 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$866, tucked in quiet, park-like gardens. Newly renovated. Refreshing pool, laundry, air conditioning, barbecue. No pets. 619-464-7676.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, air conditioning, 950 square feet, excellent landscaping with trees. Pool, parking. \$900/month. 4261 Lowell. Call Annabelle, 619-295-1100.

LA MESA. 4841 Parks Avenue. 1 bedroom, 1 bath or studio apartments. Park-like setting. Nonsmoking apartments. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$725. Studio, \$625. 619-262-0909.

LA MESA. Beautiful, peaceful La Mesa location. 1 bedroom, \$900/up. 2 bedroom, \$1080/up. Ask about move-in special! Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Laundry. Gym. Patio or balcony. Covered parking. Clubhouse, pool, spa, sauna. VillaSangriaApts@att.net. Villa Sangria Apartments. 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. www.sdreader.com/rent/1002. 619-462-1633.

LA MESA. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath corner condo. Pool, laundry on-site, new paint. 7506 Parkway Drive #100. \$775. 619-579-2459 or 619-306-6958.

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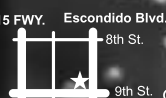
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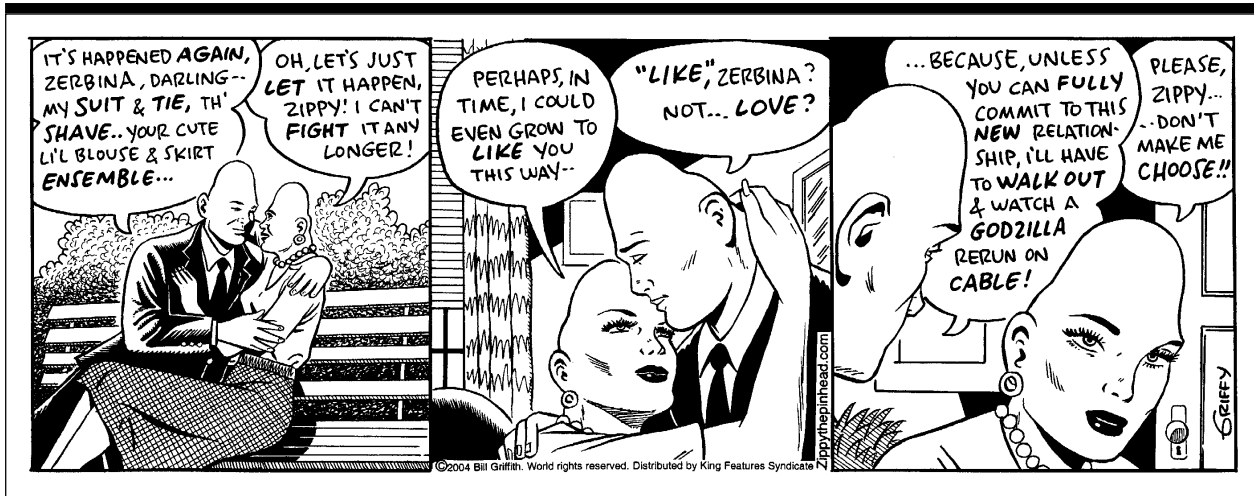
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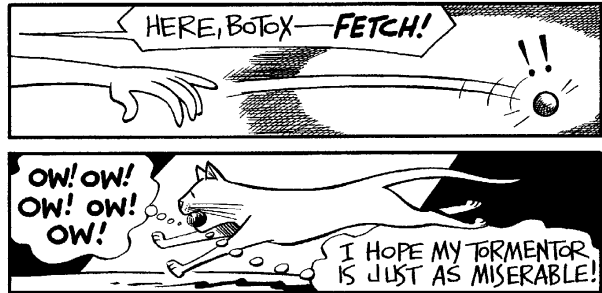
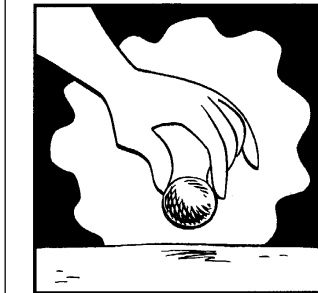
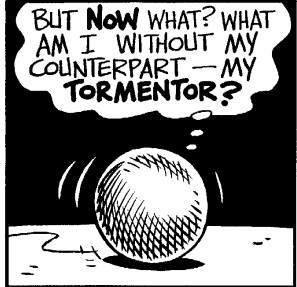
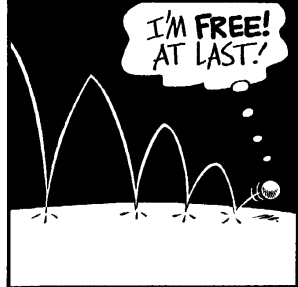
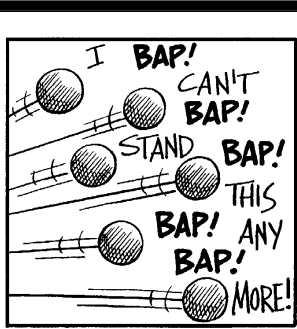
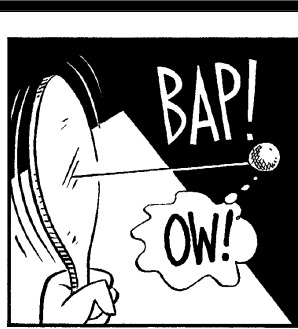
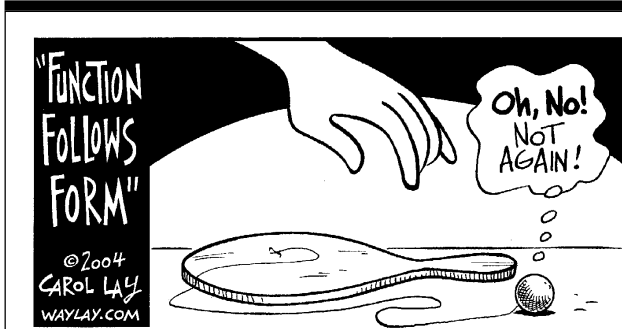
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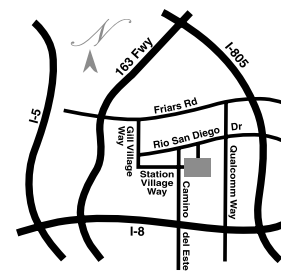
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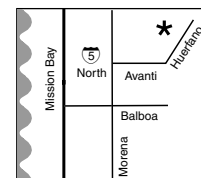
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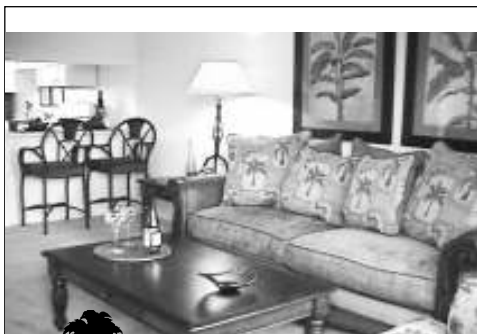
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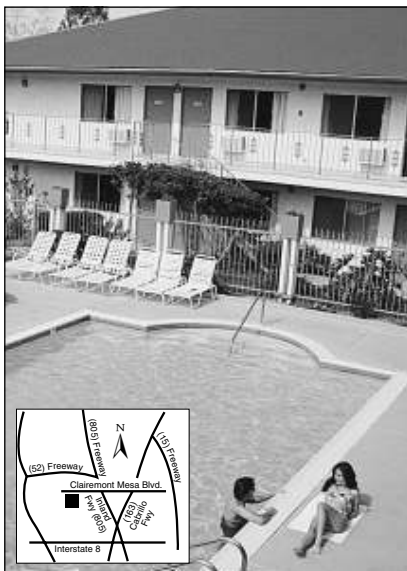
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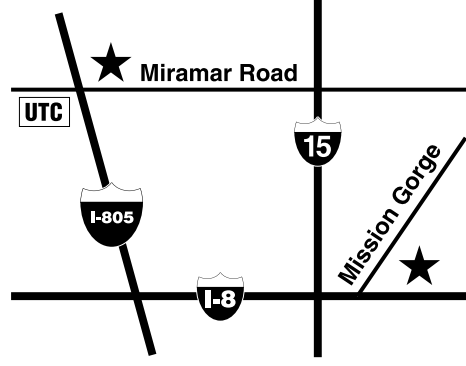
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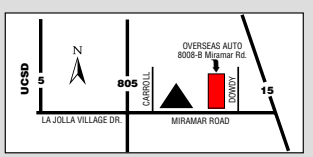
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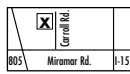
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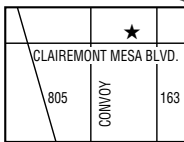
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— Those Hardy Floridians: Rudolph Jessie Hicks Jr., 30, was arrested in Brooksville, Fla., for trespassing, but not before he had gotten up from a police-dog takedown, five Taser shots, and an entire can of pepper spray (December). ... Police in Port St. Lucie, Fla., were considering whether to charge Ms. Robin Bush, who strangled a 130-pound Rottweiler after it would not let go of her Yorkie (December). ... A 20-year-old man suffered minor injuries after driving his car through a fifth-floor wall of a parking garage and landing inside the second floor of a store at the Shoppes of Sunset Place in South Miami (December).

More Things To Worry About

— (1) Police in Denton, Texas, arrested two teenagers in October and charged them with robbing two visitors who were passing through town from Montana; the victims said they were on their way to Baton Rouge, La., because they needed money and had read on the Internet that a medical school would pay \$100,000 for testicles. (2) The Dutch retirement home Seniorenland, in Rotterdam, bills itself as the world's only old-age community for incorrigible heroin addicts and has a long waiting list for its few rooms, according to a December dispatch in *The Scotsman*. (One satisfied resident bragged that he had some "pretty good stuff" the night before.)

Ironies

— A 59-year-old veteran NASCAR driver from Scottsdale, Ariz., was killed in November when he fell off of a Segway scooter (going 5 mph) at a Las Vegas go-cart race and hit his head. ... In China's Guangxi Zhuang region in September, five people asphyxiated while conducting a ceremony in a dangerous lead mine (frequently shut down by the government), including a prominent feng shui expert there to advise on improving harmonic energy flow. ... In Aliquippa, Pa., in October, a 28-year-old man was electrocuted on his first day at work as an electrician.

Scenes of the Surreal

— (1) Britain's Office of Communications, which rules on viewers' complaints about TV programs, decided in November that the on-air manual collecting of hog semen on the "reality" show *The Farm* did not violate standards in that, in the office's opinion, the pig did not feel "degraded" by the experience. (2) Because a British Broadcasting Corp. employee got a toe trapped in a revolving door at company offices in Birmingham (cracking a toenail), executives in December sent a memo to the workforce of 800, using stick-figure drawings, with instructions on how to walk through the doors.

Can't Possibly Be True

— In October, as part of the government's vigorous "social order" anti-drug campaign, dozens of police officers in Bangkok, Thailand, raided the trendy Q Bar late on Saturday night and locked it down, detained the nearly 400 customers, and passed out plastic cups so that each one could submit to an on-the-spot urinalysis. Said the bar's manager, "[The raid is] pretty much an annual event. It's a little bit like Christmas."

Unclear on the Concept

— In Salt Lake City in November, federal judge Paul G. Cassell, remarking that mandatory-minimum sentencing laws gave him no choice, sent a 25-year-old, small-quantity marijuana dealer to prison for 55 years (because he had a gun on him during two of the transactions). Two hours before that, in a crime Cassell described as far more serious but not subject to the same mandatory minimums, he sentenced a man to 22 years in prison for beating an elderly woman to death with a log. — In November, Jens Orback, Sweden's minister for integration and gender equality, who had been under fire for not being aggressive on the job, denied on the radio program that he was intolerant of sexual minorities. Said Orback: "I had a wonderful aunt who lived in Canada with a horse. I thought it was wonderful. Let people live as they wish." Later, attempting to explain

himself, Orback insisted that the aunt's relationship with the horse was platonic.

Super-Tolerant People

— A *St. Paul Pioneer Press* reporter, interviewing neighbors of the people who shared a St. Croix Falls, Wis., home that was condemned after being overrun with 450 cats, found that most neighbors had failed to notice the house's putrid smell. Several said that the awful odor from the neighborhood's fish hatchery and the awful odor of the neighborhood's sewage-treatment plant probably overrode the awful odor of the house. — Brigham Young University's Newsnet reported in November on Marilyn and Elton Pierce of Provo, Utah, who because their telephone number is easily confused with a BYU information line, estimate they have received 25,000 wrong-number calls in 14 years (averaging to five per day). Marilyn, in her 70s, said she didn't have the couple's number changed because she doesn't mind the calls and enjoys talking to people.

Least Competent People

— A 39-year-old man in Chillicothe, Ohio, was hospitalized in December after an unsuccessful suicide attempt that blew his house to pieces and did heavy damage to neighboring homes. The man had turned on the natural gas to kill himself, but then realized that other houses might be in danger. As he dashed to the basement to turn off the electricity, the house exploded (probably from an electrical spark) and was leveled. A month before, the man had tried to kill himself with automobile exhaust and a garden hose, but his car ran out of gas before he could die. Then he hooked up a propane tank for the same purpose, but once again he outlived his fuel supply.

Update

— In 2002 "News of the Weird" reported that H. Beatty Chadwick had served 6 1/2 years in jail in suburban Philadelphia for civil contempt of court for not producing \$2.5 million in marital assets that he was supposed to split with his

ex-wife, with the U.S. jail record for contempt believed to be ten years. As of October 2004, he was still in jail, closing in on the record, and the amount owed is up to \$4.2 million, with Chadwick sticking to his defense that the money had long since been spent. Said Chadwick's lawyer, "This [nonexistent] money is like the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. We are the Saddam Hussein of the marital world." (*Washington Post*, 11/11/04)

Recurring Themes

— "News of the Weird" reported as far back as 1998 on optimistic pet owners preparing to pay large sums for a cloned model of a deceased dog or cat, mentioning a lab at Texas A&M University planning to clone a collie-husky named Missy (who was, according to her owners, "perfect"). The lab's Dr. Mark Westhusin and his team managed to clone its first dog, "cc," in 2001, and has subsequently cloned cattle, goats, pigs, and a cat. In December 2004, another outfit, Genetic Savings and Clone (of Sausalito, Calif., and Madison, Wis.), announced that it had delivered a kitten to a woman for \$50,000 that is a DNA replica of Nicky, a cat that died last year at age 17.

Readers' Choice

— Paul Eugene Levengood, owner of the Tasty Flavors Sno Biz dessert shop in the Chattanooga, Tenn., suburb of Red Bank, was charged with two counts of sexual battery in November when two 19-year-old female employees said he had occasionally spanked them for workplace errors (for example, once for forgetting to put a banana into a smoothie drink). A defensive Levengood pointed out that the women had each signed a form, "I give Gene permission to bust my behind any way he sees fit." Police found at the store many photographs of women's posteriors, even though a Sno Biz executive called Levengood a "very Christian person."

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CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

Location: [5000] Narragansett Avenue, Ocean Beach

Time/Date: 12:41 p.m. on 1/1/05

Origin: I responded to a radio call to investigate a violation of a restraining order. I spoke to the victim,



B.D. Her boyfriend had called her earlier. He was not there. B.D. showed me a copy of a

restraining order. I verified the order had been served and was current.

Statement of B.N.: I got a cell phone call, the number was blocked so I thought it was my sister. I answered it and it was him. I was shocked and didn't say anything. He said, "Hey, just wanted to call and say Happy New Year. I saw you last night and just wanted to make sure you're all right." I said, "Happy New Year to you too." He said, "I guess I'll see you in the future some time then," and hung up.

BATTERY

Location: 655 4th Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter

Time/Date: 12:10 a.m. on 1/1/05

Victim's Statement: I was inside the Shout House with my friends celebrating the New Year. I was just trying to have a good time. I put one of the party horns in my ear just to be funny. This guy I never



saw before came up to me and knocked the horn out of my ear. I turned to ask him what his problem was and he punched me in the face for no reason. Some of my

friends said the guy pushed me earlier at the bar, but I wasn't aware of it. I don't know why the guy hit me. I live in Ohio, but I will come back to testify in court if I have to. I want to place him under citizen's arrest for battery.

Witness Statement: I was working the bar and I heard a commotion. I looked up and saw this guy pushing that other guy. I had seen the two guys at the bar earlier and there was definite tension between them. They both seemed upset because they weren't getting served fast enough and each thought they should be served first.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach

Time/Date: 1:30 a.m. on 1/1/05



Investigation: I received a radio call to take a report of a battery at 839 Santa Clara Place. The victim, B.N., lives with her mother at the Santa Clara Motel. The motel is approximately two blocks away from the Guava Bar at 3714 Mission Blvd.

Statement of B.N.: I was at the Guava Bar playing pool with these two brunette haired girls. I got into an argument with them. One of the girls

stepped on my toe and I got angry with her.

All of the sudden this guy named Adam came up to me. He pushed me so I pushed him back. He then took a drinking glass and hurled it real hard at me. [It] almost hit me but it struck the wall behind me, smashing into little pieces.

Adam then charged at me...and started punching me. He was punching my arm twice and was punching my chest. He was using both his fists.

All of the sudden, I noticed a fist came from behind me. I noticed it was my brother, David, trying to protect me.

My brother started fighting with Adam. Several other guys then jumped in and started beating Adam up because he attacked a female.

The owner of the bar, Eric, made everyone leave. That's the last I saw of the guy, Adam.

BATTERY

Location: 5th Avenue and E Street, Gaslamp Quarter

Time/Date: 12:53 a.m. on 1/1/05



Officer's Investigation: Officers Wilson, Cali, Beason, and I were in the 400 block of E Street when I noticed a large fight at the intersection of 5th Avenue and E. I saw approximate 10 people in the intersec-

tion pushing and shoving each other. I called for emergency cover. I entered the intersection and pointed my air tazer at several combatants...in an attempt to disperse the crowd. One...was a large Hispanic male wearing a brown dress shirt. I grabbed another male in the intersection, Jay P., by his shirt and told him to get on the ground. I placed my air tazer in the middle of his back.

I noticed P. was bleeding from a laceration to the left side of his head and nose. P. was very upset and kept saying he was hit with a bottle. P. told me three Hispanic males jumped him [and that] a Hispanic male with a goatee and wearing a brown shirt had punched him in the face three times. P. told me while he was being attacked, the guy that punched him also "took a swing" at his girlfriend.

Officer Beason was detaining a Hispanic male wearing a brown shirt...later identified as William F. An independent witness told Officer Beason he saw F. punch a female in the face. The female was later identified as Danielle V.

P. positively identified F. as the male that punched him three times. P. stated, "That's the guy."

Statement of Jay P.: I walked out of the club (Osetra) and saw that my girlfriend, Danielle, was bleeding from the nose. Some guy had punched her. I turned around to find the guy that hit her and someone threw a glass bottle and hit me in the head. After the bottle hit me, three guys jumped me.

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Alex Goodman leased a new Audi in 1986 and bought it when the lease was up. "It's been an incredible car," he says. "I've put about 200,000 miles on it. A few years ago, the odometer broke."

I say, "You must like it."

"I do. It never seems to go out of style. It's a big, roomy car, and I'm a big guy. Before the Audi, I had a Toyota Cressida, '84 or '83, a wonderful car except it was too small for a human being. My head would bang on the roof. And the Cressida was one of the big Toyotas, a luxury model.

"I'll admit, part of the reason I bought the Audi was vanity. Back when I was in the dough — and putting most of it in my nose — I used to drive a Mercedes. So the Audi was a compromise. Not quite as classy as a Mercedes, but close enough. And it had good

power when it was newer. The motor is a five-cylinder, front-wheel drive. And I like the way European cars don't have power steering. Instead, they have power-assisted steering, so there's more substance to it. If you react to a dangerous situation, you don't oversteer. Whereas in an American car, in a dangerous situation, the car can go wild from your oversteering. They also have power-assisted brakes — rather than power brakes — which is very effective.

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"Did your car ever jump like that?"

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Isaac Leedom pissed on my VCR. Isaac wasn't technically my friend, he was my brother's, so I hold no responsibility for the incident. My dad contends to this day he's never had a VCR that worked correctly: the curse of Isaac Leedom.

As was usual for the summer weekends, we all went out drinking one Saturday night. It was a big, hairy party down on a blockaded bridge. The bridge had been closed because of stress fractures, but there we were, about 30 people in ten different cars. We walked along in groups and tried to see the cracks. One of us would lean out over the guardrail while two or three others would hold his feet and belt. We found a flashlight in the glovebox of a Dodge Charger and employed it against the consummate darkness. We refilled our dreams from a keg — boasting about our plans for success once we got out of school. With the threat of the law coming for our raucous fray, we defeated the night and drove home all fouled up to be damned.

We each had a remedy for our swimming drunkenness: Mike went right to bed to sleep through it, Isaac and I made sandwiches and sat down to watch whatever was on after *Saturday Night Live*. Dad must've come out and killed the TV because I woke up a few hours later, sitting straight up in the La-Z-Boy with a blanket over me and a spilt beer in my lap. When I hissed, "Son of a bitch!" Isaac uncovered himself and got up off the couch. I set the half-empty beer on an end table and started pawing at my wet lap and chair. I noticed Isaac milling about in front of the television stand and said, "I spilled a beer. Oh well. No big deal. I'll clean it up in the morning," but there was no response from him.

"If you want to watch TV you have to push that big button on the bottom," I told Isaac. He still didn't say anything, but in the amber-brown light of the morning I could see him fussing with something in front of the set. When I asked, "Isaac, what are you doing?" I heard a sound like a cup of water pouring out and saw all the lights on our VCR slowly illuminate. Play, Record, Stop, 3 through 13, all steadily brightened from nothing, then to dim, then to full beam — and, that noise of water.

"Isaac, what the hell are you doing?" still no answer, so I got up and approached him to try to solve the mystery. That's when I saw the lazy arc of liquid between him and our VHS recorder. "Well, whatever. You're drunk. I'm going to bed."

Thirteen years later I ran into Isaac in a bar downtown. The next day, while having breakfast with my dad, I mentioned our chance meeting and he immediately yelled, "That son of a bitch still owes me a VCR!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

BRING IT ON (2000)

WB 5, 8:00 P.M.

Oh, you're joking, the cheerleading movie? Isn't it embarrassing enough that our culture produced this the first time? Now, we're lucky enough to have it regurgitated back to us, edited for content, and cut with commercials. Yippee! If Eskimos have 40-something words for "snow," shouldn't we have several hundred words for "mindless crap"?

WWE SMACKDOWN!

UPN 13, 8:00 P.M.

Bobby is a good ol' boy from Arkansas. He loves Peterbilt trucks, beer, and crystal meth. Someday he'll get out of high school and get his big-rig license. On nights when no one is around he finds a trusty old tin box he's kept for months outside of the yard and down by the road. From it he extracts a blonde wig, panties, and bra

that were lifted from his neighbors' clotheslines — carefully chosen for size and color. On those hot nights when he knows his parents will be at the bar until dawn, he plays dress-up in front of the full-length, gold-spattered mirror in their room. On the nights he knows they'll stay home, the tin box sits in the dew-dropped weeds, and he watches wrestling until he falls asleep on the couch and dreams of giant oily men.

DIRTY LITTLE SECRET (1998)

LIFETIME 38, 7:00 P.M.

WALL OF SECRETS (2003)

LIFETIME 38, 9:00 P.M.

Shhh...it's *secret* night on Lifetime. Oh, what fun. Secrets! Playing on women's intuitive curiosity, Lifetime's programming revolves around a shrouded, mysterious world — clandestine affairs, confidential adoptions, closets cluttered by skeletons. This fabricated intrigue is guilty

cake sneaked out of the fridge and eaten in the dark by suburban housewives who know better, but promise to run it off on the treadmill. And you thought drugs were ruining America.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

THE ASHLEE SIMPSON SHOW

MTV 30, 7:00 P.M.

Good lord. I didn't know she had her own show too. I had the sublime fortune to witness her performance during the Orange Bowl halftime. If you missed this you will eventually see it again. Ten years from now on one of those shows that address critical moments in popular culture, after the Beatles play *Ed Sullivan*, and Nirvana releases *Nevermind*, they'll roll footage of Ashlee Simpson being booed mercilessly at this event: the day the crowd refused to lick the dirty Jolly Rancher of pop music.

KARATE

ESPN2 28, 5:00 P.M.

I recently started a Thai kickboxing class. We pair off and one guy practices punching and kicking the other through these heavy pads. Usually, 15 minutes into it I'm sitting in a folding steel chair, covered in sweat and holding my side. I can actually feel my spleen squeeze out its last red blood cell to keep up with my panting oxygen demand. I have to wave off the naturally athletic college kids I spar with and between breaths explain my condition: "— puff puff — Old! — puff puff — Fat!"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

ROCKY IV (1985)

TNT 34, 4:30 P.M.

I am an emotional trainwreck when I watch *Rocky* movies: my bloodstream is flooded with testosterone and adrenaline. After I change the channel I'll put my gloves on and punch the nearest face. If my roommates aren't home, I'll have to wait until a random person walks by and then I'll run out of the apartment and nail them in the beak. If I don't get it out of my system, I'll burn our building down or screw the cat or something equally unacceptable.

DOCTOR ZHIVAGO (1965)

PBS 11, 9:00 P.M.

To even start out at the ground level of critical movie watching, this is required viewing. Shamefully, I have to admit that I have yet to see it. Every time I walk past it at the video store I think, you *have* to watch this! I never do.



Ashlee Simpson Show

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MONDAY, JANUARY 24

FEAR FACTOR

NBC 7, 8:00 P.M.

I fear being homeless, dying alone, or letting my love of comic books turn me into "one of them" — you know who I mean. Sucking the juice out of a bull's intestines and then drinking the spit-up never occurred to me as something to be afraid of. The stupidity of this program, its contestants, and its host is the most frightening thing of all.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

HANNITY & COLMES

FNC 37, 6:00 P.M.

Last time I watched this, the guests were debating about drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and a headline rolled by on the scroll, "Mexican Oil Monopoly Pemex Spills 5000 Barrels of Crude Oil into Gulf of Mexico." On and on the experts debated drilling into the ANWR, and one very conservative guest was actually claiming that this could be beneficial to caribou in the area. No one brought up spills, not even the spill that had just happened that day in Mexico. The irony was killing me and I yelled, "Look down! Look at the little red letters about chest level and read them!" I don't know if it's because the lettering would be backwards to them or if they just couldn't hear me.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

THE SIMPLE LIFE: INTERNS

FOX 6, 9:00 P.M.

I'll bet there's a Motel 6 heiress out there somewhere who just fucking hates Paris Hilton. I imagine her to be a dark, brooding type. She probably prefers writing poetry in her room to glamping it up on the New York club scene. On nights when she's really pissed she puts on black lipstick and shoves needles through a Paris doll. Whenever paparazzi hound the Hiltons on the red carpet, she screams, "SHEEP! FUCKING SHEEP!" at her TV set.

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VW BAJA BUG, 1971, 1915cc engine, dual carburetors, sunroof, new paint/upholstery, \$3500/best. 858-292-4095.

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