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They hopped trains, took buses, spent long days walking. When their path took them through remote areas, they went hungry.



EVERY WEEK A SHEET OF PAPER ROLLS OFF A FAX MACHINE AT THE CASA CORNELIA LAW CENTER ON LAUREL STREET.

It contains a list of two or three dozen names, each followed by a date and country of birth. A prosaic document, it's an accounting of children who've been apprehended by local immigration authorities. These are youngsters who've wound up in San Diego County alone, unaccompanied by their families, thou-

sands of miles from their homes. To get here, many have endured hair-raising journeys. All of them thought they were about to make a new life in America.

For Leticia, that illusion shattered just moments after she arrived at the San Ysidro checkpoint. Leticia, driving an old car, had stopped to

present identity papers to the inspector at the head of her lane. He announced that her documents appeared to be false. Leticia may have looked nervous; she'd never driven alone before and had been behind the wheel only once or twice with a friend. But a man in Tijuana had convinced her this was her best hope of crossing the border. "You look Mexican," he had argued. "And la migra would never

imagine that a 16-year-old Honduran girl would be driving a car across the border." Leticia had stifled her skepticism and agreed to try.

And why not? So many things had happened to her in the 16 months since she'd left her Honduran village. On a sunny morning last summer, she agreed to talk about what she'd gone through. We were sitting in the main interior courtyard at Southwest

Key, the East County facility where she was living while undergoing deportation proceedings. Since some of the children at Southwest Key are hiding from smugglers who would like to collect their money or prevent the children from testifying against them, the building's exact location is a secret. Moreover, multiple layers of bureaucracy prevent most outsiders from setting foot here.

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Irked

Re "Remote Control King." Hey, Ollie, I agree with what you say about today's television fare in your weekly column, but I'm getting irked at the way you say it. I'm no prude, and a profanity here and there doesn't bother me, but you are way over the top. Tone it down, man, and your column will be the better for it. I'm not sure how much more of your #@%&# I can take!

Tom Painter
Pacific Beach

Like Kooper

Read Josh Board's review of the Al Kooper show ("Blurt," January 27). While I'll grant Mr. Board has a right to his opinion, I doubt anybody over room-temperature IQ much cares to hear what it is. I was at this show. Liked it just fine. Then again, I figured out some 35 years ago Al Kooper wasn't a crooner.

Mike Wretling
via e-mail

Fortunate Seats

In regards to the Al Kooper concert at Acoustic Music San Diego's venue ("Blurt," January 27). I can't believe the difference in sitting back one row. I was fortunate enough to get seats in row two. Now, maybe seats in row one were too close to get an accurate sense of what that show was all about. But back in row two, that show was awesome.

Mike Winter
via e-mail

Mean Waste

Josh Board's article on Al Kooper ("Blurt," January 27): why waste space and your readers' time on drive? Board's comments were out of context and decidedly mean-spirited. What I experienced there was an

excellent excursion over 40 years of popular music interspersed with a string of cohesive and surprisingly warm and humorous stories. Board refers to small snippets from various stories cut and pasted to suit his own purposes. It's also a shame that Board's preoccupation with Kooper's more than credible singing apparently prevented him from enjoying the musicianship of one of our unsung musical treasures.

Bob Saunders
via e-mail

Kooper Defense

Regarding Josh Board's piece on Al Kooper in the January 27 "Blurt." As the promoter of this concert and a person who has received many unsolicited e-mails and phone calls from people who were thrilled with that concert (excerpts of which I've now posted at our website, www.acousticmusicsandiego.com/Kooper.html), I'd like to take issue with some (most) of the comments of Mr. Board.

Re: Kooper not selling merchandise at his concerts — let me assure you that I know the story on this, because I questioned him about it as soon as I booked him and told him he could ship merchandise to me and we'd sell it for him, giving him 100 percent of the proceeds (many venues take a fee of 20 to 25 percent — which is why T-shirts and CDs are so expensive at those venues). In spite of the fact that performer after performer has told me that their merchandise sales at our venue far exceed their sales elsewhere, Al Kooper made it clear that he was coming to perform, not to sell merchandise. To me, doing something that absolutely cost him money like that decision did is laudable. Not that there's a thing wrong with a performer having merchandise for sale at his shows, but choosing *not* to do that has a certain dignity and integrity all its own.

Having dealt with Kooper from the first contact I made — hoping to interest him in playing for us — until he left our venue after the show, I doubt seriously if the question Mr. Board asked him resulted in an "angry" response.

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U-T stylebook 101

Our town's secretive "business leaders" are at it again, but just who in the dickens are those pesky devils, anyway? "San Diego business leaders are putting together their own proposal, but they have declined to discuss it in detail because they don't want to tip off the competition," the *Union-Tribune* reported last week, describing a confidential plan by some unidentified local titans of commerce to lure to the city the new headquarters of the state's stem-cell research project. Other places, such as Sacramento and L.A., are dishing up juicy public subsidies. Local taxpayers may also soon be anteing up, whether they want to or not, but as usual they'll probably be the last to know. *U-T* readers are familiar enough with the drill. In a post-election story about Prop E, the "strong mayor" measure, the paper said, "Mayor **Dick Murphy** began working in private with business leaders about nine months ago to craft the ballot measure." About **Donna Frye**: "Business leaders fear the dozens of nominations to boards and commissions that Mayor Frye would make." And: "San Diego business leaders are again contributing heavily in city school board elections." In *U-T* land, the opposite of a "business leader" is a "community activist," as in, "A meeting room packed with business leaders, community activists, and government officials." ... Last week's decision by the Bush administration not to appeal a court ruling against loosening federal restrictions against big media ownership of newspapers and TV stations in the same market reportedly came as a blow to the folks running **David Copley's** newspaper empire. For years it's been rumored that Chicago's Tribune Co., which owns the *L.A. Times*, has had its eye on the *U-T*. Tribune owns Channel 69,



Dick Murphy



David Copley

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KSWB-TV here, and the prospective lifting of the joint-ownership ban, championed by outgoing FCC chair **Michael Powell**, fueled speculation that Copley would eventually receive an offer he wouldn't refuse. Tribune has vowed to mount its own appeal, but if the decision stands, any such deal for the *U-T* would go out the window.

Rolling stoned

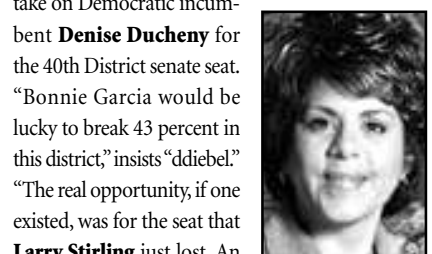
What's up with **Ric Grenell**? He's the ex-**Susan Golding** spokesman who left town in 2002 to become press secretary to the U.S. mission to the United Nations, only to schedule a return to the former San Diego mayor's fold last fall as a vice president of corporate communications for big La Jolla-based defense contractor Titan Corp. Golding sits on the company's board. "Ric will be a great asset to the Titan team," **Gene Ray**, Titan's CEO and a major GOP donor, said in an October 26 press

release. "His experience over the last 12 years as the primary communications advisor for public officials at the local, state, federal, and international levels will be a valuable asset, as we provide National Security Solutions to our government customers." Titan could use a little friendly press, beset as it is with multiple alleged financial irregularities and Abu Ghraib ties. But while in New York, Grenell made headlines in the *Village Voice* for some allegedly rough treatment of UN media members: "Several sources in the UN press corps who spoke on condition of anonymity describe the U.S. spokesperson as 'rude,' 'arrogant,' and a 'bully,' neither popular nor a particularly good source." All was forgiven back in San Diego, where *U-T* columnist **Diane Bell** wrote, "After a lifetime career in the public sector, Grenell calls this private enterprise post, which he assumes in December, a great challenge — and a welcome return to San Diego." Now it turns out that the former staffer to Republican congressman **Newt Gingrich** is no longer at Titan, having beaten a hasty retreat back to his old digs at the UN. Responding to an e-mail query last week about Grenell's status, Titan spokesman **Wil Williams** wrote, "Mr. Grenell has decided not to join Titan."

Wired State legislative primary races are still more than a year away, but incurable political wonks are already weighing in on Sacramento's *AroundTheCapitol.com* message boards with prognostications of things to come. One describes the prospects of GOP assemblywoman **Shirley Horton** and her campaign manager: "Of course, the Democrats will be after her again. The problem for the Donkey Punchers is that they cannot compete with her ground game."

Duane Diciara is too good and has south San Diego wired." In the safe Democratic 79th Assembly district, where **Juan Vargas** is departing, another says, "**Nick Inzunza**, Mayor of National City...is being courted to run for this seat by local leaders! Would be very formidable and tough to beat!" Over in the 75th, where **George Plescia** can run for a final term, a commentator by the name of "Chip Monk" says, "Plescia stays put. He knows [Mark] **Wyland** would crush him in a state senate primary." Looking ahead to 2008, "BJ" says "Maybe **Lori Pfeiler** from Escondido — didn't she come in second last time? I agree [Brian] **Maienschein** could be considering...but he might be coveting the Mayorship in San Diego..." There's also speculation about whether GOP assemblywoman **Bonnie Garcia** will take on Democratic incumbent **Denise Ducheny** for the 40th District senate seat. "Bonnie Garcia would be lucky to break 43 percent in this district," insists "ddiebel." "The real opportunity, if one existed, was for the seat that **Larry Stirling** just lost. An anti-abortion rights social conservative like Garcia won't fly in this San Diego-based district. The decline-to-states lean left on social policy."

— Matt Potter



Bonnie Garcia

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Too Good to Be True

By Don Bauder

Always assume that promoters claiming they're out to do good are out to do well. And companies whose mission is saving the world are trying to pocket their savings.

Last week, Amr (Anthony) Elgindy, a penny stock market player who once lived the life of luxury in Encinitas, was found guilty in New York of securities and wire fraud, racketeering, and extortion. He could spend more than

threatening to reveal negative information if they didn't pay him, and cheating his subscribers by shorting stocks before sending the damning information to them.

Throughout the trial, Elgindy's lawyers claimed that he was a Batman fighting evil, a reformer, an altruist. But



Anthony Elgindy



Shirley Horton



Erin Brockovich Hill

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

ten years in prison. He is appealing the sentence.

Through his Internet companies, Elgindy spotlighted overpriced stocks for short-sellers or speculators betting that certain stocks would fall. There is nothing wrong with this per se. Short-selling is an integral part of market activity.

But Elgindy was charged with misappropriating confidential information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, extorting companies by

those who had dealt with him, myself included, got a belly laugh out of those assertions. He had started in his early 20s with a tough crowd — disreputable brokerage houses tied to onetime San Diego stock manipulator Melvin Lloyd Richards, who went to the pokey in Los Angeles, San Diego, and New York. Later, Elgindy claimed he had reformed. I used some of his material twice in the late 1990s and found it accurate, but I became suspicious

when on one occasion he initially said he did not have a short position, then called back to admit that he did.

Elgindy provided information to government agencies. Once, an investigator in the U.S. attorney's office here wrote a letter to another agency, saying that it couldn't have nabbed Richards without Elgindy's help.

In 2000, I learned that he was in trouble in Texas. He raced down from Encinitas to show me a tape of his appearance on ABC's *20/20* program exposing Richards. Barbara Walters slobbered all over him. He claimed his life was in jeopardy; he was shown taking target practice. I told him I was not impressed; the column appeared the next day. Shortly, he pleaded guilty to felony mail fraud and spent four months in a work-release-type house before resuming his activity in Encinitas. In 2002, he was arrested on charges that resulted in last week's convictions.

The prosecutor's office declared, "Elgindy's conviction marks the end of his public charade as a crusader against fraud in the markets."

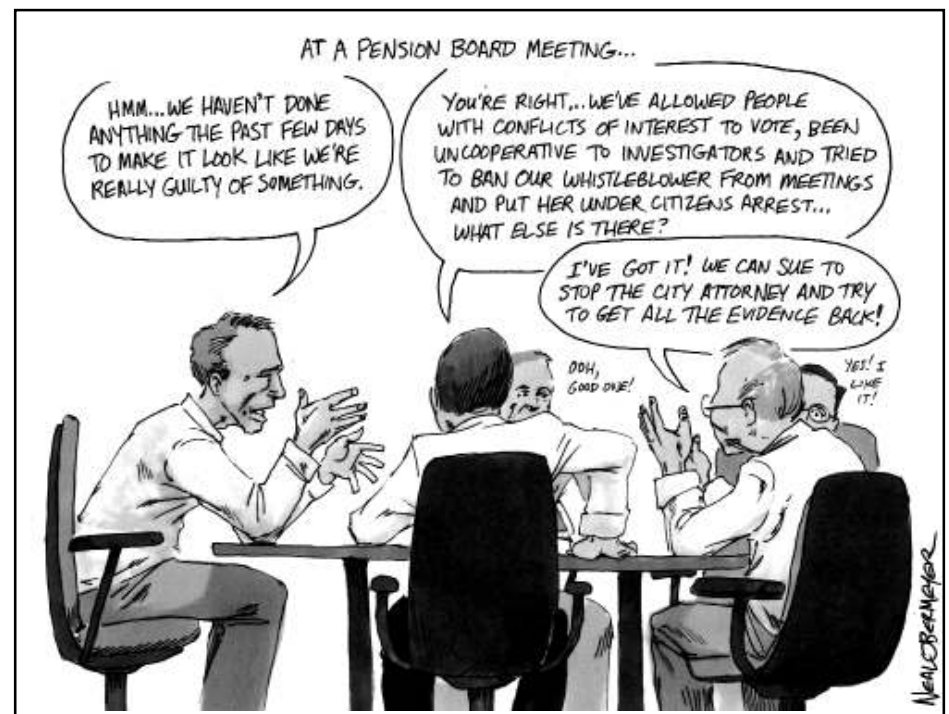
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They're Trying to Kill Us

By Joe Deegan

The electricity transmission industry has long recognized that surrounding underground power lines with a metal shield is the most effective way to block their emissions of magnetic field radiation. But on August 3 of last year, San Diego Gas and Electric senior governmental liaison Jany Staley sent an e-mail to Nathan Bruner saying, "We will NOT shield. There is [sic] no convincing studies that for the expense this methodology works." She followed the e-mail up with a letter to Bruner saying the same thing and explaining methods SDG&E uses.

Bruner is the City of San Diego's power undergrounding program administrator. He passed Staley's e-mail and letter on to Joan Tukey, president of the California Alliance for Utility Safety and Education. Tukey, in turn, sent copies of the messages to a member of her organization, retired local attorney Hal Tyvol.

Since Staley intended her original memorandums to clarify what SDG&E would do in a planned Carmel Valley park project, Tyvol paid little attention to them, even though they involved 138- and 230-kilovolt power lines. But in July, Staley's neighbor,

Jeff Gunn, had gone in with an SDG&E "measurement guy" to read electromagnetic-field radiation emissions on Dale Street in North Park. According to Tyvol, Gunn waited several weeks to put



Nathan Bruner

leaflets on people's doors that read, "There are super-high radiation readings on Dale Street, and they're trying to kill us."

Gunn sounded the alarm because the city and SDG&E have been planning to extend the power lines on Dale Street into his neighborhood. Both he and Tyvol live in South Park on 29th Street.

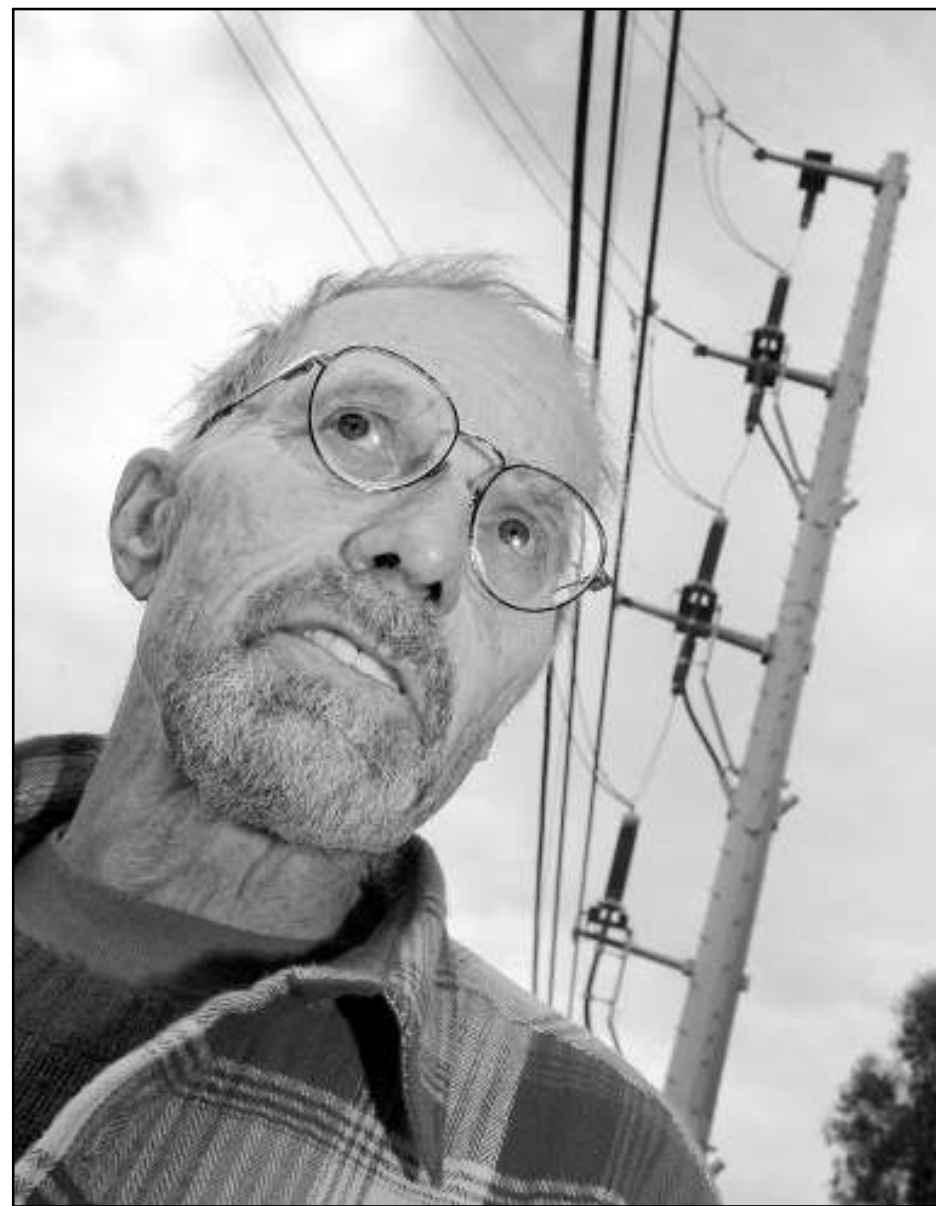
The standard measurement units of electromag-

netic-field radiation are called "gausses" and "milligausses" (one thousandth of a gauss). When Tyvol got Gunn's leaflet, he went to Dale Street and took electromagnetic-field radiation readings with his own gauss meter. The figures he got there, he says, were 200 milligausses above the trench the power cables are in, 40 milligausses at 10 feet away, and 10 milligausses at 35 feet away — the distance residences typically are set back from the lines. "Those are very high levels, as high as overhead lines give off," says Tyvol, who reports the California Health Services Department recommends no more than 3 milligausses at the edge of residences.

"People think burying power lines reduces electromagnetic-field radiation substantially," Tyvol continues. "But earth alone doesn't cut it. The radiation can go through it and through asphalt and concrete. The only thing that stops it is metallic shielding."

By late August, Tyvol had put Staley's "We do NOT shield" together with the electromagnetic-field-radiation readings he obtained on Dale Street. In the meantime, he notes, SDG&E "refuses to answer customer questions whether metallic shielding was used with the cable installed [on Dale]."

On behalf of the Alliance for Utility Safety and Education, Tyvol filed a December 3 complaint to the California Public Utilities Commission



Hal Tyvol

about SDG&E's project on Dale and 29th Streets and the plans to extend it farther south. He charges in the complaint that SDG&E failed to use metallic shielding on the underground cables in the first phase of its installations

in the area. (The California Public Utilities Commission requires that all cables operating at voltages higher than 5000 volts be shielded with metal coverings.)

San Diego Gas and Electric has plans to underground most of a double 138-kilovolt power line from a substation in Mission Valley to Main Street near San Diego Bay, according to Tyvol. The history of the problem began on May 16, 2000, when the San Diego City Council granted SDG&E permission to underground the cable in a one-mile corridor, or "district," along 30th Street between University Avenue and Olive Street. That corridor extends 150 feet on either side of 30th Street's centerline, Tyvol says.

But on September 20 that same year, SDG&E wrote to assistant city manager Frank Belock saying it had chosen an alternate route for the project, according to documents in Tyvol's possession. The company wanted to move the

undergrounding from 30th one block west to the corridor that runs along Dale Street.

The city's Belock granted SDG&E's request to relocate its undergrounding project. The company began the project in the summer of 2002 and by 2003 completed work to the northern edge of South Park. In his complaint to the Public Utilities Commission, Tyvol writes, "It should be noted [that] 30th Street is a through street, mixed commercial and residential, with city bus traffic. On the other hand...Dale Street [is] a narrower, almost exclusively residential side street, with no through traffic."

In changing the site of its undergrounding, SDG&E went outside the boundaries of the district that the city originally granted the utility in 2000. Since SDG&E did not return to the city council to change the district, according to Tyvol's complaint,



Pole removal, 30th Street

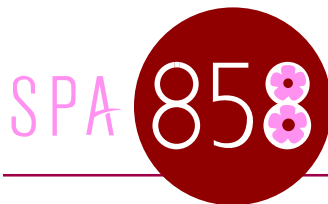
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warned of "an unexpected Ice Age in months, not decades!" Global warming can bring an Ice Age any day now, said the release. The Gulf Stream could stop flowing abruptly. In short order, we could enter a mini-Ice Age lasting 300 to 500 years that "would be devastating!"

These dire warnings came from Joseph LaStella, president of Green Star Products of Chula Vista. Frightened out of my wits, I tried to reach LaStella by phone, fax, and e-mail. I received no response. In September, I tried again in vain.

But here's what I could glean from a variety of sources. Green Star owns 35 percent of American Biofuels, which has a plant in Bakersfield producing biodiesel fuel from soybean oil. The company boasts that it will get enhanced subsidies from the corporate tax bill passed in late October and that assembly member Shirley Horton of Chula Vista is working

to get pro-biodiesel legislation passed in California.

On its website, Green Star's latest financial statement is for 2002. There is no explanation of why newer information is not available. Green Star boasted that it "increased its assets by \$940,035 from December 31, 2001, to December 31, 2002. The company is on a strong turnaround mode." Sure enough, the balance sheet shows assets of that sum. But the outside auditor, in a report dated July 8, 2003, says, "The company has no assets, has suffered recurring significant losses," and has other deficiencies. Therefore, there is "substantial doubt as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern." So what happened to those assets between year-end 2002 and July 8, 2003?

The company had at year-end 2002 a cumulative deficit of \$9 million. The stock sells for 4.5 cents a share.

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A company in a related field is Save the World Air, which once claimed to have a device that would virtually eliminate

auto-exhaust pollution. This firm was based in La Jolla four years ago. But in 2001, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged that some officers had issued fraudulent press releases and posted phony Internet messages to run up the stock. The wondrous device to eliminate auto pollution simply did not exist, said the commission. In 2002, the company agreed to obey securities laws. But the securities regulator is still pursuing one of the former officers, as is Save the World Air.

New management now has control over the allegedly marvelous invention. Some famous folks took over the company and moved it from La Jolla to North Hollywood. The chief executive is Edward L. Masry, the activist attorney. Erin Brockovich Hill is vice president of environmental affairs. (Julia Roberts played Erin Brockovich in the movie of that name. Albert Finney played Masry.) However, this company is a chronic money loser, too, and admits there is substantial doubt about its survivability. Its cumulative deficit is \$14.9 million, and

growing.

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Then there is World Transport Authority, which last month abandoned its longtime El Cajon location for an office in Beverly Hills. Its mission is to show people in undeveloped nations how to build Worldstar utility vehicles for basic transportation. But it has been losing money for years, and the Ivory Coast civil war has erased its one chance to get a little revenue. Its cumulative deficit is more than \$14 million. "Management cannot determine when the company will become profitable, if ever, or when operating activities will begin to generate cash, if ever," laments the company in official filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There is substantial doubt whether it can continue as a going concern, according to its official filings.

In a press release early last year, World Transport reported "positive progress on corporate structure." The previous year, "The company had gone through some legal problems resulting from the

arrest of its founder in March of 2003 for alleged fraud," said the news release. The company had removed its president in late 2003 "because of substantial infractions and violations of board resolutions."

The founder is Douglas Norman. He also founded a bank on the Cayman Islands, an offshore tax haven. Early last year, he was wearing an electronic bracelet so the district attorney's office knew where he was. The DA's office was successfully prosecuting some San Diego rascals who had stashed funds in Norman's offshore bank. In early 2003, Norman was indicted in New York for artificially inflating World Transport's shares by sending out false news releases and postings on Internet message boards about the prospects of the Worldstar vehicle. He was imprisoned, but the New York case did not go forward, according to Steve Davis, deputy district attorney in San Diego.

World Transport has something in common with the City of San Diego: it is having trouble getting an au-

dit completed. There are other similarities: in November, the company reported in a government filing that it is "continuing to investigate the conspiratorial and fraudulent conduct of past officers and directors in diverting company assets and funds, [and] at the same time cooperating with the [Securities and Exchange Commission] in prosecuting the founder of the company for his alleged violations of federal securities laws." "Nobody has been paid," says Roger Brown, secretary. The stock sells for less than a penny a share.

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Global Health purports to be a biotech. On September 9, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed suit against Global Health, three related companies, and two telemarketers that appear to be operating from San Diego. The telemarketers, Vince Dory and Joshua Adams, were soliciting investments in a company that supposedly has a cure for cancer.

The telemarketers sent potential investors — mainly el-

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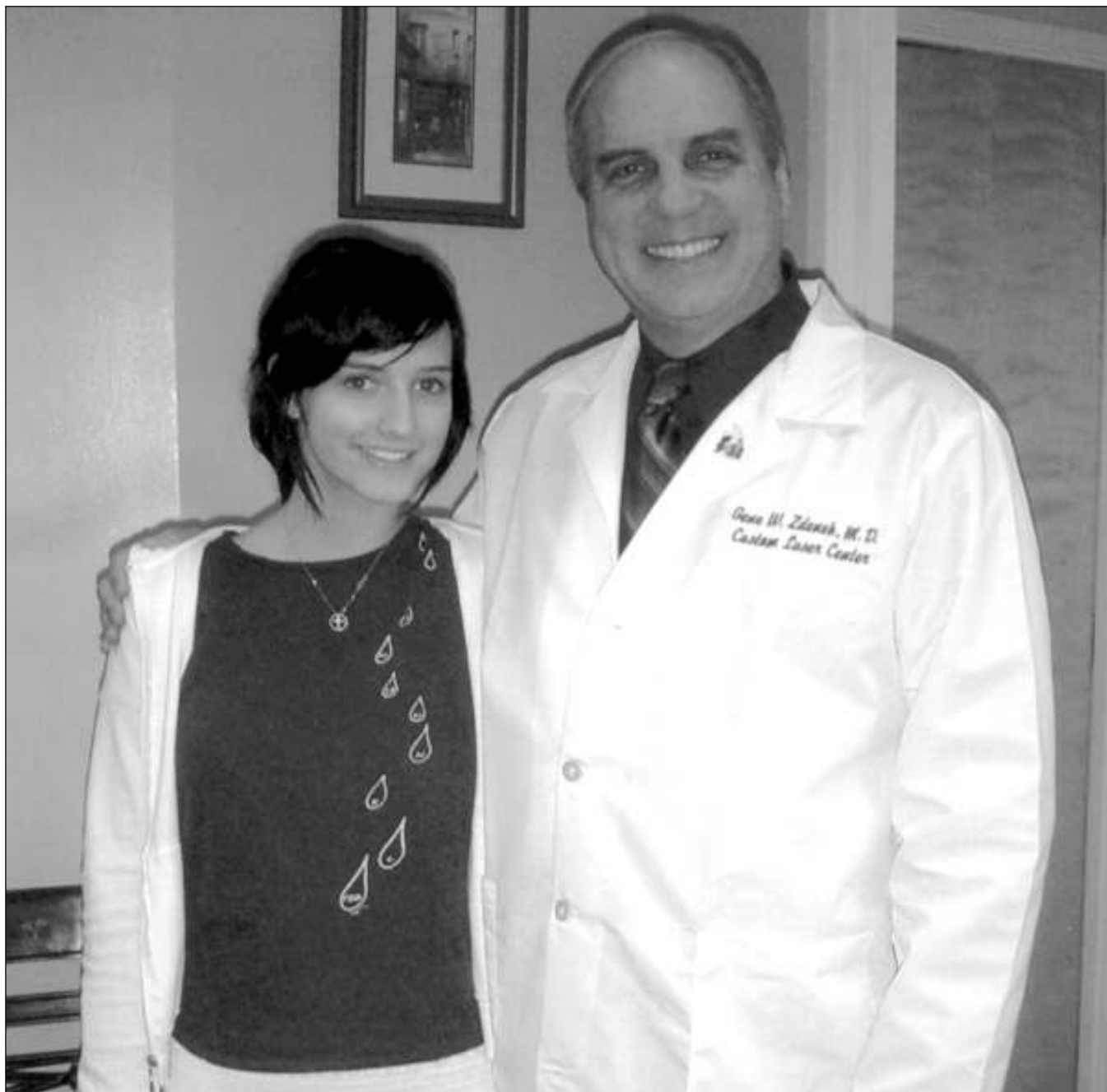
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derly — a letter on Food and Drug Administration stationery saying that the agency had approved the cancer treatment and Global Health could soon market it. “The FDA letters, however, are forgeries, and the claims are false,” says the securities commission. Investors’ money has been sent to two different mail drops in Otay Mesa and from there went right over the border and was cashed or stashed in a Tijuana bank, according to the securities commission.

It appears the alleged conspirators aren’t too bright. One investor got a glowing letter on Food and Drug Administration letterhead. It predicted that Global Health’s cancer treatment could rake in \$1 billion in sales in a year. But it was addressed, “Dear Investor.” And it was signed by Dory. Why would Food and Drug send an “A-OK” letter to a company’s shareholders? And why would a letter on Food and Drug’s letter-

head be signed by a company’s chairman? A federal judge has frozen the assets and demanded repatriation of funds from Mexico. “We have not found Dory and Adams,” says Michael Piazza, the Securities and Exchange Commission attorney on the case. “One may be operating out of New York.” ■

Trying to kill us

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it acted without proper authority. By taking its work out of the district, the company also lost an exemption from environmental review. Public Utilities Commission regulations allow this exemption if overhead power lines are buried in the same district. Since the district changed, however, residents of the affected area have the right to file a protest with the commission to require the utility to submit its work to environmental review. Residents in this case, says Tyvol, were not given the chance to protest.

Tyvol’s complaint alleges

that SDG&E did not give local residents a Public Utilities Commission notice of its undergrounding project either. If it had stayed within the originally granted district, the company would not have had to provide the notice. Though city officials did send out a notice of the undergrounding project to residents of 30th Street, they did not send a notice to those on Dale Street.

“The Public Utilities Commission notice is the important one,” says Tyvol. “San Diego Gas and Electric had to post handbills on the streets affected, and two notices of the work had to be published in the newspaper. In the newspaper notices, a summary statement of how they were going to reduce electromagnetic-field emissions, along with the procedure to protest, had to appear. Those notices were not given.”

Tyvol inadvertently discovered SDG&E’s failure to give the Public Utilities Commission notices. After learning how high electromagnetic-field emissions were on Dale Street, he wrote

to the city’s planning department requesting the “advice letter” that the notices had gone out. (Utilities are required to file such advice letters with the commission, the California Energy Commission, and the local planning director.)

“I wrote a formal request to see the advice letter,” says Tyvol, “because officials take you more seriously that way. But I had to follow up, because they lost my letter. They’re nice people in the planning department but not very organized. Eventually they discovered that they never received the advice letter I inquired about.”

Finally, Tyvol’s complaint to the Public Utilities Commission charges that, in its Dale Street project, SDG&E did not take the steps to mitigate electromagnetic radiation that the utility’s own “design manual” says have some impact. The company did not bury the power cables in the center of the streets, but closer to their eastern edges. The company dug only a three-foot-deep trench to bury the lines, so that by the time the

lines were placed on the bottom of the trench, they were 24 inches from the surface, the minimal depth the law allows. When Pacific Gas and Electric undertook a similar project in San Francisco, says Tyvol, the Public Utilities Commission required it to bury the cables 11 feet deep, to keep them farther away from pedestrians.

In the meantime, a national debate rages over how harmful electromagnetic-field radiation is to humans. Hal Tyvol admits that no “conclusive” proof exists that the radiation is dangerous. But he cites a 2002 report by the California Department of Health Services that “it is more probable than not” that radiation is a factor in the development of childhood leukemia, miscarriages, brain cancer, and Lou Gehrig’s disease. Other studies have established a “statistically significant correlation” between radiation emissions and the diseases. “The power industry,” says Tyvol, “admits to the correlations but argues the diseases may come from other factors, such as pollu-

tion, and not from electromagnetic fields. The problem is that you can’t do laboratory testing on people like you can on rats.”

Stephanie Donovan, a senior communications manager for SDG&E, responds, “The issue is an emotional one. The danger can’t be ruled out. But most studies don’t demonstrate that it exists.” Donovan referred me to a link on SDG&E’s webpage. It reads in part: “Without exception, the major scientific reviews of the [electromagnetic-field] research literature have reported that the body of data, as large as it is, does not demonstrate that exposure to power-frequency magnetic fields causes cancer or other health risks, although the possibility cannot be dismissed.... Has science proved [electromagnetic-field radiation] is harmless? No, scientific uncertainty remains and research is ongoing.”

That must be the reason that California’s Public Utilities Commission insists that utilities put metal shielding around cables carrying more than 5000 volts of power. ■



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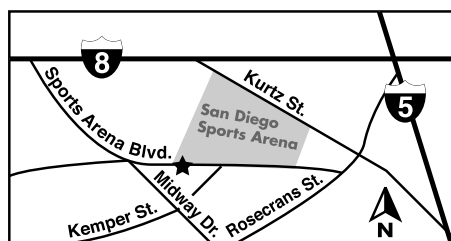
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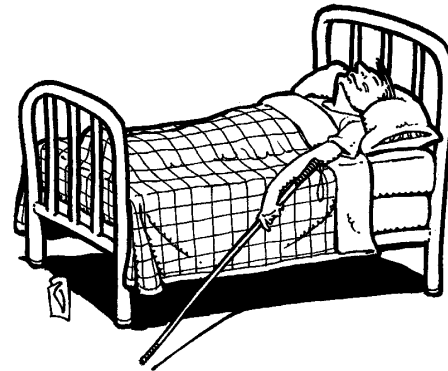


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Heymatt:

What do people who are blind from birth "see" when they are dreaming?

— Troy Dante, La Mesa

Well, Troy, they don't see nuttin'. At least according to Cousin Wildomar Alice's neighbor's niece Loretta. She's never seen a newspaper or a sunset or a Big Mac, but, she says, that doesn't cramp her dreaming style. If she can't visualize the big, o-o-o-o-ogly monster that's chasing her, she can "see" the dreaming world the way she "sees" the waking world. Tactile sensations, smells, and sounds. While we might dream of a windy day by seeing tree branches move, the blind would know it by feeling the wind and hearing leaves rustle. But it all adds up to the same thing — the idea of a windy day. Sighted people are so dominated by their visual sense, they sometimes forget how much information can be conveyed by the remaining four.

Blind and sighted people share the same slightly loony quality of dreaming. Ever dreamed of falling, then suddenly waking up just before you hit? So has Loretta. Dreamed of flying? Loretta has too, though she doesn't look down and see the ground as she sails along. And just as a sighted person might dream of doing something he can't do in the waking world, Loretta has had dreams in which she was driving a car. It didn't seem a remarkable thing to do in the context of the dream, she says. The dreams of people who have no store of visual images to draw on seem to be just as emotional, scary, silly, and illogical as anyone else's. They're just communicated in a different way.

Matt!:

Quick, before they disappear completely. I've always wondered what the K in Kmart stands for. Do you know?

— Rex, the net

Kafka? Knackwurst? Kinky? Kayak? Knucklehead? Kudzu? Was the emporium founded by a Swede and originally called Knute-Mart? Or a Scot...Kilt-Mart? Stop me if you hear one you like. Personally, I like all those better than the real answer. The mart's K stands for Kresge (Sebastian S.), the Detroit entrepreneur who founded the shopateriums in 1897.

Heymatt:

Salt and pepper. Salt and pepper. Never anything different on the table. Why salt and pepper? How long have we been in this culinary rut? Why salt? Why pepper? Why not tumeric and chervil?

— Why? the net

I'd like to take my usual cynical approach and say it's just clever marketing on the part of a powerful cartel of seasoning barons. But salt and pepper have been table staples for too long, so we have no one to blame but ourselves, I think. Salt (in moderation), actually, is a necessity to keep our bodies ticking along smoothly; it was one of the earliest methods of food preservation, and it stimulates taste buds. So every culture in the world has been crazy for salt since about day one. Ground black pepper is a little more arbitrary. The Romans brought it back from the Far East and introduced it to their European empire a couple of thousand years ago. In the Middle Ages it was great for covering the taste of spoiled meat. Like salt, it can enhance anything from gruel to squirrel, and it perked up those downtrodden medieval taste buds.

Help!!

Twitching!! My left eye is twitching because my husband twitches every night before he's completely sound asleep! I have been married 20 years and love my husband dearly, but I would love to know why. And can it be stopped? Please shed some light on this.

— Carolyn Fisher, the net

If we shed enough light, maybe it'll be too bright for hubby to sleep. That'll fix him. The twitching is more of a problem for you than it is for him. It's pretty common. So common and so unserious that nobody, including our own Dr. Doctor, can offer much of an explanation. So far the medical fraternity has only managed to name it. Hypnic jerk. Not a punk band, a medical condition. And a fine insult to hurl at your spouse the next time he twitches you awake. It's probably related to the other physiological changes that our bodies go through as we enter sleep. For the most part, everything slows down and relaxes, including muscles and brain waves. In that fuzzy time between wakefulness and full sleep, people can experience bursts of electrical brain activity (shown on EEG tests) that coincide with these muscle twitches. In some cases, the twitches can go on for an hour or more and occur at very precise intervals. Most of the time, though, it's shorter and more random. Often unnoticed by the sleeper, but annoying to the co-sleeper. Since no cause is known, no real fix is known either. Drag the jerker to a real doctor? Wait another 20 years until somebody comes up with something? Sleep on the couch?

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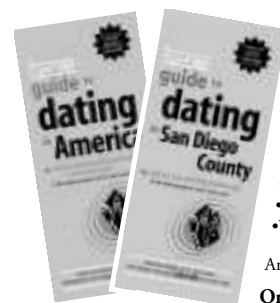
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Super Bowl Alert

Here's the guts of it. Super Bowl XXXIX is hours away, and Janet Jackson's right breast is unaccounted for. I have warned the NFL by fax and by phone. I have called the Jacksonville police, the Jacksonville mayor's office, the 125th Fighter Wing of the Florida Air National Guard, and Jacksonville's Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, where 3500 members of the accredited media have gathered to watch a football game on convention-center TVs. I talked to a Latin man. He claimed to have no recollection of Ms. Jackson's breast.

A Google search, *Janet Jackson*, returned 173,000 pages. However, a Google search, *Janet Jackson, where is her right breast?* returned zero pages.

What this means to you. Ms. Jackson's right breast is at large, possibly armed, its location and intent are unknown.

I am prepared to work through the night on this. I needn't remind you that this is the breast that brought America to her knees, the breast that launched congressional investigations, lawsuits, a rack of new laws, a walk-in closet of new regulations. This is the breast that put live TV on a five-second delay (Oscars, Grammys, NBC sports, *Monday Night Football*); cost Viacom \$550,000; caused News Corp to change — this is not a joke — the name of its cable sports show, *The Best Damn Sport Show Period*, to *The Best Damn Super Bowl Road Show Period* so that bag of vacuous prattle might be broadcast over the Fox network during its Super Bowl pregame marathon.

First things first. Where is Jackson's breast today? Is it casing the seedy bars and back alleys of Jacksonville, perhaps as we speak, planning another attack, this time without a nipple guard?

Better telephone Terri Carlin of Knoxville, Tennessee. Last year, immediately after Jackson's right breast sucker-punched a tranquil nation on, I might add, a Sunday afternoon, Ms. Carlin caused a proposed class-action lawsuit to be filed "on behalf of all Americans" who were watching the game. Carlin's brief noted Jackson's "sexually explicit conduct" and added, "Defendants knew or should have known that the standing and credibility of Americans in the world would be harmed as a result of the defendants' self-indulgent and self-serving acts," which caused the American *volk* to "suffer outrage, anger, embarrassment, and serious injury." Defendants in the suit were Jackson's breast and other body parts, Justin Timberlake, CBS, MTV, and Viacom. Carlin asked for compensatory and punitive damages, although generously she placed a

lid on her demands, claiming no more than "the gross revenues of all defendants for the past three years."

I reached Carlin at her home in Tennessee. Dinnertime. I greeted her pleasantly, mentioned my name, mentioned the name of the publication I work for, allowed a moment for the magnitude of those two revelations to settle in, and said, in a friendly but authoritative voice, "Well, it's Super Bowl time again. Ha, ha, ha."

"I don't want to talk about it," Carlin said, adding, "I do appreciate the call," and then hung up. *They've gotten to her!*

Onto the official Janet Jackson website, www.janetjackson.com, in search of clues. I'm greeted by a picture of a nude Jackson, although it's important to point out that the naked slut was turned sideways and her arms were folded across her chest, thereby causing many innocent visitors to overlook the fact that her right breast is not visible, which means this website cannot be used as an alibi. A link took me over to the *Miss Janet Fan Club* site. I was invited to join said organization and promised that if I did I could *Access Online Members-Only Area which includes: Scheduled chat room sessions with Janet. Video Messages/Greetings from Janet. Win cool prizes through our fan club only contests. Exclusive Downloads. Discounts on official Janet merchandise. Ability to upload your own photos or artwork for all to see.*

I joined, only \$22, and left an electronic message advising Ms. Jackson to call me before she did anything stupid. Moved on to the next site: *Photo Stills of Janet Jackson's Breasts During Super Bowl Halftime Show. Video Clips of Janet Jackson's Titties During Super Bowl Halftime Show. Rent Adult Movies.*

"To increase your chances of reaching me, you can call my cell phone," says the voice of Melissa Caldwell, director of research and publications, Parents Television Council. Eager to increase my chances, I dialed the cellular number and received recorded blah.

When it comes to Janet's right breast, Parents Television Council counted coup, claiming their members lodged over 125,000 complaints to the FCC. It goes like this: The FCC issued \$7.7 million in fines during 2004 vs. \$48,000 in fines during 2000. The agency received 1.1 million complaints in 2004 vs. 110 complaints in 2000. Other than the 2004 Super Bowl, 99.9 percent of the complaints have come from Parents Television Council. And yet, the clock ticks, Janet Jackson's right breast, hungry now, prowls Jacksonville, and Melissa Caldwell won't answer her precious cell telephone.

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Super Bowl Props					
First Score by New England Will Be:	Touchdown -170	Any other score +150			
First Score by Philadelphia Will Be:	Touchdown -160	Any other score +140			
New England Scores In All Four Quarters?	Yes +170	No -200			
Philadelphia Scores in 3rd AND 4th Quarters?	Yes +115	No -135			
Most Touchdown Passes Thrown:	Brady (NE) Even	McNabb (Philly)-120			
New England Will Have Rushing TD in 1st Half?	Yes +110	No Even			
McNabb Will Throw TD Pass in 1st Half?	Yes -120	No Even			
Which Team Will Score the Most TDs?	New England -140	Philadelphia +120			
Most Field Goals?	New England +115	Philadelphia +135			
Which Team Has Most Sacks?	New England +120	Philadelphia -140			
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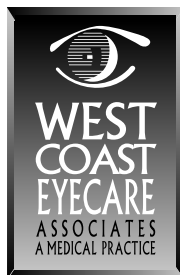
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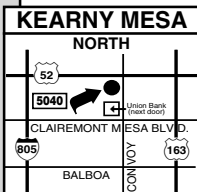
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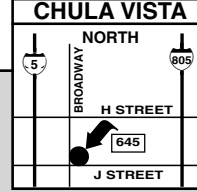
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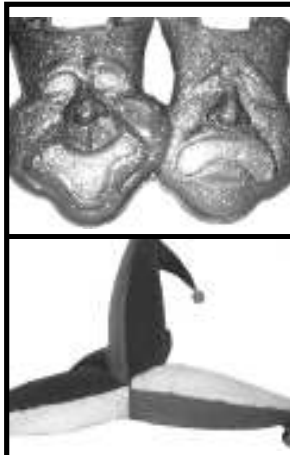


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Senior pastor: Gene Cook

Congregation size: 80

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Annual budget: \$120,000

Weekly giving: \$2300

Singles program: no

Dress: casual to dressy

Diversity: variety of ethnicities

Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1½ hours

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"One of the things that really irks me is the recent fad of poor end-times beliefs," Pastor Cook replied when asked if his church teaches that the end-times are near. "One of the more popular teachings prevalent in San Diego mega-churches is dispensationalism. Dispensationalism is a doctrine that at its root separates the Church and Israel. Dispensationalism was nonexistent in church history up until 1830," said Pastor Cook. "These dispensationalist teachings are also the basis for the left-behind phenomena." Pastor Cook referred to the *Left Behind* series of books, written by Tim LaHaye, that has sold more than 60 million copies. These novels depict LaHaye's reading of biblical prophecy.

"What bothers me the most is that local mega-churches bring in Israelites who deny Jesus Christ as the Messiah and give them a platform to speak on Sunday mornings. They also line Israel's pockets with cash as they send them on their way. I saw a video that features one local pastor that wrote out a check for \$100,000 to a politician from Israel. They do this all in the name of blessing Israel and speak about worshipping the same God. Yet they are making major interpretive mistakes with the Bible. When you reject Christ as the Messiah you are rejecting God, the only God. Jesus reconciled both the Jew and Gentile into one body, the church. The message of the New Testament is that the Jerusalem on earth is in bondage and the church now looks not to an earthly Jerusalem but to the New Jerusalem that is in heaven."

I spoke with Mark Ortiz, who previously attended Horizon Christian Fellowship, a local mega-church, prior to joining Covenant Baptist. I asked him about his experience with end-times teachings. "My old pastor, Mike MacIntosh, was convinced [the rapture] was going to happen in our generation. He believed all the right prophecies were lining up as we speak." I asked Ortiz how people reacted to this teaching. "I saw some people decide not to send their kids to college. Other people didn't save for their retirement; they did not see a need to prepare for a future because Jesus was coming back." Ortiz said he was not too wrapped up in these end-times teachings. "I just want to preach the gospel to as many people as

possible before I am taken [to heaven]."

"I would love to see my brothers in Christ stop teaching this form of Zionism in the church," Pastor Cook continued. "In fact, I had a public debate a couple of years ago with a pastor from Horizon Christian Fellowship. I still would like to extend an invitation to any pastors from San Diego that would like to discuss the content of this interview publicly on my weekly radio broadcast, *The Narrow Mind*," said Cook.

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giveness Reaches Deeper than Your Depths, based on Psalms 130 verses one through four. Pastor Cook introduced Lacorte as one of a group of ten men, who, to develop as preachers, meet once a month. Cook trains these men and allows them to preach once a month.

After service, I asked Lacorte about the preaching group. "We study biographies of preachers, homiletics, and refine the preaching gifts and practice." I asked Lacorte if he had the gift of preaching. "Preaching is something I hold with fear and trembling. It is a heavy responsibility, humanly speaking, to have people's souls in your hand, knowing what you say can affect their view of God. I don't know if I am ready to say I have the gift of preaching," replied Lacorte.

I asked Pastor Cook what other concerns he has regarding what churches teach. "There are many things that grieve me concerning the state of the church. From the garbage that I see on TBN [Trinity Broadcasting Network], the fact that some churches have turned the pulpit into Comedy Central, the overall shallow understanding of the Bible, lack of church discipline due to the mega-church structure, the failure of pastors to preach from the Bible," remarked Cook. Pastor Cook said he addresses many of these things on his radio program, broadcast at www.unchainedradio.com, as well as in live debates.

I asked Pastor Cook what happens after we die. "When we die, we will stand before Christ and be accepted or be sent to hell. Those who have put their faith in Christ will go to heaven. Those who have not will go to hell. Hell is a place of eternal torment, of darkness, of weeping and gnashing of teeth, a place of misery, a place where the fire is not quenched. You don't want to go there, it's a barbecue."

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PASTOR GENE COOK

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Sermon

content.....★★★

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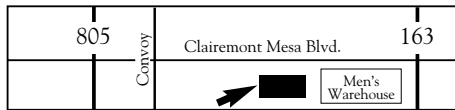
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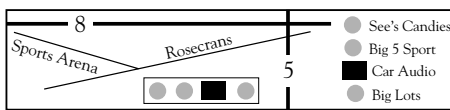
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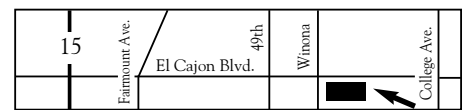
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Dear Saffron,

I'm 30 years old and have been living with my boyfriend for four years. Our relationship was very quick to form, and over the past few years we have become more and more incompatible. He has been working two jobs while trying to establish his own business — works changeable hours, no personal time, little extra income, stressed out and playing video games, has to be begged to help out around the house, and we argue constantly. Although we still say "I love you," neither of us seems truly happy. He is not a cheater, but tends to be verbally abusive (name calling) and I am fed up with waiting around for him to show a little more proactive, responsible ethic where our life together is concerned. Even though I've been waiting and speaking to him about it for four years, things are just not getting better. He does attempt every now and then to change some of his behavior, but it only lasts for a couple of days. We have discussed marriage and neither of us is ready to be married right now to the other. There are no children involved. I have suggested that we no longer live together and simply see each other...hoping that once his career is more stable he will have more energy to devote to maintaining the relationship, to his own personal pursuits, and perhaps better appreciate what we share. He has decreed that he will no longer speak to me again should I ever move out, even though he is not yet ready to marry me. He claims I am being selfish. Although it would hurt me greatly on many levels to no longer have him in my life, I feel moving out until I am ready to be committed to this person for life is the right thing to do. I am also under stress from hassling him and having to be the one to deal with all the minute details of our home life. I'm very afraid of screwing up a vital part of my love life, and I also am not willing to lose respect for myself by living with him any longer under the present conditions. What should I do? I welcome advice from all readers.

IN LIMBO IN LEMON GROVE

Dear In Limbo,

I'm not exactly bowled over by how great life sounds with this guy. Listen to yourself. You say, "We have become more and more incompatible," "Neither of us seems truly happy," and that you are losing respect for yourself by living with him under the present conditions. He doesn't pitch in and help around the house that you share unless you get down on your knees and plead. But here's the real deal breaker: When I read the words "he's verbally abusive," I feel like bursting into

tears. You shouldn't ever be subjected to that. It doesn't matter how stressed or exhausted your partner is. There's no excuse for it. Do you really want to continue to live with a man who treats you in the way you describe? What's in it for you? It's plain something has to change immediately. No wonder you have one foot out the door. I printed your e-mail because its reasonable and thoughtful tone impressed me. Talk things through with him once and for all and see if he's honestly willing to try to change the dynamic between you. Be very specific about what you want and don't want in the relationship. If you can come to an understanding, fine. Give it a final chance if that's what your heart tells you to do. I have to say I'm not optimistic. If he continues to talk and act the way he has in the past, strike out on your own ASAP. You'll be happier and healthier without him, and you certainly deserve much better.

Dear Saffron,

In response to "Angry El Cajon Dad," who was furious when his son's friends (with the help of one friend's dad) toilet-papered his house, I am surprised that neither you nor Angry El Cajon Dad understand the concept of a prank. Pranks are performed among friends for amusement. They are completely innocent. Yes, it is a pain to clean up the TP, but that is part of the prank. While you are cleaning up the TP, you should be thinking of how to get back at your friends in some good-natured way. The more imaginative you can be, the better the prank. Angry El Cajon Dad needs to lighten up and stop being so serious — at least for his kid's sake.

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— EVE KELLY

My friend Bernice reigns as gardener-queen of our neighborhood. Her rose plants grow like big bushes; her citrus trees hang heavy with fruit, and her vegetable garden produces more than her family can eat. We Kellys, on the other hand, have brown thumbs. We succeed with succulents and cacti.

Husband Patrick and I have resolved to improve our gardening. Patrick wants to get tips from experts before we begin, particularly since we're launching our flora-improvement program in the tricky winter months. Of course, when Patrick says he wants to get expert advice, he means he wants me to get it for him. So I phoned Mission Hills Nursery and spoke with owner Fausto Palafox. "It's common in many of the eastern states where it snows," he told me, "to do a whole winter preparation process so that your plants survive. There's pruning, soil, and for tender plants — ones that need their roots protected — they use some sort of organic material, most commonly hay, covering the plants with several layers in an effort to insulate the root area. The root system is tender and if it freezes, the plant dies. So by creating these areas of insulation with hay, it protects them for the winter. Here in San Diego, we don't do any of that. We rake up the fallen leaves, clean up, and prune our plants to prepare them for the following spring. It is customary to prune about the first week of January, although you can prune in the fall. We also do a lot of transplanting, so that everything is established when the spring months finally come. We do get some frost inland. For our store in Alpine, we don't do any root protection, but we are tentative as to what we leave outside during the winter months."

What about fertilizing?

"Fertilizers work with bacteria," Palafox answered. "When it is cold, bacteria is dormant. It just sits there or it washes away. Bacteria need to be active in the ground in order for fertilizers to work because the bacteria eat the fertilizer, which creates the release. Temperatures need to be above a certain level — I think it is 72 degrees — in order for the bacteria to be active. That is one of the reasons that when there is rain followed by a few days of warm weather, all the gardens and all the greens kind of blow up in the ground. Everything bursts into bloom and that is the bacteria being activated."

"There are winter fertilizers," he continued, "that are designed for winter to continue the feeding process. You do want to continue feeding periodically in late winter, typically December, January, so that as soon as that burst occurs in spring, you are ready for it. Your plants are taking advantage, taking up the fertilizer, and growing."

Bernice, who has a quarter-acre veggie garden, plants a cover crop in early winter, which she tills into the soil come spring. I asked Palafox what he thought of that idea.

"Our properties here are so small," he answered, "so not everybody uses cover crops." For those with big gardens, "typically they are

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going to be crops that are nitrogen-rich, usually green foliage plants. You grow the plants and then rototill them into the ground and they release their nitrogen in the soil."

What do you do with perennials during the winter?

"Typically, in the fall, either cut down your perennials, or, in many cases you divide them at the roots and then replant them. The other thing to remember is that fall is the best time to plant."

The summer months warm up the soil, and when you get into fall — our fall is typically October, November — the daytime temperatures are cooler but the ground is still warm from all those months of hot weather. Planting your winter garden, or transplanting, the plant is not trying to push out a ton of growth and the days are cool, so you are not stressing the plant. However, because the soil is warm, the plant establishes very nicely through the winter months, it gets the cold rains, so then by the time spring rolls around, the root system is well established. That is the beauty of fall planting.

"The watering depends on what kind of garden you have," continued Palafox. "If you have a lot of dormant plants — plants that drop their foliage — then the water is minimal. Depending on how well established the vegetation is, watering would be from once every couple of weeks to once a month."

"When it comes to dormancy, on your roses, fruit trees, and some of your shade trees that go dormant, use a dormant spray. In the wintertime, especially after you prune,

some of your plants are susceptible to various airborne diseases. You want to eliminate those before they manifest themselves. So you use a dormant spray, apply it two to three times during the winter and it will protect the plants once they start leafing out."

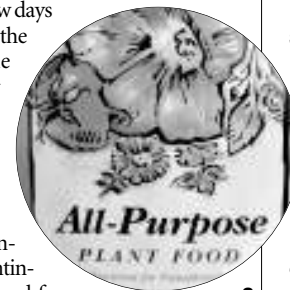
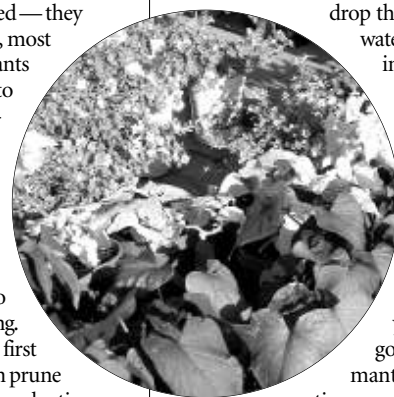
Any pest problems during winter?

"Not much in the way of insects because most bugs die with cold temperatures," he offered. "The only thing that people do get behind on is that right when spring starts, with the nice days, all of a sudden you get a lot of little critters, like aphids that pop up right away. You have to stay on top of them, right off the bat."

Before I hung up I asked Palafox to give a short list of essential gardening supplies. He started by recommending a general-purpose organic fertilizer such as the Whitney Farms All-Purpose Plant Food [\$8.99 for four pounds at the nursery]. "And in the area of insecticide," he said, "there are products that are organic and are broad spectrum meaning they kill a variety of little critters, but are also safe to the garden and to the homeowner. Rose Protector [\$21.99 for a quart] is a great product that is organic. Also the product called Envirepel Bug Killer [\$19.99 for one quart], which is also very good." For the dormant spray, Palafox recommended the Lilly Miller Summer & Dormant Spray [\$8.99 for one pint].

1. Lilly Miller Dormant Spray
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Thirty Years Ago

I believe that it was in the autumn of the year 1973 that word reached our Society of the existence of certain remarkable works of hydraulic engineering, or the ruins thereof, to be found somewhere in the distant Mission Hills.... Preparations were a matter of hours and the day after the Society had issued its directives, we set out in search of the semi-legendary Dams of Mission Hills.

— "THE DAMS OF MISSION HILLS,"

Michael Holzman, February 6, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Ms. Widmer, who fancies herself kingmaker and local tough since the publication of her new book on dining, now goes to restaurants and enjoys or dislikes the meal according to the mood she brings with her or the ease of conversation of the people she eats with. And like the news reporter who comes to see something that has already been decided back at the newsroom, she returns to touch in the color to her prewritten review.

How else to explain the needless and untrue review of Kiyo's unless one questions her basic knowledge of Japanese food and restaurants.

— LETTERS: "SASHIMI DISPARAGED BY GLOVE

TONGUE," Michael Wolcott, February 7, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Farra Kitrell, the woman catching the pelicans, wears a wet suit to protect her legs from the frightened birds' nasty scratches. She's been capturing injured pelicans since October of 1983, when she first saw such a bird on the Ocean Beach pier with 30 feet of fishing line trailing behind it. Sickened by the sight, Kitrell clambered on top of the Sea Dog Restaurant to rescue it, and she's been helping pelicans ever since. The log that she keeps to fulfill the federal requirements for obtaining a license to aid endangered species shows that since October of 1983 she has rescued more than 800 brown pelicans, and of that number, roughly 20 have died.

— CITY LIGHTS: "THE PELICAN WOMAN OF SHELTER ISLAND," Abe Opincar, February 7, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

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States. The second highest weapons haul was less than half that of San Diego: 544 in San Francisco. Houston was third at 531, New York took a distant fourth with 347, and Los Angeles checked in with 322.

— CITY LIGHTS: "AMERICA'S FINEST WEAPONS

CACHE," Matt Potter, February 8, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Some blame President Clinton. He's indecisive, they say, opportunistic, and according to my maiden aunt, a "sex-pig." For others, it's Hillary's fault, with her darkish dissertation on health care, her feminist, I-can-hurt-you-from-here style. For still others, it's "government in our life like a nail in our shoe." But I think something religious, or at least mystical, happened last November 8 when the Democrats lost more races than a three-legged mule....

Unbeknownst to most of the American electorate, 1995 is the Chinese Year of the Boar.... Among his immortal host — they write in pictures, where homonyms don't exist — none could tell [Newt Gingrich] that "boar" in English means an animal, and a fairly graceful one at that, and a "bore" in English is an anything-but-graceful man.

— EVENTS: "I WANT, I WANT, I WANT," Peter Griffin, February 2, 1995

Five Years Ago

I mentioned to Buechner that a friend, now in his mid-60s, recently had bought a new jacket and said to me, about that purchase, "I wonder if this will be my last jacket?"

Buechner laughed. "I think that happens to all of us. My last jacket, or 'If I take out a three-year subscription to this or that magazine, will I be around to read it?' And one's grandchildren. I think, looking at those little people, *Will I be around to see them wear long pants, or enter high school, or, to see them graduate from high school?*"

— READING: "THE EYES OF THE HEART,"

Judith Moore, February 5, 2000

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INTERCOURSE WINE

by Josh Board

I found my notes on parties I went to in December that I forgot to write about. I figured when I wrote about New Year's I was done with 2004. But this night of partying was interesting, since it brought me from the College Area to Tijuana.

Robert, who invited me to his company's holiday get-together (he works for Sprint), couldn't have been nicer. Parking was horrible, and he told me to park in his spot at the apartment complex. When I walked in, he gave me a cigar. He had read that I enjoyed them and was nice enough to get me one. When I looked at the band around it, I laughed. It said "Amish cigar." Robert said, "We went to Pennsylvania and it was weird. My mom was freaked out by the Amish people. They sell all these things. We bought a lot of their peanut brittle. We also bought a bottle of this wine."

He handed it to me, and it said "Intercourse Wines." He said, "Isn't that a weird name for a wine? It should be called 'shit wine' because that's what it tastes like." I had a glass and thought it was okay. But I'm not a connoisseur.

I asked Robert if there were any other weird things about the Amish, since I knew it would be the one group I could offend without getting complaints. He said, "Yeah. They are addicted to Mountain Dew. You



Tijuana partiers

should see how much of that they drink."

The music playing was from Sirius, which is a satellite radio service. It's where Howard Stern will broadcast from when he leaves traditional radio next year. Someone at the party said, "It's a great deal for only \$12 a month. There are over 200 channels, and at work, sometimes the reception for the local radio stations doesn't come in clear." I said, "The idea of paying for music is weird. I don't care about

party and he had chopsticks in his pocket. I thought that was odd. I don't show up at parties with a fork in my pocket. I found out later, though, that the party had an Asian theme, with Chinese food and sushi served.

A football game was just ending, so the Asian guy and I ended up talking about fantasy football.

"Dude, I'll get so fired if you write that story."

commercials locally, because I can just switch the station." Another person added, "People thought it was crazy to pay for TV when cable first came onto the scene, now everyone does."

There was an Asian guy at this

We were comparing the players we had while his wife sat next to him. I asked her if she got sick of all the sports talk. She said she was used to it.

When I asked her what she did for a living, she told me she worked

for a company that does research at a university. She had a few great stories but told me I couldn't print them. I was reminded of a woman who told me she worked for an antidefamation league, and she requested the same thing. I can't remember the Journalism 101 class where they discussed a source telling you a story at a party when they're drunk on 50 ounces of gin. They never utter the phrase "This is off the record." They usually say something like "You better not print this, or I'll kick your ass." Sometimes it's "Dude, I'll get so fired if you write that story." I usually honor those requests — and who really wants an ass-kicking?

I had to leave this party early because I was invited to a giant

party in Tijuana. The guy who invited me, Genaro Valladolid, works in National City but lives in Tijuana. His brother lives in a giant house there and throws some elaborate parties.

When I talked to his brother Fernando, I told him I was apprehensive. During my last trip to TJ the month before, my friend and I were pulled over and basically had to give the cops some money or they'd take him in, even though he passed their field sobriety test. I wasn't eager to drive down again. He said, "I'll send a car for you. It will pick you up at the border."

That was an offer I couldn't refuse.

We agreed to meet at the border at 10:00 p.m. I got there a few minutes late, hoping he wouldn't be pissed. I waited for half an hour until my cell phone rang. He told me he would be another 15 minutes. So I looked at the crappy things for sale by the vendors and waited patiently.

Fernando showed up with three of his buddies. I hopped into his car. He said, "Welcome to Tijuana, the home of sex and marijuana." And we sped off. He told his friends, "This man will make me famous in his San Diego magazine." They laughed. We drove through alleys and streets, sometimes at speeds that scared me. But they were nice guys and very friendly.

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We pulled into a section of TJ that had some beautiful, enormous houses. When I commented on that, Fernando said, "There are some nice areas here. It's not all bad." I asked what the area was called, and he said, "Colonia Chapultepec."

I was told the party had an African theme, since Fernando recently got back from Morocco. When he travels, he always comes back and throws a theme party. There was a projector showing slides of his trip in one room. One guy was fixing drinks. The most popular drink seemed to be a "Ticket to Fly." It was served in a 32-ounce cup and tasted fruity.

I was surprised by two things immediately. First, everyone was dressed up. There were

some guys in jeans and some girls who tried too hard to look like Britney Spears, but most had nicer clothes. Also, half the crowd was smoking inside. You never see this in America. Even at the craziest parties I've been to, the smokers are in the backyard.

Someone at the party told me, "Fernando throws the best parties. He owns a bunch of bars in TJ, and he has many friends. And his workers are all so loyal to him because he's a great boss. So they sometimes work the parties. They serve drinks or sometimes park cars."

Fernando had recently shaved his head. He looked like actor Colin Farrell. And every woman who came in was rubbing his head. They would greet

him with kisses and say things in Spanish I didn't understand.

I asked his brother Genaro about all the ladies. He said, "My brother is single and good-looking. I'm settled down now." He had his pretty wife and two cute kids with him. I asked if any old girlfriends had ever caused a scene at these parties. He laughed and said, "They know what they are in for when they date him. They know he doesn't want a serious commitment."

I went out back to smoke my Amish cigar. It was horrible. But the view of all the lights of TJ was amazing. Lights everywhere. I noticed these large homes had enough space between them that the neighbors probably wouldn't com-

plain about the noise. The backyard went all around the house with different sets of steps.

Fernando did a great job of talking to everyone, and he seemed to relish this scene. He would periodically come over and say, "You are enjoying yourself, aren't you?" Another time he said, "I will be your ambassador to parties in TJ."

A six-piece band was playing in the middle of the house. You could walk up spiral staircases and watch the band that way. Most of the large rooms gave you a view of the musicians. I didn't recognize the songs they were playing, aside from a cover of a song by the Buena Vista Social Club.

When Fernando's mom showed up, she brought some

food. It was set down by the fireplace. I asked him if he felt weird partying it up in front of his mom. He just laughed.

She didn't stay long. I found out she would be selling this house, which only Fernando lives in. They told me they wanted \$650,000 for it. The same house in San Diego would sell for \$3 million easy.

One guy at the party said something to me in Spanish. I said, "No hablo español." He said, "Oh. I can speak English, too." We laughed. I asked him about these parties, and he said, "You think this is a lot of people? Last year there were five times as many people. And the party went until 5:00 a.m. Oftentimes, people end up sleeping here on the floors and don't

leave until late the next day. I heard that one party actually lasted two straight days."

Another guy asked me something in Spanish. I didn't know what he was saying, but since he had a cigarette dangling from his lips, I gave him a light.

I asked another man about the legendary parties here. He said, "This has been going on for 15 years. The best is when there's an election. There is no alcohol served in Mexico during elections. We do have alcohol here on those days. And a great party."

At one point, while the band (which had the usual instruments, along with conga drums, flutes, and a few instruments I've never seen before) played, Genaro's two children

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were carried around like kings on a carpeted thing. (I have no idea what those are called. I'm a party writer, not an interior designer.)

A few minutes later, belly dancers showed up. Fernando was in the front row, with many of them rubbing scarves in his face and winking at him. One woman said to her husband, "Why do men think belly dancers are sexy?" It was funny listening to him say, "The way they move, you think of sex and how good they must be. I don't think that, but other men do."

Other girls watching the dancers would imitate their moves and laugh. I wondered if the dancers noticed and whether they were insulted by it.

With the three Bs at this party (band, booze, belly dancers), I figured it was expensive to put on. Fernando said, "I probably spent \$2000. That's not a problem." I asked about cleanup, since I saw a few people flicking their ashes on the floor. I also saw about 50 cigarette butts on the ground. He said, "I have my cleaning people do it in the morning."

I could never talk to Fernando for long. There was always someone else walking in and saying hello to him.

I was trying to take pictures of the belly dancers. One had a sword while one was doing fancy moves with a white sheet. It was hard with so many people packed around watching them.

The next time I saw Fernando, it was close to 3:00 a.m. I asked if I should take a cab back to the border. He first tried to talk me into staying. I told him so many people were

speaking Spanish and I had already talked to all the English-speaking folks. He laughed, grabbed two girls and a guy, and we hopped into an SUV. As we were driving back, we got delayed by the police chasing a man through the streets. Fernando said, "That's TJ for you. Run, man, run!"


The two girls in the car sounded drunk, and I think they were flirting with Fernando. One kept changing the radio station and giggling. The other would rub Fernando's head and say things to him. He'd only smile.

I was thinking about how, since I started this column, I've been to parties in New Orleans, Las Vegas, and now Mexico. What would be the chance of having my boss spring for a series of parties in various countries? I could report on the party scene in France, Australia...I'll have to think of a way to submit the idea.

As I drove my car home from the border, I was surprised by the amount of traffic. It wasn't moving. I was stuck for 20 minutes before cars were all directed into one right lane. I saw there had been an accident. One car was ripped in half. It was bizarre seeing the front section of the car in one area and the back section in another lane. There was glass everywhere, a car seat in the middle lane, and what looked like blood all over. I could smell gasoline.

I was just glad to make it out of this party alive — and with all the money still in my wallet. ■

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by Barbarella

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Just before they went into warp, I beamed the whole kit and kaboodle into their engine room, where they'll be no tribble at all.

— Scotty, explaining how he got rid of the tribbles
("The Trouble with Tribbles")

The knowledge resided somewhere in the back of my mind but surfaced rarely. I would notice Renee's pixie hairdo and imagine her ears pointing high like Dr. Spock's, and the awareness would come to me in the bub-

ble of a pithy comment to myself: *Ah, that would be appropriate, because she's into that.* Renee is a Trekkie. But she didn't know about *me*. Around Renee, I would suppress my dirty secret; I'd go along with the flow of conversation so as not to make a fool of myself. Recently she caught me off guard and the truth was discovered: I had never seen an episode of *Star Trek*.

I was visiting Renee and her husband, Kip, when it

slipped out. Renee looked at me the way one might behold a demon pawn delivering a message from Satan. In answer to her horrified expression, I said, "What's the big deal!? So? I'm sure I'm not the only one." Wrong answer.

"We're going to fix this," she announced to the room as soon as she regained her composure. *Fix it*, she said, as though my ignorance of interstellar television was a broken hinge. "I'll select some episodes, and we'll bring them over." Maybe she wanted to make *sure* I watched them, or perhaps she couldn't part with the DVDs for long — regardless of the reason, she was going to supervise the viewing. We set a date, and I left feeling as if I had somehow offended.

Kip had discovered his wife's Trekkie nature when they first started dating. He told me about it: "We were watching an animated Japanese movie at the Ken and she recognized one of the characters' voices. She identified him as a two-bit background character from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and I thought, 'How cute! She's a geek!'" Kip's voice softened as he recounted this memory. I understand the sentiment; as far as people and personalities go, geeks are cool.

A geek is anyone with an obsessive passion about something. I often insist that I am a dork, second tier to the realm of geekdom, though I have certain things I am geeky about. During my generation (somewhere between X and Y), we watched the birth of "geek chic," as the latest gadgets came to convey status upon their owners. Coolness is nothing but perception anyway, and with dotcomers and video-game developers, those nerdy guys you knew in school are now those successful cats with all the money and flash.

The only downside to being a geek is that sometimes one can be so consumed with a particular passion that one becomes incapable of relating to a large portion of the population. This is the category in which I had placed computer programmers and Trekkies. But whereas I knew plenty of programmers and could knowledgeably stand behind my assessment of them, I had never encountered a real Trekkie before Renee. I always thought she'd fit in more appropriately with the mod/goth

geeks, probably because I was unaware that in her closet, near her thigh-high, black, steel-toed boots, hung an *Enterprise* uniform. She made it herself, and, according to Kip, she has worn it to a *lot* of conventions — those vast gatherings where fans have congregated for the last 30 years to dress up, recite dialogue, and meet the stars of the show.

I could understand how the weekly voyages of the Starship *Enterprise* might make for interesting viewing during the show's original run in the '60s, when man was reaching for the moon and television had three channels. But what compels a twentysomething woman to dedicate herself to the *Enterprise* today?

Renee has been a Trekkie for a long time. Raised by older relatives who watched anything with the word "star" in its title, she was addicted by the age of six. In middle school, when most preteens are looking to belong, Renee went to her first convention. "As a kid, it was just cool looking. In middle school, I began to understand all the social commentary," she said.

"So that's why you like it so much?" I asked.

"Well, that and the hot alien chicks, of course."

In addition to my record of zero interactions with Trekkies, I committed a double offense by judging the show's fans without ever seeing the object of their obsession. But in a weird way, I was proud of my accomplishment: avoiding something as ubiquitous as

I was unaware that in her closet, near her thigh-high, black, steel-toed boots, hung an Enterprise uniform.



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Star Trek takes some effort. Despite my success, cultural references from the show were ingrained in me from movies and other TV shows in the form of homage or spoof.

On the big night of the viewing, I was a teenage virgin all over again. It didn't take much to cross over to the other side, and once the first episode had been viewed, I could watch as many as I wanted without the stress of preserving my *Star Trek* virginity.

Kip, Renee, and Ollie (who tagged along, remote control in hand) arrived with a selection of cheese and snacks to go with the wine David and I selected for the evening. Renee had carefully chosen specific episodes, based on their significance, from the first and second seasons. First, she put on "The Trouble with Tribbles." From the title, I knew as soon as those furry little space creatures came on the screen that they'd be trouble. But guessing what kind of trouble was the wrong thing to do, as was mocking any portion of the episode.

Each time I laughed or made a mocking comment about *any* character, Renee shot me a scathing scowl. I guess I could understand; I mean, if anyone mocked my beloved iBook, I'd have a hissy fit on my laptop's behalf. But *Star Trek* is funny. Whether it's the soft-focus close-ups of William Shatner, the unbelievably short dresses and beehives on female officers, or the cheesy Styrofoam sets, just about every scene had me laughing out loud. Is it the campiness that people love? Was it this campy back in the day?

We watched another episode, entitled "Devil in the Dark." Again, I was in hysterics. Captain Kirk ended each transmission into his prehistoric handspring phone with "Kirk out." The special effects reminded me of home movies I made with my sister when we were children. And yet, despite the goofiness of it all, I was still sucked in by the stories.

I found myself *wanting* to know more about the

characters. There was so much to learn; everyone in the room felt the need to give me a complete background of each character when he or she appeared on the set. I wanted to watch every single episode, from the first one aired to the

most recent version (I think it's *Deep Space* something). I convinced Renee to leave her boxed set of the first season so I could watch each of them at my leisure. And I will.

Diva's Log Supplemental:

After supervising my introduction to their beloved *Enterprise*, the Trekkies have left me alone with my thoughts. I am excited to have "discovered" this show; I sense there is still much I can learn from this Captain Kirk. (Unnecessary

pause for dramatic effect.) The experience has taught me not to judge a Trekkie by her uniform. Speaking of which, I should probably begin work on my uniform, for I must embark upon my own exploration. There are so many planets to explore,

and I am only one woman. It is time for me to begin my journey, and I will do so by entering into orbit around *Animal Planet*, where I am bound to find something adorable to care about and wish to save. Barb out. ■

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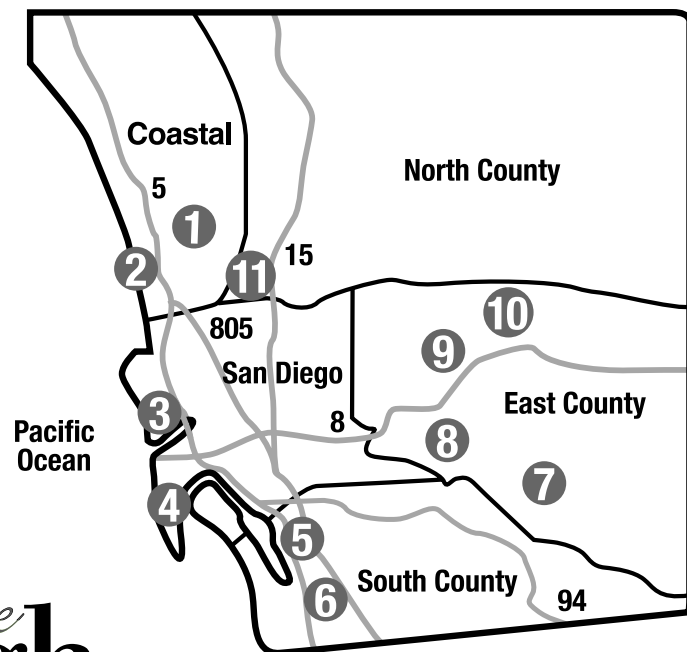
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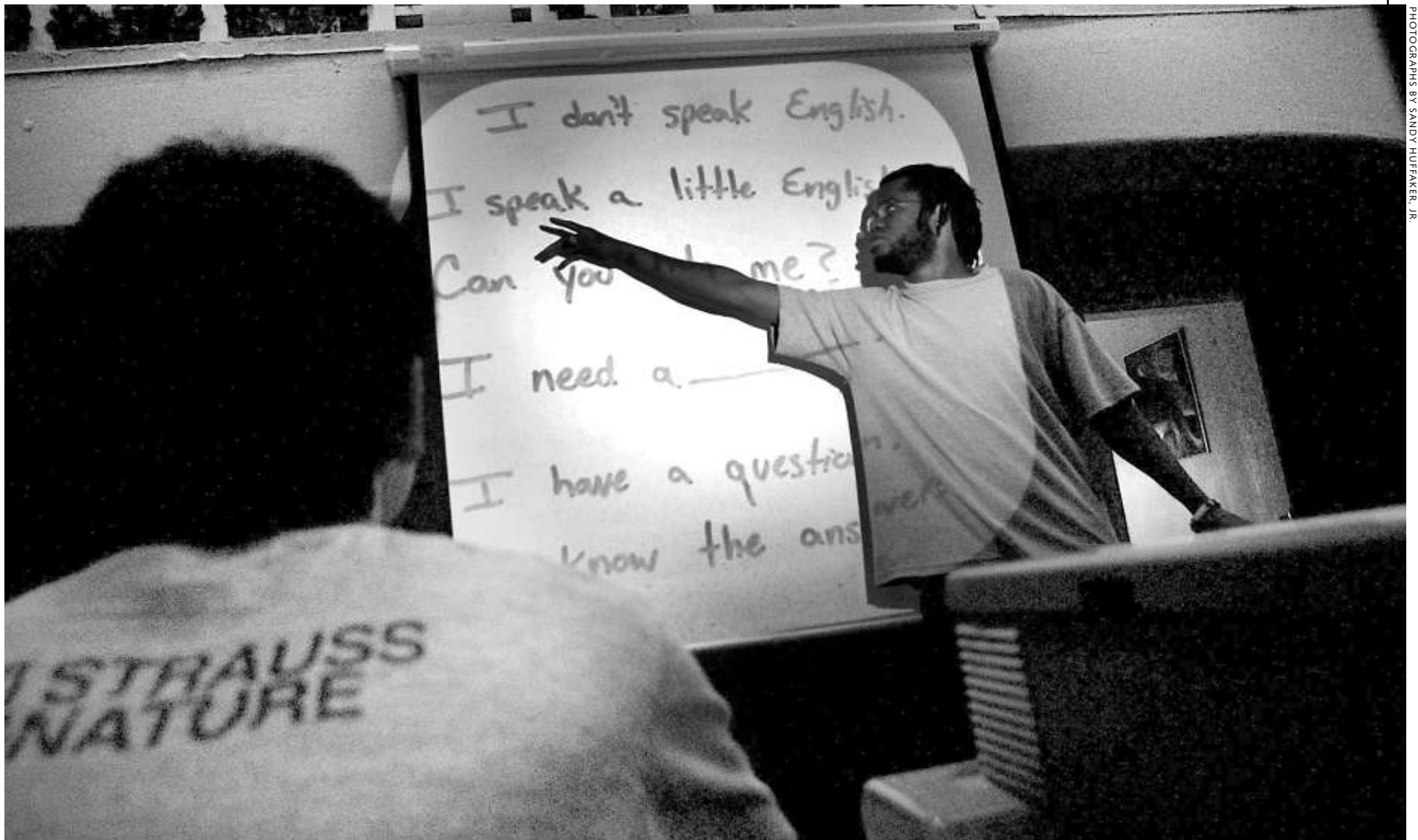


It took me more than two months to get the necessary permissions from various federal employees in Washington, D.C. Then I had to agree to interview Leticia in the presence of staff members of both Casa Cornelia and Southwest Key. Her attorneys also asked me to change her name, to protect her from potential judicial backlash.

A slip of a thing, Leticia looked hesitant when we sat down together, but her words (all in Spanish) revealed a quiet self-assurance. She wore her silky black hair pulled back, revealing a delicate face dominated by doelike eyes and a wide smile. When she decided to leave home, she had just turned 15 and was six months short of graduating from her local school. But she wanted to keep on learning; she dreamed of studying medicine. In school she'd heard about how America was *la potencia mundial* (the world power). "In Honduras," she added, "people say if you know how to speak English, you're valued as

When their path

spent long days walking.



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if you were two people.”

Asked what her family thought of her decision to head for the United States, Leticia trembled. Her home situation wasn't good, she whispered. Her father had disappeared when she was 7, leaving behind his wife,

daughter, and two sons. The older boy had left home, and Leticia had lost touch with him. The younger one was a violent drug addict. To escape the chaos caused by him, she'd been sent when she was 12 to live with an aunt and uncle. But the aunt had beaten her, deriding

took them through remote areas, they went hungry.

her educational dreams and carping that the girl should find someone to marry. In the winter of 2002, Leticia had heard about two older girls from her town who were heading north. She had asked if she could join them, and they welcomed her company.

In her pocket, Leticia carried 300 lempiras (about \$17), money she'd gotten from her uncle on the pretext of needing school supplies. Rather than purchasing northbound tickets, however, the three girls began their odyssey by catching a ride on a freight train. "Were you scared?" I asked.

"A little," Leticia reflected. "It's very hard. But it's an unforgettable experience." The lawyer, administrator, and I burst out laughing in agreement with that.

Every time the train approached a station, the girls jumped off to avoid being caught. They then



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made their way to the outbound tracks, purchasing food and drinks to stash in their backpacks for a ride that might last 16 to 48 hours. If they were clinging to the side of the train, "We couldn't sleep because we might fall,"

the girl recalled. Hour upon hour, they stared down at the passing crossties. Depending on their nerve, they might try to climb on top of one of the cars, but the risk of being knocked off was high. Between cars, the motion was so vio-

lent it could make a person dizzy. Once in a while, kindly crewmen let them ride in one of the engines. Others demanded money for this privilege.

Leticia says once she and her companions entered Guatemala, they

traveled by bus. In Mexico, they hopped trains, took buses, spent long days walking. When their path took them through remote areas, they went hungry. When it poured rain, they froze. "I swear to you," Leticia murmured, "you wouldn't

like trying it."

It took about three months to reach Mexicali. There, on a broiling day, she and her companions got lucky. A woman who ran a snack shop let them sleep on her kitchen floor, and the next day she asked a customer, a man of about 60, if he might give her "daughters" a ride to Tijuana. Leticia says this gentleman, who turned out to be a Guatemalan married to a Mexican, lived in the United States. Eventually he extracted the girls' true story and promised to call Leticia's godmother, who lived in Los Angeles. The godmother sent her husband to Tijuana to help Leticia find someplace to stay.

She says she ended up living with friends of her godmother: a young couple and their two older relatives. After two months, these people "kind of forgot" about charging anything for

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Leticia's room and board, she says. "They were a very united family," she offered by way of explanation. She helped with babysitting, household chores, and the family's business of selling clothing, and the young woman found Leticia a birth certificate that had belonged to an acquaintance. "She told me to take good care of it because people pay up to 1500 pesos for a real birth certificate like that." Leticia later moved in with another friend of this family, an older woman who lived alone and wanted someone to help her out. Armed with the birth certificate, Leticia got a job working in a factory that churned out bronze angels, gorillas, and soldiers. She says she was happy there; her coworkers were friendly. In all, her sojourn in Tijuana lasted about a year.

"Why didn't you stay?" I asked. "It sounds as though you were doing well."

"Because I wanted to study," Leticia replied. She thought her best chance of doing that would be north of the border. She planned to work until she'd saved up the \$2000 she'd been told it would cost to hire a dependable smuggler.



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The ill-fated scheme to drive across the border arose suddenly — the result of a chance encounter with a stranger on the street. This man gave her a false border-crossing card, along with advice that she later rued following.

"He told me if I was caught I should never tell my age, my real name, or where I was from, or I would have more problems. He told me to say that I was Mexican and an adult — so they would deport me back to Mexico."

Things didn't work out that way. Leticia says the immigration officers at the secondary inspection station insulted her, using crude obscenities. Under their questioning, she admitted that the name on the border-crossing card wasn't hers.

Instead she gave the officers the name on the Mexican birth certificate she'd been using in Tijuana. Then a couple of Latino officers began bombarding her with questions about Mexico. "And I didn't know some of them," she recalled. She couldn't sing the national anthem or explain the significance of the symbols on the Mexican flag. When they demanded that she tell them the proper cooking time for pozole, Leticia guessed it was an hour and a half, but the officers told her any Mexican woman would know it was at least two and a half hours. She had flunked the test. "I cried all night long," she said.

The consequence of lying about her age was that Leticia was sent to a prison. Operated by the Corrections Corporation of America, the prison is located in a desolate section of Otay Mesa, just down the road from the county's George F. Bailey Detention Facility and across a ravine from Donovan state prison. CCA, as people call it, houses men and women who are being deported — some because they've been caught trying to enter the U.S. too many times; some seeking asylum;

others dangerous criminals. Under no circumstances are juveniles supposed to be incarcerated there. But it took Leticia two months to realize this and obtain legal aid. Only after a cousin in her hometown sent a copy of her birth certificate to the immigration office did she finally win a transfer to Southwest Key.

"That was one of my happiest days," Leticia told me. She said Southwest Key was "a thousand times" better than CCA. In CCA the inmates were forced to work and received little or no compensation. No one had any privacy. Personal letters were read aloud in public. But once again, Leticia's response to the bad memories was acquiescence. "It was not agreeable," she said. "But I feel like that's what I get for lying." And on the bright side, "I got to meet people from a lot of other parts of the world."

She could have said the same about Southwest Key. From a balcony that overlooks the interior courtyard where we talked hang flags representing the nationalities of the children who have stayed at this facility over the last six years. There are 38 countries in all, among them Guatemala,

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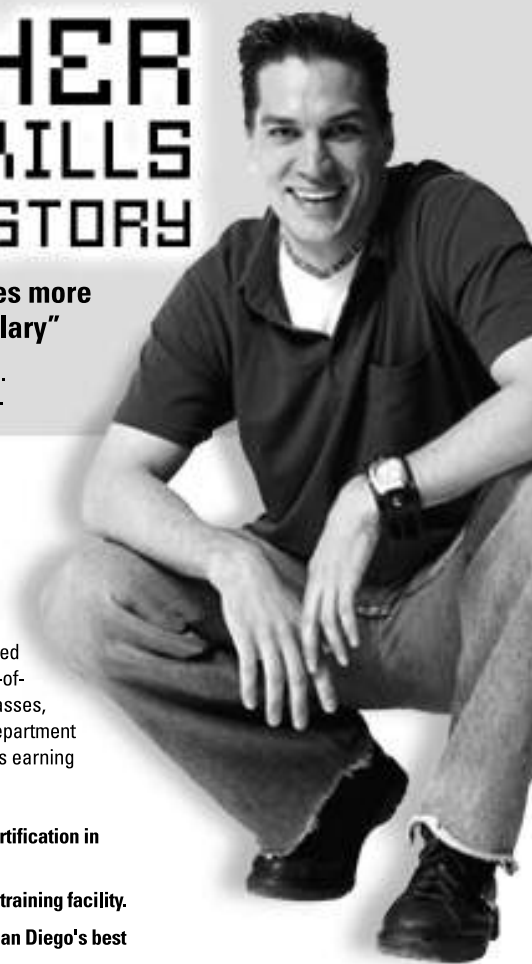
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Most of the youngsters from other nations who are sent to Southwest Key are "sad and depressed" upon their arrival, according to Ismael Avilez. Many harbor thoughts of escap-



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ing. But only one adolescent has done so in the three years during which Avilez has been the facility's program director. That's not because of draconian security mea-

sures. Doors are locked, and staff members keep a close eye on the residents, but Avilez says the main deterrent is that the children enjoy life at Southwest Key. "They're usually sad and depressed when they leave."

It's easy to understand why. The ceiling of the inner courtyard is painted sky blue with puffy white clouds. Strong colors brighten walls, and overstuffed furniture encourages daydreaming. The chambers where the kids sleep

resemble dorm rooms, while the living room holds a big-screen TV, a Sony PlayStation, and a bank of computers. "We don't give them too much TV time," said Avilez, "'cause we like to keep them active." Most engage in an hour of

structured physical exercise per day, and all the kids are required to work in a large organic garden located in one section of the sprawling property. They're shepherded on weekly educational trips to places like the zoo and Cabrillo National Monument, as well as on more purely recreational outings. "Like for example last Sunday they wanted to go see *Shrek 2*," Avilez said. "The interesting thing is that a good part of the adolescents throughout the world enjoy American culture and movies. So they know about Shrek. They enjoyed *Shrek 2*. They're still talking about it."

A tall man in his early 30s who wears his long hair pulled back in a ponytail, Avilez seems laid-back and benevolent. Most of the children arrive at his facility after a difficult journey, he says, and at that point "the most important thing for them is getting the opportunity to have a shower and food, and to make some phone calls

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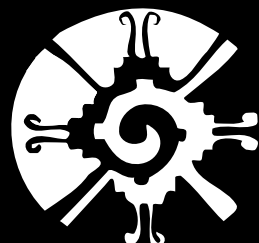
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Upon each child's arrival, he or she takes an entrance exam and starts school the following day. Southwest Key's teachers (one full-time, two part-time, and an aide) cover every subject that would be found in any school: math, science, literature, social studies. The children also get a daily hour and a half of English as a second language, and they receive instruction in citizenship. "We're hoping there might be a happy ending down the road." Alvilez says the average child's stay is 24 days, but the residencies have ranged from a single day to more than a year, in the case of one six-year-old Indian girl whose case was unusually complex.

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play English throughout the week, and then we'll give them an opportunity on Saturday to listen to other music; for

example, Spanish or Brazilian Portuguese."

"Unaccompanied minors" (as the federal bureaucrats refer to these children) haven't always had such a pleasant experience when they've been caught by the Border Patrol. Twenty years ago, a group of lawyers, citing the "deplorable conditions" of minors in the government's custody, filed a class-action suit against immigration officials, and that lawsuit resulted in a 1997 settlement under which the Immigration and Naturalization Service made a number of promises. Instead of being locked up with juvenile delinquents or incarcerated with adults, the INS promised, detained minors would be treated with respect and dignity, placed in the least restrictive settings possible, and whenever possible, released to family members.

Since then the federal government has contracted with social service agencies to operate detention facilities that conform to the settlement-agreement standards. Southwest Key, which houses 15 children, is one, as is the Casa San Juan, a Normal Heights institution that houses another 15 or so

juveniles. But both places are full "approximately 95 percent of the time," according to Mario Ortiz, a juvenile coordinator with the local office of the Department of Homeland Security. In an e-mail response to a question about what happens when there are more children than beds, Ortiz wrote that unaccompanied juveniles may be sent to "detained shelters" outside San Diego County. He added that "if the unaccompanied juvenile requires housing in a secure facility," he or she may be placed in Juvenile Hall.

Child advocates deplore the latter option. "You shouldn't criminalize a child," declares Marisa Ugarte, the executive director of the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition. "They're not criminals, so why victimize a person who is already a victim of so many circumstances? The only crime these children have committed was to find safety for themselves or go to a family member in the pursuit of their dreams." Ugarte asserts that at Juvenile Hall the unaccompanied minors are treated like criminals. "Psychologically that affects them a lot. The jail system teaches them

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a lot of things that shouldn't be learned. A lot of what these children have suffered is endless: domestic violence in their homes, being raped on the way here. And a place like Juvie just intensifies their suffering."

John O'Toole, director of the National Center for Youth Law in Oakland, asserts that the unaccompanied minors who are sent to juvenile jails are often strip-searched. "So you can have some 13-year-old girl from another country who's already a little bit scared and fragile and vulnerable, and she's being sent to a place that's a prison and being strip-searched by strangers," he says. "The judge was outraged by that before and ordered them to stop it, and they're still doing it." As a result, O'Toole says his organization, along with the Center for Human Rights and Constitu-

tional Law in Los Angeles and the Los Angeles law firm of Latham and Watkins, returned to court in January of 2004 to try to force the government to do what it had promised to do in the 1997 settlement agreement. "The government is putting more energy into fighting what's going on now than they ever did in actually trying to comply," the attorney contends.

O'Toole concedes, however, that over the past seven years the gov-


ernment, in addition to contracting with agencies like Southwest Key, has made one other improvement. "They never used to release kids to anyone other than their parents, and now they will release them to other blood relatives

who can care for them. That part is good." These family reunifications are complicated, child advocates say. First the relatives must be located. "A lot of these kids don't have any idea how big the United States is," says one woman who has

worked with detained minors for years. "They'll say, 'I have an uncle in L.A.,' and you'll say, 'Oh, great. What's his name?' 'Manuel González.' Okay, that limits it to about 1500 people!" Once they're identified, the family members have to

fill out a sponsorship packet that must be approved in Washington, D.C. "And the family has to pay a bond that can be


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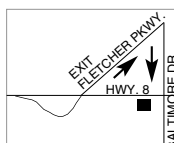

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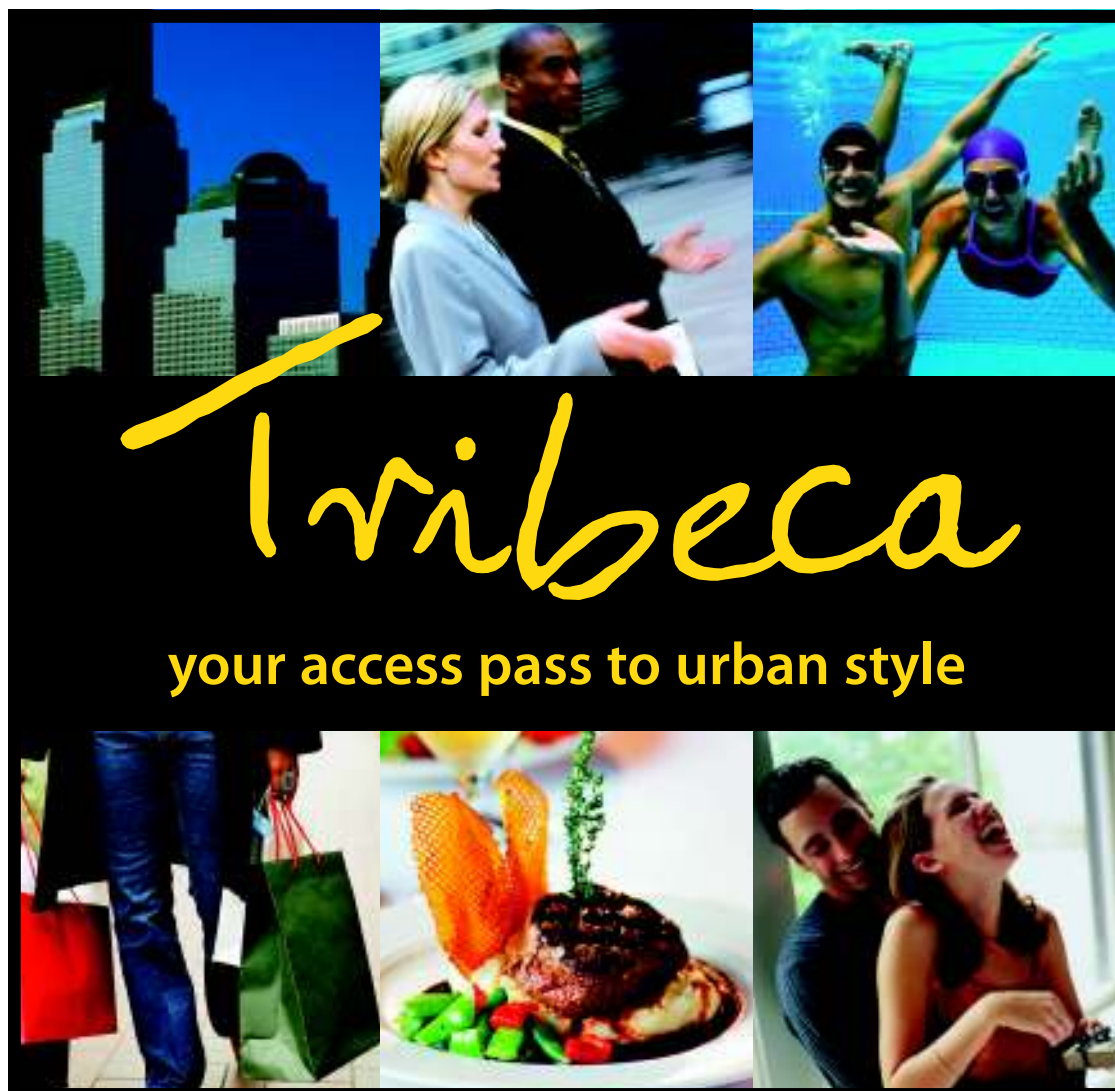




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Still, Avilez says about 90 percent of the children placed in Southwest Key depart for the homes of relatives. That doesn't mean they're allowed to live out the rest of their lives in the United States. It just gives them a familial base from which to complete their legal proceedings.

The vast majority wind up having to leave, according to Rose Kasusky, the executive director of Casa Cornelia. Most youngsters who've made their way to the United States in search of a better life "really don't have any legal relief available to them," Kasusky says. "Just like any immigrant

who comes here to work or study, they would have had to have gotten their visa back home, prior to coming. Once they're apprehended by immigration authorities, there's no legal ability for them to stay here in the U.S."

But they still deserve legal representation, Kasusky argues. "They still need someone to explain to them what's going on; why they have to go to court and what the purpose is; when they'll be going home." According to Kasusky, the law says individuals facing deportation (or "removal," as the government now calls it) have the right to an attorney. But there's a catch. Because most immigration infractions are treated as civil rather than criminal, the "respondents" (as the children are called) have

no right to an appointed attorney. They have to hire one themselves, and that can cost anywhere from \$1500 to \$5000, Kasusky estimates.

As a result of this conundrum, prior to 2001 many of the unaccompanied minors who were caught in San Diego got no representation. Their detention here "would take forever," says Sister Ann Durst. "They'd be told to get a lawyer, and of course they couldn't get a lawyer. And they could be detained for months and months before finally being deported." Durst, an attorney and the former president of a small Pennsylvania college, came to San Diego to found the Casa Cornelia Law Center in 1992 at the direction of her religious order, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. She says at first she

set up programs to serve battered immigrant women and children, as well as immigrants who were seeking asylum. It took her a while to become aware of the plight of unaccompanied minors. But in the year 2000, the American Bar Association "raised the issue of what was happening to these detained children. And I said to myself, 'We've got to take a look at this!'"

Since then, Casa Cornelia has come to the aid of more than 400 young people. About 85 percent of them have come from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Mexico. Chinese names also show up often on the weekly rosters of new detainees, but Kasusky says the Chinese youngsters "normally won't talk to us.... The idea we have is that their smugglers, who are

known as 'snakeheads' in China, basically tell the kids, 'Don't talk to anyone. Tell them you have an attorney in the U.S., and when you bond out, you'll be helped.' Most of their lawyers are in New York, for some reason, which is very bizarre."

Kasusky says local immigration officials have supported Casa Cornelia's efforts to provide legal assistance to the children. For one thing, the San Diego immigration court agreed to consolidate the children's cases on two dockets per month, normally the second and fourth Fridays. This has made it easier for the nonprofit organization to recruit a cadre of volunteer lawyers, according to Kasusky. "Instead of having ten kids on ten different days, you've got ten kids all on one day. Logistically it's

immensely helpful." She says the number of volunteer attorneys for the children's program has grown over the past three years to include about 40. With only 6 attorneys on the Casa Cornelia staff (and 2 of them handling administrative tasks), "We couldn't do the volume of work we do without volunteers. The large firms in San Diego have been very supportive of our work with unaccompanied children."

Also crucial has been the government's willingness to fax that list of detained children to Casa Cornelia every week. Using it as a guide, a Casa Cornelia staff member goes out to each facility where newcomers are being held and interviews them. "We talk to the kids and determine whether there's any [legal] relief," Kasusky

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said. "Some of the children are coming to the U.S. looking for family. In the '80s and '90s in Central America, everything was in an uproar. Sometimes the parents have been gone for several years, and the kids don't really know where they are." Other youngsters come seeking work so they can send money home.

Marco, as I'll call him, fell into the second category. A round-faced 17-year-old with a broad nose, a broad grin, and deep dimples, he'd been living at Southwest Key for one month and five days on the morning I visited. Born in a tiny Guatemalan village a couple of hours by car from the Mexican border, he was one of four boys. Two of his brothers had been working in Connecticut for a couple of years. When they asked him to join them, he thought it sounded like a good idea. "In Guatemala there's no work," he explained. You might make 40 quetzals [five or six dollars] a day working as a field hand. Maybe twice that in construction. "But here," Marco said with a smile, "you could make a lot per hour."

He got a fake visa for his Guatemalan passport, and someone drove him to the Mexican border. From there, he made his way to Villahermosa, where he caught a north-bound plane. But in the Tijuana airport, Mexican officials pounced on his documents as crude forgeries. Marco told me he was sent to a Mexican juvenile detention facility for two days, then was transported on buses first to Mexico City, then to Chiapas, and finally to the Guatemalan border.

A little under a month later, he was ready to try again. For his second venture, his father borrowed a genuine passport and tourist visa that belonged to someone else. Marco

didn't think he looked much like the picture in the passport, but his relatives back home told him not to worry. For this attempt, he would bypass Mexico altogether, flying from Guatemala City directly to Los Angeles.

But once again, he was stopped by immigration officials, this time American ones, who declared that the documents were genuine — they just weren't his. Clapped in handcuffs, Marco was taken somewhere in Los

Angeles to be interviewed. Two days later, he was sent to the Federal Building in San Diego, where he was held for about an hour before being delivered to Southwest Key.

When I asked what

he thought of life there, Marco enthused that it was a "quality" place. He'd been given regular meals! Classes! A toothbrush! A snappy flattop haircut, with even the gel to keep his stiff black hair standing at atten-

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And he did miss them, he added, along with his old friends. He said he felt happy at the thought of seeing them

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soon. I wondered aloud if he would try again to come to the U.S. "The truth, yes," he said. The next time he would secure a legitimate visa, he vowed. Both his brothers had entered the U.S. legally and then had stayed beyond the time permitted by their visas. He didn't feel sad about his failure to reach Connecticut, he said, but rather, "tranquilo."

The paralegal from Casa Cornelia pointed out that Marco would be leaving soon. He'd already appeared in court, where his attorney had asked for and received what is known as "voluntary departure under safeguards." That fate is different from a deportation, or removal order, according to Kasusky. Someone who's ordered to be deported cannot apply to immigrate for at least five

years, she explained, whereas a voluntary departure leaves the door ajar. "Some of these kids have parents here who are legal," Sister Ann Durst said. If those parents are awaiting the processing of visa applications for their children, then "You don't want a deportation order on those kids," Durst explained. "And in addition, the law could change! You never know. So you want these kids to have a clean slate." Although the government pays to fly deportees home, it normally requires those who depart "voluntarily" to pay their own airfare. However, in the case of juvenile detainees, San Diego immigration officials have been making a humane exception and absorbing the cost.

"Not all the kids get the voluntary departure,"

Kasusky told me. "It's up to the judge's discretion as to whether he's going to give it to you." Factors taken into consideration, she said, include "Is there a criminal history? Is there a prior deportation? Did the child tell the truth about his name, age, nationality, when apprehended — or did he lie? Is the child a smuggler, or did the child use a smuggler to come here to the U.S.?" I wondered why using a smuggler would be considered a black mark. "The argument is that when someone has engaged a smuggler, they're clearly showing a higher level of maturity and knowledge of the system," Kasusky replied. "In other words, we're not talking about some sweet, innocent little child.... That kind of thinking."

Kasusky told me that

whenever a Casa Cornelia attorney feels that a child doesn't meet the criteria for voluntary departure, he or she won't ask the judge for it. "Because otherwise, as an attorney, you're really compromising your ethics. So usually what we say to the child is, 'If it makes you feel better to have us there, next to you, then we will do that. But you're not really going to benefit.' And some of the kids will say, 'Okay, I'll just represent myself.'"

At the other end of the spectrum, Kasusky says, the Casa Cornelia legal team sometimes is able to argue that a child ought to be allowed to stay in the United States. Two broad circumstances may permit this: if the child qualifies for either asylum or "special immigrant juvenile status."

The special immigrant juvenile status, established by Congress in 1990, is "for abused, abandoned, and neglected children who don't have anywhere to go," Kasusky told me. Although it might seem as if a girl like Leticia — abandoned by her father, turned out of the house by her mother, told by her abusive aunt that she wasn't welcome to return — would fit that description, Kasusky explained that the Casa Cornelia lawyers had run into a catch-22 in San Diego. "The problem is the jurisdictional element," she said. When children are apprehended by the Border Patrol, they fall under federal custody. But the government's regulations say that before a child can apply for the special immigrant juvenile status, a state juvenile court

must find that the child is abused, abandoned, or neglected and is eligible for long-term foster care because family reunion is not possible. The child must then be made a ward of the court. Furthermore, filing a petition to initiate the dependency proceedings "is not something that a private individual can do," Kasusky says. "It has to be filed by the county." At the time we talked, Casa Cornelia had been unable to persuade any San Diego County officials to get involved in the children's cases. Kasusky opined, "I think they are in a budget crisis. They don't have the money to really help these kids because, of course, anything they do costs money. So we've got these kids that are in limbo."

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Kasusky says. "Most of [the detained minors] are coming here to work and send money back home. They're not abused, abandoned, neglected. So just by the definition alone, we're talking about very few

children — only a handful."

In Los Angeles County, the Department of Children and Family Services has established a "special immigrant status" unit. On at least one occasion, Kasusky said,

Casa Cornelia has managed to get a candidate for special immigrant juvenile status transferred to Los Angeles. But in the case of Leticia, the lawyers had decided instead to request asylum. This may be

granted when someone has "a well-founded fear of persecution," Kasusky explained. "Political asylum is the generic term most people know and understand," she said. But asylum can also be granted for other sorts of

persecution. "It includes race and nationality, ethnicity and social group — which normally includes gender," the attorney explained. "Most of these kids' claims are based on social group."

Most common, she said, is the predicament in which many young boys find themselves: pressured to join gangs and targeted when they refuse. A number of vicious gangs have proliferated throughout Central America, she said. "The interesting thing about this gang problem is that it's something the U.S. has pretty much exported. In the '80s and '90s, we were deporting a lot of criminal aliens for gang activity, be it a drive-by shooting or robbing a liquor store or whatever. These young men would go back home and start the gangs there." The 18th Street gang, now notorious for terrorizing areas of Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, "is actually named after 18th Street in L.A." Mara Salvatrucha (a.k.a. M.S.) is another L.A.-bred gang thriving in the countries to the south of us.

It was members of Mara Salvatrucha who drove Enrique to his act of desperation. I met Enrique (not his real name) at the Correctional Corporation of America prison. Chris Chouteau, the staff attorney who heads Casa Cornelia's detained minors' program, and I had to make the trip to Otay Mesa three times before prison officials allowed me to conduct the interview we'd prearranged.

On the day we were finally granted entrance, a prison staffer led us through a chilly labyrinth of concrete passages. They looked to be as wide as they were tall, a proportion at once disorienting and intimidating. Inside an inner chamber, we took our places at a shiny metallic table, and Enrique was led in to join us. Enrique was born in a small town in El Salvador 17 years and 9½ months before he began his flight to the north. His problems with

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the gang members had started when he was 16. They were rooted, he revealed in Spanish, in his sexual orientation.

A slender young man with short curly hair, Enrique seemed uncomfortable admitting this but determined to communicate his side of the events that had befallen him. He says "delinquents," whom he identified as members of Mara Salvatrucha, lived very close to his home. Enrique thinks they found out he was gay from the homophobic brother of one of his friends, and they began following him home from school, taunting him and jeering. One day in 2003, toward the end of the school year, five youths grabbed him by his school uniform and demanded that he dance. When he refused, they kicked him and punched his face. Enrique broke

away, but in an attempt to recover his backpack, he threw a couple of rocks at the gang. This backfired. The gang members recaptured him, bound his hands, tied him to a tree, and doused him with water. Then they abandoned him. Enrique says he escaped after a stranger came along and loosened his bonds. But the stranger beat a hasty retreat: if he helped too much, he too would become a target.

Another time about eight gangsters forced the lighted ends of marijuana joints into Enrique's mouth, burning his tongue and lips. By the fall of 2003, Enrique was distraught enough to try to file a police report. But the police insinuated that Enrique himself was a gang member, and they threatened to arrest him. A turning point came in

December of 2003, when a gay friend of his was murdered by the gang. "Were you close to him?" I asked. "Too close," Enrique said, head down. "Very, very close."

Where could he find a safe haven? His mind turned to his uncle, living in Los Angeles. He would take him in, Enrique felt sure. He says his parents agreed that their son's life was in danger, though they may not have known why. Asked by his father if he liked girls, Enrique had insisted that of course he did. He'd denied having any interest in boys. His mother may have nursed suspicions, Enrique added, but the two of them never discussed his sexual orientation.

So it was that at 3:00 a.m. on January 4, 2004, Enrique's whole family — two younger brothers, his mom and dad, even the family

dog — piled into a borrowed car and drove two and a half hours to the town of La Hachadura, on the Salvadoran border with Guatemala. Enrique's father bought him a bus ticket, and Enrique had an identification card displaying his true name but an older birthday. He had to pass for 19, he explained, or he would not have been allowed to pass into Guatemala unaccompanied by an adult.

He kissed his parents and struggled not to cry, lest everyone break down. "But I had a knot in my throat," he recalled. In his pocket, he carried \$50. (Dollars serve as the de facto currency of El Salvador, according to Enrique; the colon no longer circulates.) His bus arrived in Guatemala City around 7:00 a.m. "I didn't know my way around," he said. "I'd never been out of my village. There were all these strange people."

I asked if Enrique had had a plan for how he would get to the United States, and he admitted that he hadn't. That first morning of his journey he bought a map of Central America. It gave him a rough idea of the ground he had to cover, he said.

He spent the whole day fretting about what to do; that night, he slept on a park bench. The next day he figured out where to catch a bus that would take him in the direction of the Mexican border; the two-day journey consumed almost 30 of his dollars. Enrique says his heart sank 15 minutes short of his destination when Guatemalan immigration officials boarded the bus, searched it, and ordered Enrique to disembark. He denied any intention to enter Mexico and told the officials he was just going to visit friends who lived near the border. They fired back a question: with whom was he traveling?

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Enrique told me that when the bus finally pulled into the border town, this woman offered to help him further, but he didn't feel he could confide in her. Instead he found his way to the deep, swift river that marks the border between Guatemala and Mexico. He didn't think he could cross it while

carrying his backpack, which contained a couple of changes of clothing. He spent the night sleeping on a nearby hillside, and in the early morning, he spotted two teenaged boys with a canoe. They offered to take him to the other side in exchange for ten dollars, an exorbitant fee, Enrique thought. But he agreed. Once across, he proffered only five. "They threw rocks at me, but I took off running. I hid until they left."

Enrique had asked the boys if he would find a town across the river, and they told him there was only dense jungle, inhabited by snakes and other dangerous animals. But Enrique says he didn't know what else to do, so he plunged into the pathless undergrowth. He walked for hours in the fetid humidity, flinching at the startling sounds of monkeys and insects. He could smell the animals, he said; he saw snake trails everywhere. When night fell, the noises increased. He climbed a tree and tried to sleep. He says he woke around 5:00 a.m. and descended,

then climbed a taller tree to try to find his bearings. He saw no trace of human habitation. Hungry and thirsty, he admitted to himself that he had to turn back.

That first day of Enrique's journey across Mexico was a harbinger of times to come. Eventually he made it out of the jungle and found his way to a town. There he met some Guatemalans heading north who agreed to take him on as a traveling companion. They knew about an "immigrant's bus." But its driver turned out to be in cahoots with machete-wielding bandits, who jumped aboard

and demanded money. One of the Guatemalans then pulled out a revolver, forcing the bandits to let them go.

Like Leticia, Enrique covered some of the ensuing miles via freight train. In Veracruz, he fell into the hands of Mexican immigration officials and was teargassed in the jail where they detained him. While being led to a bus that would return him home, Enrique kicked open a door and escaped through a rooftop passageway that led out into a street, where he managed to hide from his pursuers. A kindhearted Mexican girl then paid for his bus

ticket to Mexico City. He hitchhiked from there to Tijuana. That leg of the trip took him 12 days.

The final person who gave Enrique a ride told him his brother was a coyote. He could get Enrique across the border for \$1000. "I told him I didn't even have \$5," Enrique recounted. But this man turned out to be yet another Good Samaritan, and he took the Salvadoran boy to his grandparents' home, where he was fed and given clothes and shoes to replace his ragged attire. The family also found him a false border-crossing card, and they took him to the pedestrian-crossing terminal in San Ysidro. There, 44 days after his journey began, Enrique was foiled by border guards who thought the brown-skinned, strong-browed boy didn't look much like the fellow on the document.

They also didn't believe he was 22 years old, as he was claiming. And Enrique says when he gave them the phone number of his uncle in Los Angeles, he was caught in another lie. Although the boy had

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claimed to come from Veracruz, his uncle's wife let slip that he was born in El Salvador.

Enrique says he had to admit his nationality, but he still wavered over revealing his age. He says the immigration officials told him if he was an adult he would have to leave the U.S. immediately, but as a minor, he'd be able to stay. Thinking this meant he would be freed to go live with his uncle, he confessed that he had not yet turned 18. Instead, he was packed off to Southwest Key, feeling betrayed. He was living there and waiting for his first court appearance when his 18th birthday (March 20) came along. Not long

afterward, he was yanked out of the juvenile center and transferred to the Otay Mesa prison.

When I asked him how life was there, he answered with a single bitter word: "Malo." It was nothing at all like Southwest Key, he said. There he and the other youngsters had been able to play.

Last June, when I interviewed Enrique, Chris Chouteau was working on the boy's request for asylum. In October, the case finally came before Judge Anthony Atenaide, and in the course of that two-hour proceeding, Enrique had a chance to describe in detail the persecution he had

endured as a result of being homosexual. To the relief of both Enrique and his attorney, the judge believed the boy and granted the asylum request, giving Enrique the opportunity to start a new life in the United States. Chouteau says Enrique stayed at the Storefront, a local shelter for homeless youth, for about a month, then moved to Los Angeles to be with his uncle.

Leticia's application for asylum took an unexpected turn. Chouteau had planned to contend that if the girl were forced to return to her home country, she would become a street child (because Honduras has no foster care for aban-

doned minors), and as such, she would become a victim of persecution. But around the beginning of October, the Office of Refugee Resettlement moved Leticia from Southwest Key to Michigan, where she was placed in the care of a foster family. She's there now, Chouteau says, attending high school and awaiting an asylum hearing that, given the backlog of immigration cases in Michigan, probably won't take place for a year or more. Chouteau says Leticia also could conceivably qualify for special immigrant juvenile status in Michigan. Either way, she still has a chance of fulfilling her dream of becoming a doctor.

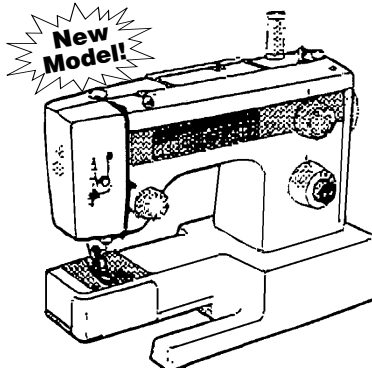
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legal staff often starts the work on such cases, most children wind up being placed with family members, who then hire private attorneys.

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arm, in giant balloon-style lettering." The boy mutilated himself in an attempt to get rid of the unwanted insignia. "His arm is completely scarred. It's a mess," the lawyer said. She added that by the time he left Honduras, several factions wanted to see him dead. Among them were the local police. "They are involved in sort of a social cleansing against gang members," Kasusky says. "They viewed him as a gang member, even though he's not. Secondly, he had the 18th

Street gang after him because he tried to remove the tattoo. And then there was the rival gang, Mara Salvatrucha, after him because they thought he was 18th Street."

A San Diego judge nonetheless ruled that the boy was not eligible to stay. That's not an uncommon outcome in asylum cases, according to Mike Pellerin, director of Political Asylum Research and Documentation Service, a Princeton-based research firm that, for a fee, provides

assistance to those seeking help with their cases. On his website, Pellerin posts the percentage of asylum claims that 151 U.S. immigration judges granted between 1994 and 1999. One of the striking things about those numbers is the wide variation among them. Whereas one New York City judge granted almost 53 percent of the 1161 asylum applications that came before him, another gave the nod to only 1.2 percent. On average, the 23 New York judges who were listed

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That variation, Pellerin says, "suggests there's something wrong. But the chief immigration judge doesn't give a damn who grants and who doesn't, just so long as they process the claims and clear the docket. And of course

the attorney general [Ashcroft, at the time of the interview] is right there in the amen corner. Sweeping people out of the country — that's their principal objective.... Intellectual honesty and the scientific method aren't the basis on which these cases are being decided."

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their lack of sophistication hurts them in court, a contention with which Kasusky agrees. "The law is very complicated," she says. "You could have someone who's totally eligible for asylum, and yet if they are unable to articulate legally what they need to in order to get asylum, they're not going to get it. Also you're talking about people who are very traumatized, who have suffered past persecution and torture." Sometimes adults in that situation "really are unable to talk about the things that have happened to them." For similar reasons, the kids' asylum cases are complicated, Kasusky contends. "For a lot of the kids,

their maturity level is not something that remains the same. It's constantly changing. So it can be hard to get a grasp on. And sometimes the kids don't really even understand that, yeah, they *should* be afraid when the 18th Street gang has threatened them." Sometimes asking them a question like "Are you afraid?" will elicit a "no" answer, " 'cause they're kids, and they don't have any concept of danger and what it all entails."

Kasusky says Casa Cornelia's attorneys have won most of the asylum cases they've represented for adults, and she's now appealing the decision in the Honduran boy's case. Despite the discouraging

odds, she will continue taking on children's cases. "We'll do something... We're talking about the most marginalized, victimized group: children who don't speak English. Who don't have anyone to speak for them. And who don't understand what's happening. It's a very vulnerable group."

Kasusky says when she talks to people about her work, she tries hard to communicate "that we're not making up wild and crazy arguments to get [the children] to stay here. We're not talking about going in there and saving every single person. We recognize that many of them don't have the legal ability to stay here in the U.S. But that doesn't mean their representation should be diminished in any way." Just being in court with them "is a huge, huge benefit for these kids," Kasusky says. "And making sure: Does this child have a safe place to go home? Or is he afraid to go back?" It's easy to depersonalize them by calling them "minors" or "juveniles," she added. But "we try to focus on the fact that they are still children. And they need help more than anyone." ■

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Are you one of the millions of people who won't sleep tonight?

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A PICTURE OF MY UNCLE

THE SICKBED

The thought of him.

Bald, mottled head — a weary planet come to rest against a pillow on the arm of the urine-soaked couch. The respirator beside him clicked. It sighed. He, sighing in his sleep, mumbled words he spoke as a boy. Where is the boy? He lies wet, naked in grass beside a river. He touches a pretty girl's face. He sits sunburned on horseback playing Wild Bill Cody. He casts his shadow in a photo he stands taking: *An Army Buddy Before Sundown on Chesapeake Bay*. And the nephew stands at the door and watches. The room past its threshold is dim. The nephew enters and sits near the couch. He watches a hairy vein in his uncle's throat throb. He wonders if its rhythm matches his own. He wonders if this is how he will die someday.

This is how his uncle dies. His nephew has, after all, seen the photos — carried them in boxes from the garage, brought them home, spread them on the floor. Studied them. Now the nephew contrasts that photo-history with the stubborn half-life fading fast in the foul-smelling and dark room. His uncle's head rises slowly from its stale nest upon the couch. The neck extends tortoiselike from the shell of sleep. The bleary eyes crack open, and the dry turtle's mouth opens to form a whiskey hold. Sounds

come out:

"So? How's business?"

"Business," the nephew says, scooting his butt to the edge of his chair, "is just fine."

"Are you making good money?"

"I'm doing fine."

"Good, good," the uncle rasps, settling back into slow-motion slumber. His respirator clicking and pumping — a sturdy little engine chugging and puffing, pulling the uncle on the steepest hill he'll ever climb.



The author's uncle

"There were so many girls.

Too many. It was a shame.

There were three girls who killed themselves because of him."

"Gene Carroll, Loves-to-kiss"; "Sophisticated Roberta of Ossining, N.Y." (she, Sophisticated Roberta, leans in mid-length mink, her hands tucked into a muff, against the door of a big black Packard). There are hundreds of photos. But a photo is something less than a memory; it is less than an event. A photograph is an object used to trigger chemical reactions in the mind. These reactions form the compound we have labeled "time." Though bloated by cancer, an uncle's skull is of finite volume. Moreover, a brain besieged by disease fairly boils with reactions to the present and has no use for more unsavory time. This is why the uncle gave his photos to his nephew.

The uncle wanted to tell his nephew what to think. Some photographs tell more than others. A portrait of a young woman: she stands behind an armchair. She wears a plain black dress and stares at the camera with resolute sadness. Behind her the photographer stood, no doubt, the uncle known to this family as a legendary, good-looking heartbreaker. Through the clairvoyance granted to lonely women, she knows it was all over long before their tryst ever began. Even as the camera's shutter bites off the particles of light bearing her face, her sad mouth, she sees her images pasted to a page in this soldier's cluttered album. Yet she stands staring a thousand

PANORAMA

Not money. The uncle bequeaths the nephew box after box of photos he has taken over the considerably long course of his life. There are the childhood photos. The snappily dressed young immigrant photos. And many pictures of young ladies. In fact, in the war-era albums the uncle captioned his photos in white ink: "Dot — A Girl in Indiana"; "Pure and INNOCENT Eleanor"; "Sweet Sophie of Cleveland"; "OH, HOW PRETTY Irene";

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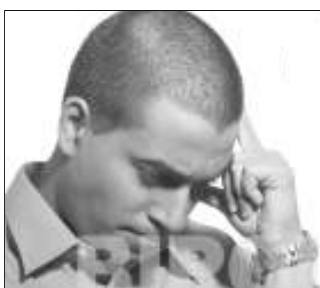
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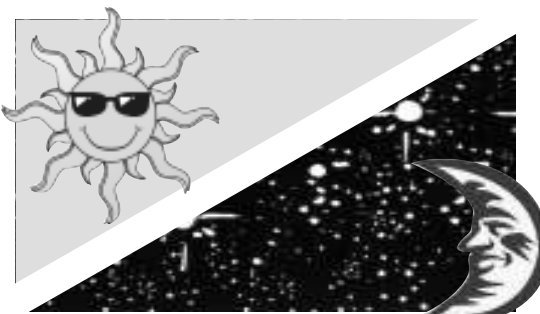
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miles off, as if D-Day hadn't mattered, as if the Japs hadn't surrendered. As if the continent, the world, being reborn around her to another age, were simply incidental to the face of this handsome man — the uncle/this heartbreaker. The war was only a blemish caused by history; its vicissitudes, its privations etched in the corners of her mouth.

She stares and continues to stare.

"Remember Coney Island," the uncle wrote beneath her photo.

"Who is she?" the nephew asks, bringing the album close to his aunt's face in the hot afternoon air inside the garlicky apartment. She scratches the back of her head with the handle of a stained wooden spoon. She squints at the picture until her eyes are slits. A sauce pot on the

stove lazily raises its lid and spits a stream of froth down its side. The aunt squints and clicks her tongue. "Aw, how am I supposed to know?" she wags her spoon at the photo. "There were so many girls. Too many. It was a shame. There were three girls who killed themselves because of him. Didn't your father ever tell you?"

She pulls the album down with her as she settles at the kitchen table. Turning pages with one hand, she digs in her apron pocket with the other and extracts a crumpled handkerchief. With it, she dabs her upper lip. Pages turn. Decades pass. "He looked just like James Cagney when he was young," she says. "And he hated that. God forbid any woman should tell him that he looked like James Cagney. He could get violent. But they'd always

come back. He had a way with women. They just loved him. Three girls killed themselves on account of my brother. He just broke their hearts. Did I ever tell you that?"

Across the room, the uncle dozes. His head is round, seamless, smooth as a melon and ripe with cancer.

"He was a lady-killer," the aunt says and taps her spoon decisively on the pink Formica top of the table.

She peers down at the photos. She has reached those taken in the early 1930s. Pressing the white cloth across her mouth, she studies girls in clothes, drop-waisted dresses, cotton lisle stockings, roll garters. The uncle, her brother, wearing fedoras. An unknown man stands in a black overcoat with a closely cropped fur collar. He wears

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a homburg. A trio of girls pose, their coats with lamb cuffs folded over their arms. The Jazz Age on the skids.

"That's her. I think. With the long curls," the aunt says pointing her spoon at a lovely girl standing on steps, her long hair coiling over her breasts. "Oh, how she loved him. At least that's what they said. She hanged herself in the basement. A nice girl. Such beautiful hair."

The aunt squints at the long-curl girl. The aunt lives in the ambient past; her doctor says her brain has atrophied. The present eludes her, and it is just as well. She forgets

her address; she forgets her phone number. She forgets that her brother is dying. So, he without a future and she without an immediate past have been placed in this small apartment for the convenience of a dwindling family. When lucid, the two of them argued like children. Pots and pans were thrown. Glassware was thrown. Fits were thrown. Confusion prospered until the family announced, with one voice, that if the aunt and uncle (brother and sister) continued to battle, they would be left alone in their disrepair. Then the elderly and violent siblings sulked.

They refused to eat. Disheartened by the prospect of civility, the uncle took to the couch with his respirator beside him and began to sleep, longer and longer. She, the aunt, bewildered by the encroaching calm, ran her hands through her hair, clutched at her throat, and periodically staggered disheveled outside to search for the present in the gauzy Southern Californian light.

It has clearly been a pitiful and ironic road that has led these two from their ancestral Transylvanian village to this collapsing point in their lives. To this aromatic apartment in La Mesa where the aunt, in

her few clear-minded hours, bustles about the kitchen, frying, boiling, and baking the old-country dishes that her brother, in his few clear-minded moments, requests she prepare. However, no one eats the leaden cornmeal mush, nor the stuffed cabbage, nor the shiny yellow pancakes fried in sweet butter then filled with cheese or jam.

"The way it smells when it cooks reminds him of our mother," the aunt explains as she hefts the dead weight of yet another Balkan delicacy into the already overburdened freezer. With a grunt, she shoulders the refrigerator door closed and moves to pour steaming corn mush from its pot onto a spotless white platter. She nudges the mass with her spoon, then she leaves it to cool. She totters, to the kitchen table.

"That's the girl," she says again pointing to the one with long curls. "Killed herself because of your uncle. Her mother found her in the basement. Her mother is dead now, too. Probably."

DOUBLE EXPOSURE

The long-curl girl makes her way up the hill, the dirt and rock road to her house. She turns and walks backward, looks at the town in its valley, at the poisonous, slate-colored sky. Her hair sticks to the sweat on her forehead, her coat smells of sweat and kerosene.

She steps into the house, holds her palm to her face, presses the doorknob's coppery, greasy stink to her nose. She thinks of how she could never talk her way into America, travel into it from this Pennsylvania valley, thinks of how if she could only get the feel of speech past her teeth, get her soul out of her mouth, the rest would follow. She could step into a new dress and leave her mother behind. Andy would take her. She could see them leaving her mother, feel her weight easing into the seat as the car accelerated. Andy takes her and laughs, her hair lifted from the back of her neck by the wind.

She ignores the kitchen because it stinks in there.

She sat and watched her mother eat in there.

She goes onto the back porch. The Polish boys next door are drunk. Nothing grows on either side of their back porch — they stand and piss from it. In the summer they get drunk and stay out under that old tree all day and by dinner start to beat each other senseless. She'd sat on her porch a thousand afternoons and watched them swing their hairy fists.

From across the yard the boys don't even look at her as she walks down three wooden steps, turns, down three more and crouches through the small door and down six steps into the basement. A bucket, a shovel, sooty with coal, scratch her stockings. It's dark enough that she could be blind.

There's a trunk. She knows everything that's in it: a baby's dress, some newspapers from Romania, a pair of overalls, a men's wide belt. She pushes the trunk to the basement's center.

She crawls to the place behind the steps and finds

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her hands among spiders and stone, the length of rope she tied to that old tree that held a swing — the slat of wood she straddled as she swung high, her hair falling over her face as she fell, high enough to see the town.

She stares at the trunk's lid and thinks of her mother eating in the kitchen. She watches her spoon lonely bread soaked in milk into her mouth. She hears the spoon click against the bowl's lip. And when her mother finishes, wipes her hands on the rag in her lap, her simple smile fills her daughter with equal measure of revulsion and tenderness.

This contradiction is never easier; it never strangles her less. She would kill her mother if she could, but the only way to have softened the blows from that earnest love would have been to have packed days and miles between herself and that tired woman. But Andy was gone and she didn't love him less. He never loved her.

She steps onto the trunk, steadies herself with one hand against the splintery beam across the ceiling. She tosses one end of the rope over the beam and uses the same knot she used for the swing around a branch of that old tree. She secures the length tightly around the beam. An arm's worth of rope later, she winds three coils around her throat. She pushes the frayed, free end of the rope beneath the coils. Her necklace's clasp digs into her neck. She pinches it out from under the rope, pulls hard, snapping off the thin chain and its small, silvery flower that flies to the dark floor. "Ooooh, Andy," she sputters.

She spits strands of hair from her mouth. Her underarms are slippery with sweat. Wrestling, her head thrust back, she tries to shake off her coat. Its collar falls from her shoulders. Her arms snare in their narrow sleeves. She decides it doesn't matter.

She raises her right leg, feels the cold basement air rush up her thigh to her

crotch, sees the mud on the toe of her shoe, thinks she's about to fall headfirst down-stairs the way she did when she was eight. Her left knee, bearing her weight, buckles. She pitches forward and down, her right heel hitting the trunk's rusty lock.

She hears the rope's trombone sigh as it strains against the beam. The toes of her shoes brush the basement floor. The trunk sits just behind her free-swinging heels. Straining her legs, pointing her toes, she can ease the rope's pull. She can't help trying. Her weight shifts, she spins, she feels something pop between her shoulders. The sucking

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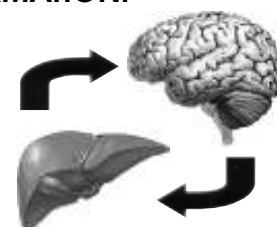
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hears glass breaking. They laugh and say something in Polish she doesn't understand.

ONE-WAY STREET

The uncle came out west after the war. He drove. Per-

haps during that trip the photographic process itself changed. Technological advances. For whatever reason, the light is hazy in the photos he took during his trip. Pictures taken in clean daylight have an odd cre-

puscular quality as if daylight were a faintly porous membrane stretched across night. Night bleeds through these bright photos.

The uncle came to full maturity during the war; the soldierly libertinism

sanctioned by that period afforded the full expression of the uncle's manly adult selfishness. Hence the kiss-and-tell photos (i.e., Sophisticated Roberta of Ossining, N.Y.). Hence the collection of souvenir shots

taken with "native girls" on islands visited during a tour of what was then called the Pacific Arena. Guilt, boredom, or GI wanderlust piqued by such swaggering tourism drew the uncle to California.

He got in his car and moved across miles of tired, hot asphalt blown by sand; pulled Coca-Colas from the slushy coolers at stark filling stations; wandered off the road in his baggy chinos to marvel at cactus, desert sunsets. And at some point during this trip, the essence of this man at that time was trapped forever in persistent and incandescent clarity:

A picture taken in the 1940s. The uncle stands on a road, glaring at the camera, in a pale two-button jacket and mismatching pants. His hands are balled into thick, industrial-strength fists. The landscape he inhabits — some unforgiving nowhere, where the sun always shines.

He wanted to tell others what to think.

There are two photos taken, later in his California life. In one, from the 1970s, he stands near a taxidermied tiger and a taxidermied lion. The uncle, wearing a cap, pulls the tiger's ear and pokes a finger in its mouth. In the other photo, taken some 15 years earlier, the uncle and some gal wearing a party hat flank a mute king of beasts. The Mighty Hunter: a recurring dream.

There were no tigers or lions in rural Austria-Hungary. Instead, disease and poverty stalked the defenseless. These predators tracked the uncle in his mind. Tucked away in his boxes of pictures are two coffee-colored photos taken of his parents. His mother is stooped, disheartened; a black kerchief covers her hair. The father wears traditional peasant garb. Refugees. Victims. The uncle once told the nephew how he had been cornered by a group of Polish boys when he was a child in a small immigrant town outside Chicago. Cursing him in their mother tongue, they beat him bloody with tree branches felled by a storm — "It had rained the night before, and the wind brought the branches down." Even nature conspired against him.

The route the uncle traveled to reach the desert road where he stood staring down a camera with the locked jaw and the mismatching pants is not a difficult one to follow. It is the route drawn in red that traverses recorded history — it's the familiar route along

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which cruelty, goaded by despair, paces human frailty.

Finally, in California, some 84 years after his departure, the uncle arrived at the point where all drawn lines converge. The coordinates of that point describe a small apartment in a halfhearted attempt of a city beside the Pacific Ocean 20 minutes

by car from the Mexican border. The apartment is cluttered with the derelict, small-scale dreams of a man who had known, whose genetic composition remembered the poverty and the need to flee from it that is felt by the poor. There are the long-play records of steam-train rumblings, whis-

tle blows, and metal wheels clanking along tracks. In the pockets of his sweat-stained and rotting, wide-lapelled, padded-shouldered suits, his nephew will find small glass vials containing insignificant quantities of gold. The uncle's sister will cluck over neatly wrapped packages of dozens of bars of soap,

decades old (bought on sale?), stored in the boxes sheltering his accumulated pack-rat wealth. These boxes sit stacked around the couch where he lies dying.

NATURE AND SIGNIFICANCE

The weather is immoderate when the nephew again vis-

its his uncle. Outside the air above the city is a filthy brown haze. Inside the apartment, the hot and acrid air does not move. Thick with the odors of decay and heavy food, the air is stirred about the uncle's room by a black metal electrical fan. As the fan swings its lead slowly from side to side, it fills the

nephew's face with the smell of his dying uncle; it disturbs the few surviving filaments of white hair on the uncle's grotesquely swollen head.

The respirator clicks and sighs.

The aunt rests, asleep, at the kitchen table; the slack flesh of her sweating face

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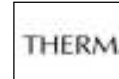
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pressed against its surface. The bun of hair at the nape of her neck has come undone, its coarse, gray knot rests against her jaw.

As the nephew moves toward his uncle on the couch, through this sleepy calm, his shoes squeak on the linoleum. The nephew stops. His uncle does not stir.

From where the nephew stands, the uncle's head — its pale, veiny, irregular surface — is the face of the full moon. Each mole, each bump, each indentation a symbol of the uncle's individual microcosmic astrology. Perhaps these markings foretell the uncle's death, foretell the long-curl'd girl's

body swinging in the basement like a pendulum demonstrating the Earth's spin on its axis. Perhaps these signs would instill in the nephew a hereditary predilection for desertion. The womb produces hideous things; could it not produce moral monsters as well?

Would the shared blood coursing through the nephew's veins cause him to someday leave lovers swinging from ropes in his past as well? Romance is a complicated business.

The nephew stared at his uncle's head. Like the satellite it resembles, through similarly invisible natural laws, it affected the ebb and flow of the liquid, predes-

tiny within the nephew. Would he someday pay for his sins in this way, through pain gradually ripening in his body?

Science has remarked that the fetus's in utero development resembles the stages of mammalian evolution — from gills, then a tail, and so on, to the final humanoid resolution. To the nephew's mind (though confused by its youth) it seemed fitting that the adult organism should physically bear the consequences of its history. The uncle would struggle, finally, through a year's worth of atonement, gasping for breath from tumor-choked lungs, his head nearly burst-

ing with rot.

We all wait in similar lines.

Not curiosity, but fear dragged the nephew then to a fortune teller. Through the uncle's past the nephew hoped to see more clearly his own future — he suspects it is not what Christians call grace but something very close to its opposite, that keeps his own heart beating, his blood pumping, his feet plodding every unsteady step of his way. But where was this way leading?

On a late afternoon the nephew hands the uncle's bifocals, magnifying glass, and a photo he had taken to Eustace — a middle-aged man with pale blue eyes

who pushes back the cuffs of his beige shirt, pushes aside a deck of Tarot cards, closes his eyes, and holds the eyeglasses between his palms.

"These belonged to a man, someone close to you. I think he's dead..."

Only a dead man would allow a stranger to dirty his glasses. Eustace relied upon more than simple intuition. In his plain Hillcrest apartment with its kitchen counter cluttered with vitamin bottles, Eustace hedged his bets with commonplace logic. And he, as do we all, simply guessed.

The soft-spoken fortune teller with thinning hair reaches for the photo. It is the

one of the girl standing behind the chair staring sadly at the camera. He passes his hands over the photo as if giving benediction.

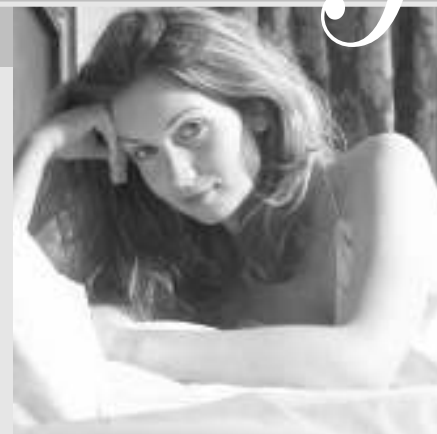
"A very highly evolved soul," he says of the sad girl. "But very innocent, not naïve but open to the world. She couldn't protect herself the way most of us can. It would be easy to break her heart. I think she's still on the Earth plane, here with us. For some reason I have the feeling her name began with an L... Maybe Lillian, or Laura, I think she was called Laura..."

Call her Laura. The uncle didn't name her in his album.

Eustace screws up his

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face, waves his hand at Laura's photo a few more times. His attempt to transcend the mundane faltered. Eustace grunts with dissatisfaction. Laura's photo will say no more. He scribbles something on a card and slides it to the nephew: the price for naming the sad girl. Fifty dollars.

A MANY-SPLEN-DORED THING

In southern Brooklyn, on a boardwalk at night, he takes a walk with young Laura. Her wrists and ankles are thin; she has been formed with Appalachian delicacy. She is so pale, so white, each emotion within her registers dramatically in the skin on her chest, her throat, her lace. After she cries, her eyes appear bruised. Her family is poor. He buys her small things. Flowers, taffy, a hot dog. Her dress brushes against his knee as they walk.

They are passing a photographer's booth. Andy takes her hand and leads her inside.

"Aw, Andy, no. Let's do something else," she says.

He smiles. "C'mon, cutie. It'll give us something to remember each other by."

She frowns, ducks her face away from his.

He draws her close, places her hand low on her back, clutching her. The sequins on her collar catch the boardwalk's light. She complements his embrace — presses her hand just above his heart. "Whatta ya mean by that? You're not gonna see me again after tonight?"

He lies. "Are you crazy?" gives her hand a squeeze. "I'd hafta be nuts to dump a girl like you."

As soon as she is posed behind the armchair, she can barely see through all the light to Andy's face. The photographer fusses with his camera, tells Laura to stand still. The sounds from Luna Park — ringing bells, a roller coaster, screeching girls — come into the booth. The photographer claps his hands in satisfaction — she stands alone in sharp focus. She is young and pretty. Andy has her. The photographer tells her to look at his finger, wiggles it just above the camera.

She stares and continues to stare.

"REMEMBER Coney Island," Andy writes beneath

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her photo in his album.

He had many photos of himself. In each of the early ones — taken while he was young — confidence, vanity. Posing in While-U-Wait photo booths. Angling his chin to catch his best side, his cheekbones, his jaw, his eyes. The gals mounted like trophies in his albums (“The One that Got Away”). Poverty and possession. He hoarded moments, living, his life as one long pile-driving against ever-yielding time.

A BRIEF MANUAL OF STYLE

His nephew can never sleep on airplanes. He is not afraid of the aircraft exploding,

of his getting sucked through a jagged hole in the fuselage and spat into space. He has never slept in an airplane. Travel does not agree with him: that such great displacement can be accomplished so easily, that such vast distances can be traveled imperceptibly are the facts of modern life that rob him of sleep.

Place one of the uncle's boyhood photos near one taken shortly before his death. At light's speed the laughing child is the weary old man. Physics made flesh: time is something we bring. We all deserve to die.

A photograph taken one week before the end

of the uncle's life. He sits against a wrought-iron fence outside a bank on Broadway, downtown. One leg dangles casually, the other foot planted on the sidewalk. He sits upright, spine straight, his arms are folded across his abdomen. He wears a plaid shirt, a black cap. One hand is hidden beneath an elbow; the other is tucked beneath his biceps and ribs. He is ashamed of his hands, swollen, knotted, uselessly arthritic. He couldn't make a fist if he tried.

Glare across his glasses obscures his eyes. He is nearly blind. This man who stared his whole life directly, bravely into cameras, who

never blinked, now gazes off to one side — away from his photographer. A lone cameraman's target; the uncle's mouth is taut with sorrow. What is he thinking?

He is thinking he is going to die.

Days after this portrait in front of the bank, his arms lashed by cotton straps to the sides of a hospital bed, he gurgled and writhed. He tossed his head from side to side. His sister-in-law, the nephew's mother, stroked his forehead, begged God for a little mercy, though the odds for forthcoming grace by this time were unmistakably slim. The uncle groaned, sucked in air convulsively, each

effort the equivalent of a young man's full day of work. At the end, very close to the end, he opened his eyes, clotted with mucus, with tears (it was difficult to tell), he searched the air over his bed for his sister-in-law's face.

“Here I am,” she said. “Oh, sweetie,” he sighed, “Oh, honey, can't you do anything to help me?”

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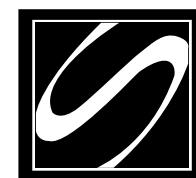
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THE MOODY INTERIOR OF "THE CLIP JOINT,"

a barbershop pocketed on California Street near Polk here in San Francisco, is *echt* film noir. Deep shadows hacked by wooden blinds cool the interior and load it with menace. The 10-by-12 space accommodates one barber chair (a chunky brown command module), two ancient wire-back chairs for waiting customers, and the mirror ledge with its clippers, scissors, brushes, ointments, and cool blue barbicide cylinder where big- and



Top: Market Street in San Francisco, Venice Beach, Bologna; bottom: South Philadelphia

small-toothed combs stand ready. Whenever I walk past — a duck decoy and two stuffed quail watch from the narrow window — the barber is usually sitting in his big chair, waiting for something to happen, or snipping at an older gentleman's tonsure. It's a marginal enterprise, as I suppose most old-

style barber shops now are, and is often closed. How does such a business survive in an inflamed economy where commercial property isn't rent-controlled? The Clip Joint's neighborhood at the foot of Russian Hill has gotten a little tonier the past decade. The seediness of Polk Gulch a few

blocks south, whose chop suey joints, massage parlors, head shops, and rough-trade dives used to encroach on this neighborhood, has receded a little to give the area a peachier look. Though it's a going, slow-going, concern, the Clip Joint already has the hushed air of a provincial museum.

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urbs, as I did in the early 1990s, you learn to love, or try in good faith to love, commercial and cultural steadiness. But for a city dog, that steadiness produces a nasty reaction — migratoriness. While I lived in Redwood City, a town on the Peninsula south of San Francisco, I took the train to San Francisco nearly every week, just to walk the streets and take things in. But my consciousness lived too much in other times and places, in South Philadelphia, and in Bologna, where I'd spent nearly four years. Such migratory desire isn't good for the spirit. A divided soul is bad medicine. My notebooks during those years read now like the chronicle of an illness. One in particular registers the disturbance.

Yesterday I was walking down Via San Vitale in Bologna, having just come from Via San Leonardo, the working-class quarter where colors of the stucco house fronts wane through hues of red and yellow and orange.

Along the portico people walked briskly, shopped at the unmarked produce stand that just last week was a garage, or swept pavements. Then I ended up on Via San Vitale, which spokes toward the historic center and its two medieval towers. Along the way I passed my favorite house, Palazzo Fantuzzi, called "Il palazzo degli elefanti" because of the large ornamental carvings of elephants on the façade, a funny and extravagantly oriental decoration on these medieval streets. Time has so eroded the stonework that the elephants' high relief has been planed nearly flat — they look like yesterday's sand castles. The sunlight slanting down through the portico pillars rules the shadows into even parts. The sundials across the pavements. Smoke, fumes, odors of buses, cigarettes, coffee machines, perfumes and colognes, cheese and salami, and vehicles of all sorts. A lady pedals by on an ancient bicycle that seems made of wrought iron,

wearing a mink coat and kid gloves. I said to myself: This is my place. But this isn't my place. I've always been here, and never really so — I feel a little like a stranger wherever I am. Walking

down Via San Vitale, I'm where I actually am, in Redwood City, California, where there are no redwoods, where there are few tall trees of any kind. The elephants look down on me as I say it,

shedding their outlines.

2. A few years ago I revisited, for the first time in over 30 years, the neighborhood where I was raised. Watkins Street, a short east-west

blacktop moment deep in South Philadelphia, lies some 20 blocks south of the Beaux Arts pile that is City Hall. On its cupola stands the statue of William Penn designed by Alexander Milne Calder (the mod-

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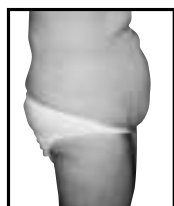
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crown of his hat. The many high-rises built since then make the Hall look like a desk ornament. Penn's stature didn't matter as much as the foundation legend it represented, the Quaker egalitarianism and equanimity that, when I was young, had long been violated in the observance. My patch, a squared-off block (Penn designed the city on grids to prevent the spread of fire) occupied mostly by first- or second-generation Italian-Americans, was solidly racist, though it was a tolerant racism: so long as "they" — across 21st Street slept a quiet working-class black neighborhood — didn't enter or impinge on our culture, everything was fine. The adults around me all remembered that in the early century the "they" in those southern parishes were Italians, and now they weren't "they" anymore. My people were capable of great charity and protectiveness; the men went off to hard jobs while the women watched the kids

and policed the precincts. But we were a culture of unreason. The hatred of blacks was one lump in the maggoty mass of irrationality that ruled our lives and that baffled and terrified me.

There on the corner of 21st, the Mason-Dixon Line we called it, was Nate's barbershop, where in summer we boys got butch-waxed buzz cuts to deal with the street's huggy heat. There was the barbicide jar, a liturgical object sharing its altar with a military brush set, a black dispenser of hot shave cream (which in my image-board has become Cézanne's black clock), an electric scalp massager, razor, strop, hand towel, bottles of Vitalis, Pinaud's lilac rub, and witch hazel. The Clip Joint has most of those, but the proprietor doesn't have Nate's characteristic elegant extra-long pinky fingernail, a barber's trademark, it was said, which hovered around our heads like a dragonfly as his scissors snicked, an unsettling feminine ele-

ment in that masculine chamber. (What if one day, violating every norm that defined our sexual identities, Nate painted that nail magenta? Forget that. Forget business.) Every so often black kids would stand outside the big plate-glass window and knock on it with half-ball bats. Except for the one Polish boy from my street, everybody in Nate's had dark hair. Walking down California, I pass a Latino, an Asian couple, a pasty-raw homeless gentleman pushing a shopping cart tarped like caravan cargo, a group of black hip-hop kids, a Middle Eastern male and, reflected in the Clip Joint's window, a vaguely Mediterranean-looking middle-aged white guy.

In 1958 a single black mother and her child moved from the other side of 21st to our block, next door to us, where the Polish boy lived. It made no difference to anyone that she was self-sufficient, hard-working, congenial. Their blackness poisoned the vil-

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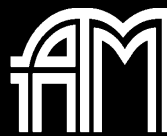
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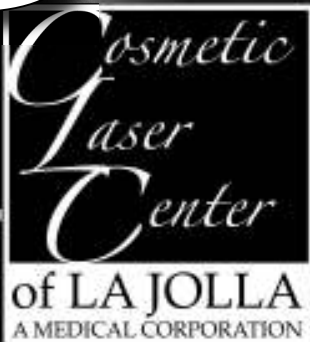
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lage well. That's all anybody needed to know. So as a reflex — a reason grounded in unreason — my parents put our house on the market and sold it to a black family. (Our other next-door neighbors, my parents' lifelong best friends, stopped talking to us forever.) We moved to what all considered the "good neighborhood" of North Philadelphia, nearly the same distance north of City Hall as we had lived south of it, in a Roman Catholic parish where the pastor brokered resales of houses to whites only. Some events that marked our three-year North Philly migration: my father is hospitalized for hepatitis and ordered to quit drinking; he and I are in a traffic accident involving a judge's son (the party at fault) who harasses us with subpoenas; my parents, when not fighting, lock down in resentful silences; my grandfather, having lived with us since I was born, has to go elsewhere because our house isn't large enough; I come home to find my father alone and unresponsive in darkened rooms in the basement drinking from a jug only I know is there; my mother wants a better life so she takes an assembly-line job; we white-flight prototypes now occupy Humiliation House, my mother's assorted resentments a razor-wire perpetual-motion device that flays anyone who gets too close; everyone we know thanks our lucky stars we escaped black people; my father dies of liver cancer, my mother in her seething martyrdom gets angrier, I graduate from high school, a black family moves in at the end of the block, so we move back to South Philadelphia, farther south than before, into a house smaller than the one on Watkins Street.

So, 30 years later, there I was back on the block. Black folks occupy the entire neighborhood. Many house fronts, once uniform red-brick with granite steps, have been remodeled or brightly brick-pointed, though several also show signs of wear or neglect, and a few have the withered look and purple interior of certain houses I remember from my childhood,

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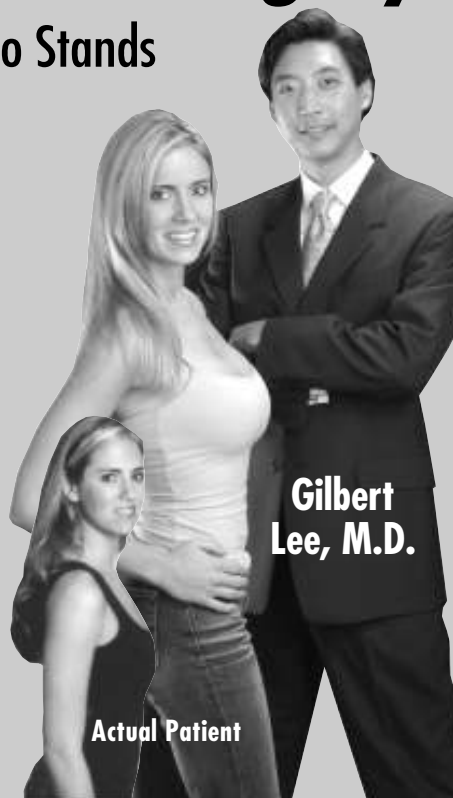
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the kind that conceal desolation or derangement. But altogether still a well-kept working-class street. I didn't pretend to be doing anything other than what I was doing, eyeballing my old house and taking in the surroundings. People

I passed stared at the only white face thereabouts. I greeted them with respect and they reciprocated. The street's "identity" had changed, its feeling tone hardly at all. What was different was everything else, the larger surround shaped by

socioeconomic hydraulics. When I was growing up, at one end of the street stood a grocery store and bakery, at the other a bar, candy store, and Nate's. One corner over from both were a pharmacy, another grocer and candy store,

another bar, a sundries shop and laundry. None of those corners, in 2000, was open for business. Shop fronts and windows were covered with sheet-metal cataracts as if to keep a wicked jinn from escaping. A neighborhood corner is a critical place. It fixes the compass points that situate the block in relation to the city at large; people gather there and share news, so it stabilizes social relations; if it's commercially vital, it loops back to the neighborhood a sense of well-being. The corner was circulatory energy. It

was where our world, minute though it was, stayed in motion, and it made us feel part of that world. It was a gateway to the greater world-in-motion outside — when we village-dwellers went to Center City we said we were going into town — and also a patrolled frontier where the unwanted or adversarial were denied entrance. South Philly gangs were identified by corner ("9th and Carpenter," "10th and Christian") though our block had no gang, only an improvised string of tough boys who occa-

sionally marauded the black neighborhood one block down and beat up kids who reciprocated and jumped us in our own streets.

The energy of change can diminish or vitalize a place, but without it a place atrophies. Corner culture in most cities has dissipated and reconstituted itself, in a thinned-out form (but serving the same communal purposes), in mini-malls and short commercial corridors. And while in memory I value the village familiarity and self-sufficiency corner culture reinforced in those years,

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I also remember the insularity, repressiveness, fear, and arrogance it encouraged. I've never missed it, but when circumstance has deposited me in other locales, I've missed the feeling of a vital surround that I think of as "city neighborhood." It was no surprise to me in 2000 that the corners were dead spots, not only on Watkins Street but, as I walked farther south, everywhere, except for a couple of convenience stores, accordion-gated, with dim interiors, fronts gashed by graffiti, wild fits of self-mutilation. If this was "signing," a way of claiming and owning a place, it said the neighborhood belonged to the deranged misrule of the streets. If you live on Watkins Street now and need cigarettes or a loaf of bread, you have to take a walk. The only well-stocked market is a dingy supermarket many blocks away.

Close by that supermarket is a street, an island still occupied by Italian-Americans. I stopped to talk with an old man sitting on his front steps, explained my presence, and, after he overcame his obvious suspicions about conversing casually with a stranger — suspicions I recognized from long ago like a language unused but not forgotten — he drifted into a monologue, hoarse with age, about the deterioration of his neighborhood. But his block looked pristine. The deterioration was everywhere else — he swept his arm like Lear cursing his daughters — and was due to "those people." He couldn't afford to move or he'd have gotten out as soon as *they* began to encroach. I'd passed a barbershop on his corner and asked about it. "He retired a couple of years ago but keeps it like that." I'd looked through the squinty wooden blinds that pinched light into the room. The one magisterial chair — dark green vinyl seat and back racked together by fierce chrome fittings and hand crank — sat on a fat gleaming hydraulic shaft. On the mirror ledge: Pinaud, witch hazel, and the rest. It was a place out of time that change had left behind, a dandily preserved arche-

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ological site nobody visited, and who would want to? A city is made of those who live in it and make it run, but it has its own independent agency, an authority irreducible to material properties. Change and redefinition operate apart from the will of the inhabitants. That's not quite accurate,

I know. Economic factors driven by social tilts — gentrification, absentee landlords, government-encouraged small businesses — often decide or at least initiate such changes, but redefinition *feels* like a force greater than us. The more vital the city, the more it gives and takes, the more its

people come and go. *I* come and go, every so often, in three- or four-month bursts, for work or writer-in-resident gigs. In 2002 I left San Francisco to live in Berlin for a few months. When I came home and was one day in Russian Hill picking up oysters for dinner, I walked down California

Street. The Clip Joint was gone, replaced by another small business: "Gustavo Hair Design." I don't expect to be patronizing Gustavo soon, but some clients already are. The old command module has been replaced by three anorexic Eames-ish chairs. No witch hazel in sight, which may be too bad,

but as city life goes, all's the better.

3. The first beatitudes, take them or leave them, of a San Francisco summer, early June, fog breathing from the ocean on a sunny cold wind, and this city dog is wondering why he doesn't miss country more. I have a neighborhood friend — he's North Jersey to my South Philly — who actually hates birds. If you're a city soul, you're a provincial. New York smarts, Berlin irony, L.A. cool, Roman operatics, Chicago swagger. Big hearts all, with mentalities that tend to extend only as far as the city limits, because who needs more? Sometimes it's not city limits but neighborhoods. Angelenos who love their city — always love-as-strife, love-as-con-

cession, no matter the city — will specify their neighborhood. (Los Angeles being the protoplasmic organism that it is, by neighborhood people mean areas the size of small towns, but never mind.) When I tell a friend raised in smoggy Pasadena about a hotel on Venice Beach I stay in when I visit L.A., he shrugs me off: "That's beach culture, I don't know anything about that." I can usually detect the slight catch in the voice — it's like a poker tell — of someone who says he "comes from Philadelphia" when he's not really from Philadelphia, but somewhere nearby, suburban, outlying, a *foreign* place, with grass and driveways, and a golf course probably, Willow Grove, maybe, or Conshohocken.

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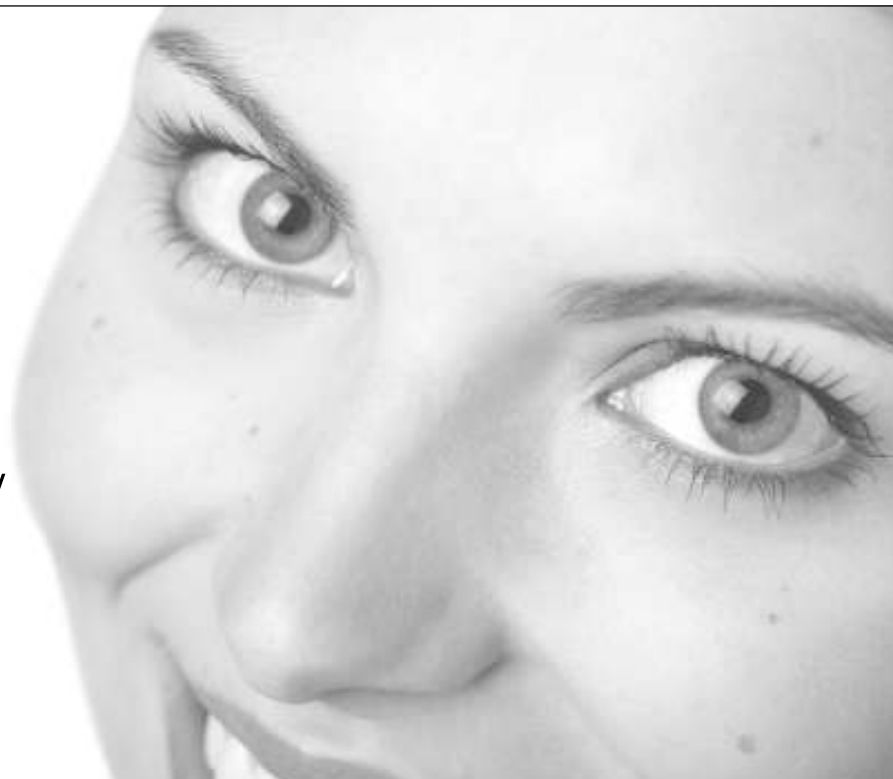
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larger than its inhabitants, bears an identity pressured into being by those who live and work there but also by externally generated forces, by hearsay and expectation. Visitors say San Francisco is "the most European of American cities," though no one who lives here knows what that means. Is it like Amsterdam? Brussels? It has more to do with a certain familiar style, a speed or mood, or its smallness, I suppose, but even these are bell-jar considerations. The actual place has its own respiratory rhythms, and sometimes its breath is vile. For generations city administrations and business organizations have been helpless to transform a stretch of Market Street that seems mysteriously and irretrievably lost. West of the downtown area — Union Square, department stores, multiplexes — the street frays into porn shops, grind houses, Army surplus stores, and shop windows stuffed with hundreds of knock-off electronic gadgets. Beyond those, despite the presence of a few tenacious upscale restaurants and antique dealers, Market Street feels edgy and crumbly, listing toward skid row. One night along that stretch I saw a homeless man sitting on the sidewalk, *planted* in it, he seemed, legs splayed before him, at the entrance of a defunct, boarded-up salsa club that was once a jumping spot but quickly fell to the curse of that zone. The man was liquefying before my eyes, his body a runny fuddle of dark bundled clothes and sooty skin. His pud, hanging from open pants, had spread a glistening delta of piss that was almost iridescent in the early-evening light. True city slickness is the way images slide and overlap in consciousness. The man with the peacock piss-streak was semi-comatose, a word I learned when my father was dying, his legs spread in sour bed sheets the very same way, as if he'd never stir again, like that bum, who also calls to mind the destitute mother and child the hero in Melville's *Redburn* sees day after day in a Liverpool alley, until one day he finds them replaced by

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from my hotel, the Cadillac, an art-deco pink elephant with a gondola hanging from the ceiling of its defunct, creepy lounge, after watching a gypsy-ish, four-toed boardwalk performer try to perform his act — treading broken glass barefoot while

carrying a tourist on his back. His St. Christopher routine broke down when the passenger, a double-wide, got hysterical on the way up and nearly brought them both crashing down. An hour or so later, when I told my dinner companions I'd walked

all the way, straight down Main Street to Santa Monica's posh Third Street Promenade, they were alarmed, then relieved to hear I hadn't been mugged. From cozy, shabby Venice Beach I'd passed through a young, fast-moneyed strip of restaurants and shops that sold subtle, ugly pottery and other classy gewgaws in upscale bad taste, then less-illustrious blocks of apartment buildings and houses, then a stretch near

Ocean Park — where I was supposed to have been mugged — lined with locked gates or boarded windows and doors like my old Watkins Street neighborhood, where DMZ convenience stores and a few active businesses like locksmiths and washing-machine repairs cruise the bottom of the commercial feeding chain alongside "Check-Cashing & Bill Pay," "Yancey's Pizzeria," and "Uno Dollar Store."

4. This summery day I've been walking Golden Gate Park. Disco Rollerbladers were line-dancing and spinning through ovals and figure eights on a patch of macadam near the Conservatory, the park's flower cathedral. The eucalyptus were shedding their medicinals, young parents pushed wheelbarrow-ish double strollers, the foxglove and bluebells and pittosporum

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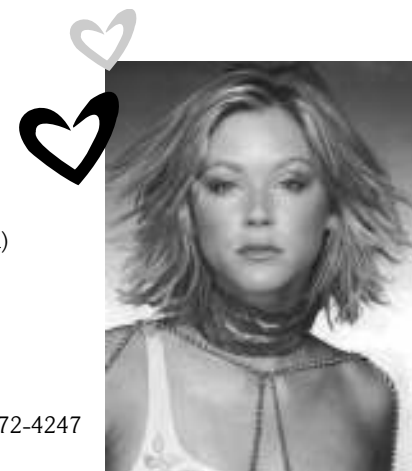
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trees (sweetest of the sweets) were in bloom. But the city thrill was to leave the park, head toward the N Judah stop at Ninth and Irving, and step into a streetcar drippy with saloon sourness, some sort of carnival in progress, loud voices and CD players, and I now remember that earlier today was Bay to Breakers, an annual benefit run from the eastern end of town to the ocean, some 12 miles, which started years ago as a serious race for serious runners but has become a little like the clown division in the New Year's Mummer's Parade in South Philadelphia. Among the serious runners are goof-ball contingents like Gay Cowboys for Peace; multi-segmented, noncompetitive creatures like caterpillars and tapeworms; hundreds of nude runners, some body-painted, whom the city allows to display their goods only until they reach the finish line, beyond which they have to dress immediately or risk a \$200 citation. And inventive individuals like those on my streetcar: a skinny kid wearing a spiked dog collar and grass skirt; another sporting a Daredevil superhero costume that sagged sadly in just those spots that should have been muscled up; a "hard hat" whose helmet supported a bladder of beer that Mr. Tough Guy — chief source of the alcohol sourness — could siphon into his mouth through coiled cherry-colored tubing; a stout bravo flashing nearby females his rubber-chicken codpiece; and two plump girls, twins, in raspberry wigs, dead asleep, tipped slightly against each another, inert like children deep in dreamland. A voice, singing softly along with a Spice Girls song rolling from a portable CD player, is joined by two more voices, then others, until a sluggish choral animal is moving heavily but sweetly, so sweetly, through nearly every sagging body at my end of the car:

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LETTERS

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Kooper was nothing but pleasant — funny and easy to deal with. He spent a lot of time after the show signing anything anyone had for him to sign and posed for numerous photos. I've received nothing but positive comments about his dealings with customers as well as my staff.

By the way, Mr. Board didn't have any problem coming early — at a time I asked him *not* to come (because of sound check) — and having Mr. Kooper autograph items he brought with him. Mr. Kooper was plenty pleasant when doing that.

"The sold-out show started more than half an hour late."

That's absolutely incorrect. It started 20 minutes late — which is 5 to 10 minutes later than our usual actual start time.

If Mr. Board had come to even one of the preceding 67 shows we'd done — all of which he's been invited to, as a non-paying guest of the promoter (that'd be me) — he'd have known that. And,

come on, complaining about a show starting at 7:50 — even 8:00 — on a Friday night? This is *live music*, for adults — not kindergarten class.

Here's *why* it started a little late — and Mr. Board *knows* this: I took the stage and explained to the audience that it was our hope to not have to turn anyone away, but that those who'd bought tickets in advance (the show sold out the night before it took place) would *not* be made uncomfortable by us cramming as many people in as we could. For the *fans* — not for the extra money — it was my desire to get everyone with tickets in their seats and then see if we could fit more people in safely and comfortably. I asked if that would be okay with those already seated, and there was a loud, heart-warming applause of *yes*.

It made me feel great to know that those 250 people already seated were generous and patient and considerate enough to want to give the 35 to 40 who had waited for between 60 to 90 minutes the chance to get in.

"He did a tribute to Ray

Charles but then said that Charles treated his band members horribly, as did James Brown, who he added 'would charge bandmates \$15 every time they messed up.'"

So, he can't love the work of Ray Charles *and* tell a less than flattering story about him too? Kooper even told a less than flattering story about himself.

"The acoustics at the church were great, and upcoming shows include the Limelickers, the Strawbs, and Fairport Convention — although they won't have vocalist Sandy Denny, who died decades ago, but it doesn't matter who their singer is. Anyone's got to sing better than Kooper."

Does Kooper have a *great* voice? If he'd had one in 1967, he'd have never been forced out of the band he founded — as Columbia Records did because they didn't think Blood, Sweat and Tears would sell as many records with him as the lead singer as they would by replacing him. The fact is, they were proven to be right. But the other fact is that anyone who came to see a man who will be 61 next week

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expecting to hear a great voice — when many would submit that he never had a great voice (I'd disagree) — is clueless and has extremely unrealistic expectations.

Of the nearly 300 people in attendance, I doubt if many were surprised or disappointed by Al Kooper's voice. It wasn't perfect — but it was a billion miles from justifying a grossly incorrect comment like "Anyone's got to sing better than Kooper." Most — virtually all — of those in attendance came to see Al Kooper — to hear him play and sing and tell stories, which this nearly 61-year-old man did for 2 hours and 20 minutes — without so much as a single break!!!!

If Mr. Board expected something more than that, he was certainly one of the few who did — and he was expecting far more from Al Kooper than virtually any performer delivers. In response to the question of a writer for another local paper, "Why haven't you played around here for so many years?" Kooper was quoted as saying, "Nobody invited me." As the guy who invited him, I think I can safely say that most of the people at that concert are damn glad I did.

And so am I. And so was Kooper, who immediately said that he'd like to add my venue to his annual California trip. To anyone who expected more than Al Kooper delivered for their extremely reasonably priced ticket, all I can say is "Your ticket cost less than Ticketmaster's usual service charges!"

And Mr. Board had \$50 worth of our best seats — for free.

Carey Driscoll
via e-mail

Benevolent Kooper

First off, I'll admit that I volunteer on a pretty regular basis for Carey Driscoll's Acoustic Music San Diego. I don't know Carey Driscoll very well. I volunteer to show my support for his willingness to present live music in a pleasant, alcohol- and espresso-machine-free venue and his talent for selecting top-shelf musicians. If I read a performance review, I expect to learn something about the performer and the material presented. So I don't quite know what to make of Josh Board's stab

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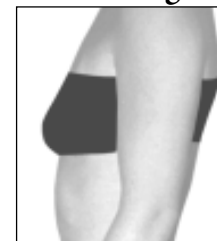


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at writing a review of the Al Kooper concert ("Blurt," January 27). Kooper is right, Josh. He is a performer, and he came to San Diego to perform. Selling merchandise at a venue is something extra that some folks may choose to do. But most folks don't go to see the performer sell product. Given the range of Kooper's talents and accomplishments, I think Kooper was benevolently dismissive when he answered your inane questions. T-shirts?! We had a full house that night, with more people showing up to buy tickets at the door. The

start time was pushed back with audience approval. Carey got up in front and explained his desire to add seating, rather than cram people together. As it was, the show started 20 minutes after the scheduled time. That's better than most live-music venues, where the show might start more than an hour after the slated time for no discernible reason.

Kooper made few references to money and then only to highlight the irony of a story. And his voice? Was anybody who knows anything about Al Kooper there because he is a great

singer? Even if Kooper was a great rock singer in the past, is it realistic to expect someone to be a great rock singer at age 60?

Personally, I was blown away by the caliber of Kooper's performance. Carey Driscoll consistently presents performers who give the audience more than their money's worth. But Kooper has set the bar much higher. He was a mix of music and theater, from his entrance to his exit, and all the songs and the great stories he told in between. Afterwards, he talked with and signed piles of memorabilia and records for people who lined up for more of his time. I am sorry you missed the show that everybody else enjoyed so much!

Adele Lynch
via e-mail

Al Agreement

Josh Board's review of the Al Kooper concert ("Blurt," January 27) was an inadequate representation of the evening. I have followed Al's career since the Blues Project and have all of his albums with various groups as well

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as solo. I last saw him at the Catamaran in the '80s.

This performance surpassed my expectations! I have always dreamed of seeing him perform with only a piano and was thrilled with the venue. I thought his voice was great — he demonstrated great control and range.

Additionally, the concert was not late because of Al but because of the concert promoter trying to accommodate all of his interested patrons at a sold-out show.

His performance took us on an insider's view of the music business and his career. Which I think proved to be interesting and quite humorous at times. This was mixed with some of his disappointment and frustration with the music industry. I appreciated the variety of music he played — including the songs he didn't enjoy playing, which happened to be some of my favorites.

Furthermore, I agree with Al. I was there to see him perform. I couldn't care less about buying a T-shirt or CD. Haven't you heard of Amazon.com? That is where I purchased my favorite of his solo albums — Japanese release. And after a two-and-a-half-hour show, he graciously sat in the lobby signing autographs and talking to his fans. That seldom happens at concerts.

It was an outstanding show! I would have gladly paid more.

Cindy Vitas
via e-mail

Bloody Catholics

Re: Letters, "Communist Danger," by John Rippon, publisher of *ESPRESSO*, *San Diego's Coffeehouse & Cafe Newspaper* (January 27).

In condemning an organization such as the Communist Party, it's not as though you can claim any moral high ground because you're a practicing Catholic, given that religion's own bloody and oppressive place in history — world history, that is, not church history. And believe it or not, I do not go to *ESPRESSO* when I'm looking for political opinion. Everyone should take that as a failing on my part, though, not *ESPRESSO's*.

George Seibert
via e-mail

Jingo Nation

John Rippon (Letters, January 27) castigates the Com-



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munists for bloodiness and opposing all that America holds dear. Let's see. Since 1980, this country has involved itself with Iraq and Saddam, first as a friend, then as foe. Now, 25 years, \$2 trillion-plus, and one million-plus lives later, we are in a bloody swamp of

foreign entanglements: a horrible mess. We are fast becoming a nation of jingo whores.

Name Withheld

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ESPRESSO publisher John Rippo's "red menace" rant-

ing in his letter to the editor ("Communist Danger," January 27) left me wondering if perhaps he should lay off the caffeine for a while. Rippo's apoplectic fit at the *Reader* over your selling (not giving) ad space to a Marxist group is ironic in that the advertisement in

question was in large part a statement claiming that America under Bush is transforming into an intolerant society. Rippo's pro-censorship rant merely adds to the current climate of homeland hysteria that is slowly suffocating freedom of speech and freedom of the press as

the media is pressured to rally round the flag and avoid expressing or airing dissenting voices. As the editor of an obscurantist periodical, Rippo should especially know better than to call for the censoring of nonmainstream opinions or advertisements.

My take on the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) ad is that it makes a pretty good case that power in America today is rapidly being centralized by a bunch of right-wing empire-building greedy religious kooks who want to militarize society and curtail our civil liberties, while of course looting everything they can in the process, from oil in Iraq to our social security retirement money here at home. Now, the RCP leader whom Rippo berates, Bob Avakian, is a homegrown Californian (the wayward son of former Alameda superior court judge S. Avakian) involved in the Berkeley free-speech movement of the '60s and first arrested while swinging off of a flagpole at a pro-Black Panther rally in Northern California. The Maoists of the RCP are as Californian as fish tacos and avocados, and although they are certainly not pacifists,

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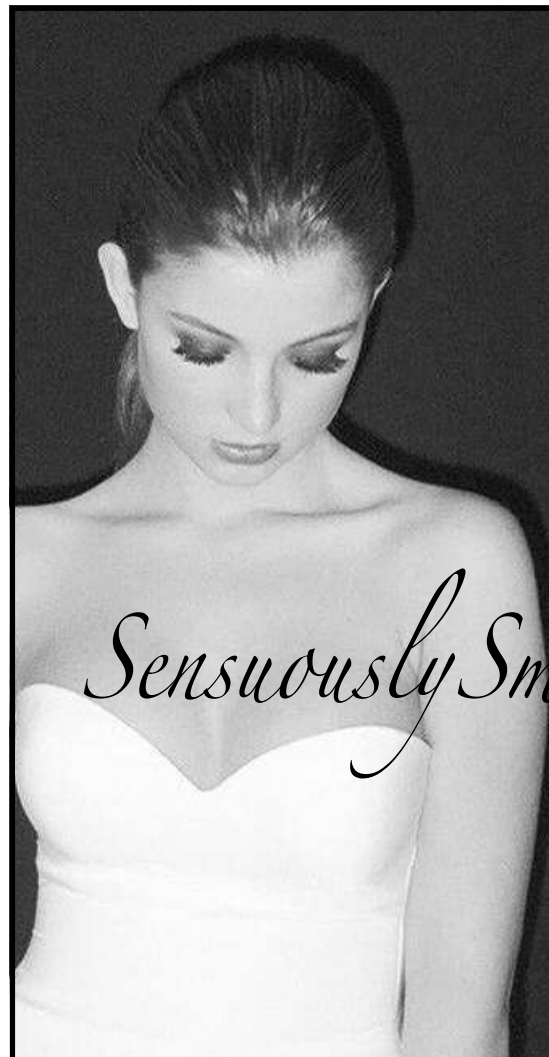


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the societal vision they promote is one filled with dissenting voices and without Rippo's feared "bloodbaths."

I propose that Rippo be encouraged to try decaf-espreso before he goes off and extends his flag-waving campaign to include other eclectic advertisements and creates mass chaos and repression in this, "America's finest city." Why, who knows what offending advertisers will fall in Rippo's sights next: Body-piercing ads?

Medical marijuana studies? Colon therapy? 1-900-Love lines? Blood-plasma donors wanted? Asian brides? Hare Krishna? Or even the unholy "Men Meet Men" sections of various periodicals? Egads!! All, of course, accompanied by cheap appeals to the Catholic or other religious heritage of whatever editor he is complaining to.

Well, as a nonpracticing, fallen Catholic myself, I proudly insist that it is our God-given right as San Die-

gans to read whatever fringing advertisement somebody wants to pay for and have published in our cherished *Reader* (whether by left-wing commies or by whomever), and if someone is offended by an advertisement, well, they can just turn the page. Otherwise, perhaps an advertisement section for proctologists is in order.

Vince Pipard
Linda Vista

Sickened

I was sickened by what I read in the January 20 "City Lights" article "Why Not Allow Us to Help the Homeless?"

Isn't it bad enough that the city pockets the federal monies allotted for homeless programs, builds million-dollar homes on "low income" property, and creates city ordinances designed explicitly to rid San Diego of RV/motor home dwellers?

Let's fact it, the powers who be that run this city consider anything or anybody who represents a less than utopian image in San Diego a blight.

I am just wondering how far this will go. Does it take people dying from cold and hunger in the streets before it's realized that cutting programs, starving vagrants, and impounding RVs (people's homes) is not going to put a shine on this city and will only create a lot of cold, hungry people with nowhere to go?

Marci Thomas
Midway

Scoundrel Org

"Why Not Allow Us to Help the Homeless?" by Joe Deegan ("City Lights," January 20) is a false plea from a heartless messiah, Trish Poochigian. I am witness to the scoundrel organization the Salvation Army, being that I reside in the HUD building that they happen to manage: 727 E Street. The Salvation Army annexed 727 E Street to assure that they controlled this valuable piece of real estate. The Salvation Army compound is a living disgrace. Every night a homeless person has to line up, time and time again, for his or her mat on the floor. In this age of computers, it would be very easy to have a record of who sleeps in the compound.

Art Salzberg
Downtown

Best Article

A huge *bravo!!!* to reporter Geoff Bouvier for his *out-standing* January 13 cover article on geology and geological wanderings in San Diego County with Dr. Tom Deméré of the Natural History Museum ("More or Less Sudden Mountains," January 13). This is by far the best article that I have ever seen written by a non-geologist to describe geology to the public. Mr. Bouvier grasped the concepts and articulated them so clearly and with such imagination

in this article, which was a joy to read. Also, a huge thanks to Dr. Tom Deméré for conveying San Diego geology and representing the geological community so well. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Deméré from 1984 to 1986 in the paleontology department at the Natural History Museum.

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Where's Fred?

Re: "What's Going On at City Hall?" (January 6).

Regarding problems downtown with the pension fund, it seems to me there is a glaring omission of an individual from most articles in the news media in San Diego. Where is Fred Pierce IV, who is the president of the pension board? He and his cohorts were the ones who hatched the plans to make a citizen's arrest of Diann Shipione. He continues to act in a manner inappropriate for his position. Being the head of a city board, he should not censure an individual interested in exposing the truth. The more this situation is looked at, the more Mr. Pierce's name keeps popping up. However, I have never seen an article about him. I think he needs to be looked at and the public made more aware of his actions.

Name Withheld
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Brave Glick

I was upset by Matt Potter's gratuitous libeling of my

friend and neighbor Allen Glick in your January 6 "City Lights" column entitled "Watery Grave."

As a journalist, Potter should know that a Hollywood movie is not a credible source: "[Allen Glick's] service on behalf of the Kansas City Mafia has been forever enshrined in the movie *Casino*."

In fact, I have seen the official letter of commendation he received from the U.S. government (FBI) for

his bravery in testifying against the Kansas City Mafia, et al.

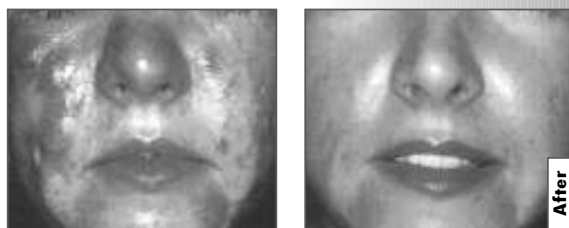
It has also been my pleasure to march with him in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade. He is a decorated Army Airborne Vietnam combat veteran.

Go back to Journalism 101 class and brush up!

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FAREWELL, LUNA the dream pop/psych-rock band makes its last appearance at the Casbah.

See **CLUBS**, page 136



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"LIFE BEFORE SEX,"

Encinitas comedienne Moira Keefe riffs on teens and sex at the Carlsbad Village Theatre tonight and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.; see **IN PERSON**,

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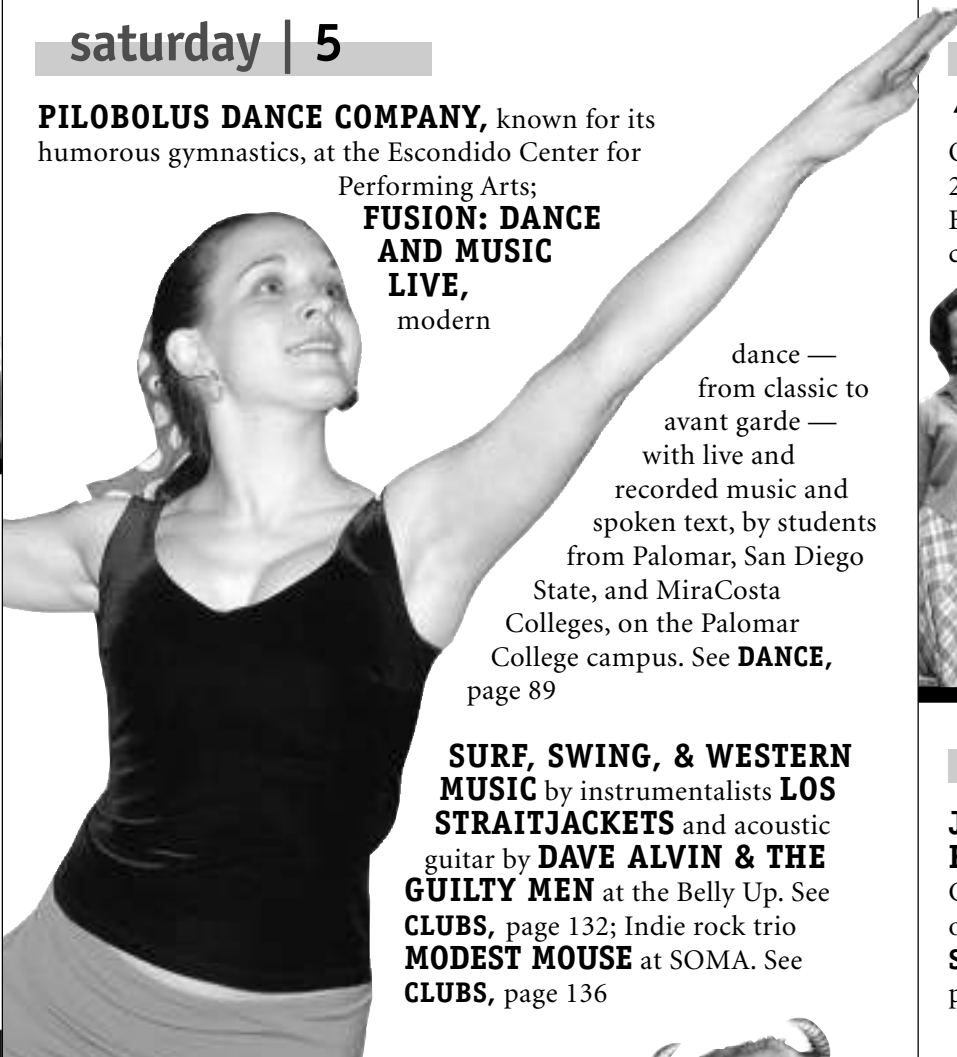
Also in Carlsbad, **SIT MEANS SIT** dog training offers a free seminar for you and your dog from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Magee Park. See **SPECIAL**, page 94



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SURF, SWING, & WESTERN MUSIC by instrumentalists **LOS STRAITJACKETS** and acoustic guitar by **DAVE ALVIN & THE GUILTY MEN** at the Belly Up. See **CLUBS**, page 132; Indie rock trio **MODEST MOUSE** at SOMA. See **CLUBS**, page 136

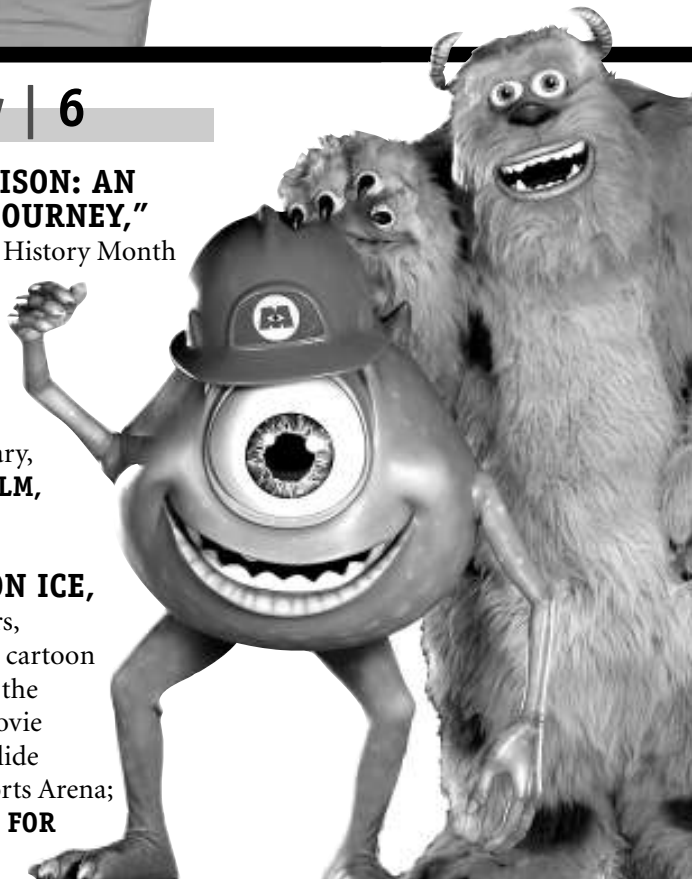
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"RALPH ELLISON: AN AMERICAN JOURNEY,"

celebrates Black History Month with a documentary that focuses on the *Invisible Man*'s author. Downtown library, 2:00 p.m. See **FILM**, page 90

MONSTERS ON ICE,

live figure skaters, costumed as the cartoon characters from the Pixar/Disney movie *Monsters, Inc.*, glide through the Sports Arena; closes today. See **FOR KIDS**, page 95



monday | 7

"CHOCOLAT," which won Oscars and Johnny Depp fans in 2000, is this month's feature at the Escondido Public Library. A chocolatier hands out samples at

6:00 p.m.; the film screens at 7:00 p.m. See **FILM**,

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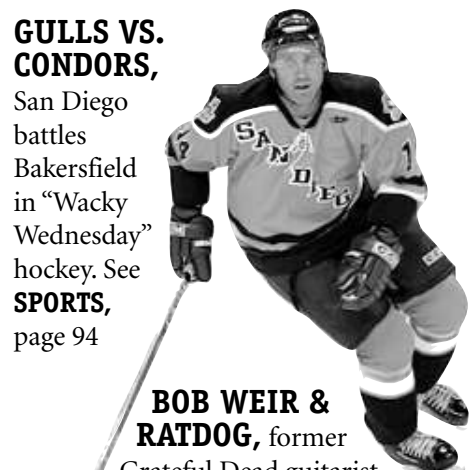
REVELS in the Gaslamp Quarter or Hillcrest. See **SPECIAL**, page 94



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GULLS VS. CONDORS,

San Diego battles Bakersfield in "Wacky Wednesday" hockey. See **SPORTS**, page 94



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Grateful Dead guitarist Weir and his ten-year-old band play rocking blues at 4th & B. See **CONCERTS**, page 114

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I'm in the Tub

Local Authors Exhibit

This is no 'feel-good' philosophy, obviously. It will cause anguish, anger, fear, and hopelessness in the majority of those who understand it. Many will not even dare read it; many others will be forbidden to read it. Still others will dismiss it a priori, in the 'ostrich' approach, as irrelevant, unfounded, inaccurate, presumptuous, frivolous, or gratuitously aggressive. But to an enlightened few, it will mean the real salvation: salvation from living under the burden of blatant lies and tortuous but meaningless rules of conduct

LOCAL EVENTS

demanding by fraudulent imposters." — Horacio Hanson, in describing his new novel, *There Is No*

Creator, Religion Is a Fraud — What Now?

Hanson is one of 239 local authors, his work one of 287, to be featured this month in San Diego's *Thirty-Ninth Annual Local Authors Exhibit* at the downtown public library. Hanson's title is not the biggest buzzkill of the bunch — the winner of that contest is Richard Carlson, with *I'm in the Tub, Gone: A Collection of Authentic Suicide Letters*. Carlson, a former police officer, presents suicide letters (as they were found, complete with errors) that compel the reader to wonder how life could have gotten so bad and how desperate someone must become in order to end it all in such a horrific way.

The library held an open reception for this year's exhibit on Saturday, January 29. That night, the Local Author Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Jackson J. Benson. Benson, a professor who

taught 20th-century American literature at San Diego State University from 1966 to 1997, has written or edited 15 books, including *Looking for Steinbeck's Ghost*, *Hemingway: The Writer's Art of Self-Defense*, and *Wallace Stegner: His Life and Work*. Benson's newest book, *The Ox-Bow Man: A Biography of Walter Van Tilburg Clark*, is among those featured in the exhibit.

After Benson's accolade, the library shined the light on everyone — each of the 239 names were read aloud and authors were individually awarded medals. The books themselves were encased in glass boxes throughout the room. Many seemed to be grouped by genre — a difficult task given the variety of titles. There's E.M. "Bud" Hamilton's fictional, psychological suspense novel, *Inner Voices* (you're not the only one). A good portion of authors wrote about local history: Jim Graves, president of the El Cajon Historical Society, with *Those Graves Boys of El Cajon 1921-1929*; Margaret Eggers's *Mining History and Geology of Joshua Tree National Park*, threatening to overlap with the science category; and Jack Scheffler Innis with *San Diego Legends: The Events, People, and Places that Made History*. In this book, Innis gives 20 chapters to San Diego Bay legends with titles like "The Legend of La Loma," "They Hang Boat Thieves, Don't They?" and "Cabrillo Not First to Arrive in San Diego."

Two books about Tijuana that I'm curious about are *Tales from the Tijuana Jails: Corruption in the Belly of the Burro*, volumes I and II, by Sam Warren. There are other books that look interesting like *Born to Rock: Heavy Drinkers and Thinkers* by Todd

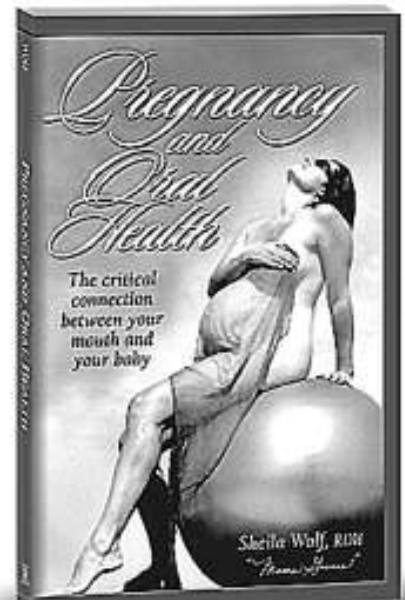
Taylor and *Exaggerated Gender Signals* by Gabriela Anaya Valdepena (a collection of poems). In the world of things we need to know in order to survive, Jeanne Jones has added another cookbook to her prolific pile of accomplishments (over 30!) — this one is called *Cooking from the Cupboard: Meals in Minutes from Your Pantry*. I know there must be something I can do with 13 packets of Top Ramen, 6 cans of Hunt's tomato sauce, and a jar of martini olives.

The exhibit also features children's books, one of which is *How to Trick or Treat in Outer Space*, written by Kathleen Krull and illustrated by her husband, Paul Brewer. For those who are not quite yet children, Sheila Wolf (a.k.a. Mama Gums, beloved dental hygienist since 1971) presents the title most likely to be mocked by teenagers — *Pregnancy and Oral Health: The Critical Connection Between Your Mouth and Your Baby*.

Other subjects include the instructional (from how to pronounce words in other languages to how to hypnotize yourself if you're a woman), sports, and self-help. There are a few science and evolution tales for preteens, and a bundle of God/miracle/Biblical lessons/prayer books for kids of all ages. Personal memoirs, business, travel, nonfiction...something for any category I can think of.

The books will be available for viewing through February 28. After that, library visitors who are interested in a title should inquire at the information desk, as it is possible that some titles will not be part of the library's permanent collection.

— Barbarella



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BAJA

As Part of the World Tour of "Matacerdos," Spanish musi-

cian Albert Pla performs in concert on Friday, February 4, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

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

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

Ceanothus, or wild lilac, has already begun its blooming cycle all



Ralph Ellison: An American Journey at San Diego Public Library, February 6 (see Film)

around coastal San Diego County. You'll see it wherever native chaparral and sage-scrub vegetation thrive. Even from a distance, such as when driving down certain area freeways, the blue- and white-flowering varieties of ceanothus lend a colorful frosting to the already lush-looking hillsides clothed in native vegetation. The peak of the ceanothus bloom will

work its way eastward, reaching Ramona and Alpine by late this month, and the higher mountain areas (Palomar, Julian, Laguna) by April.

Lupines, whose spiky, purple (sometimes yellow) flower clusters adorn grassy areas and disturbed patches of soil, are popping up all over San Diego County, starting in the coastal and desert areas.

Higher-elevation lupines could be blooming in the mountain areas by March or April, given the extraordinary amount of rainfall our area has received recently. The generic name *Lupinus*, meaning "wolf," was given these plants in the belief that they robbed the soil of nutrients. Actually the reverse is true: Their ability to fix nitrogen through root nodules helps them survive on poor soils and may, in fact, enrich the soil around them.

The Anza-Borrego Desert is flowering best this month, fully a month or two earlier than usual, with peak blooms starting in the lowest-elevation, warmer areas like Borrego Valley, the Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S-2 in the south end of the park. Among the many annually appearing wildflowers you'll find in these low-lying areas are desert sunflower, dune primrose, lupine, desert chicory, sand verbena, and desert lily.

On slightly higher ground and up along the hillsides, you'll spot blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. Every variety of cactus al-

ready shows signs of plumpness due to the large amount of recent rainfall, and these cacti should be exploding into bloom later this month. For the most recent updates on this season's expected better-than-average bloom, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's special hotline, 760-767-4684, for a recorded message.

"Birds, Bugs, and Blooms," talk and hike highlighting wildlife and plants led by naturalist Dave Dyer on Saturday, February 5, 9 a.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, February 5, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

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FILM

Jeff Bridges Club, see *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, starring Jeff and Beau Bridges and Michelle Pfeiffer, on Thursday, February 3, at Museum of Photographic Arts. Screenings start at 7 p.m. Single film: \$10; four-film series: \$28. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

The Documentary Ralph Ellison: An American Journey screens, as part of Black History Month celebrations, for Sunday Matinee on February 6, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. UCSD literature professor Camille Forbes leads following discussion. (DOWNTOWN)

"Chisholm '72 — Unbought and Unbossed" "recaptures the times and spirit of a watershed event in American politics." See the documentary when it screens for Film Forum on Monday, February 7, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. SDSU political science professor Carole Kennedy leads discussion after screening. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Chocolat," starring Johnny Depp and Juliette Binoche, screens for First Monday Films series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" on February 7, 6:15 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). A real "chocolatier" will be

Roam-O-Rama

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

On October 27, 1993, the floor of lower Eaton Canyon (along with 118 homes in surrounding neighborhoods) was reduced to white ash and black cinders by the Altadena Fire. By the following spring, which came on the heels of a wetter-than-average rainy season, visitors to the 184-acre Eaton Canyon Natural Area gasped in wonder as they beheld millions of wildflowers, swaying in the breeze, on the canyon floor. It is a California truism that from what seems the worst possible disaster, new life — and hope — can emerge triumphantly.

The oaks and chaparral shrubbery on the canyon rim have fully regenerated by now. Fire-following wildflowers have diminished with the passing seasons, though this late-winter and spring season promises to be one of par-

ticular lushness and color due solely to the tremendous amount of rainfall that's fallen on the L.A. area over the past several months.

Upstream from the park, where the waters of Eaton Canyon have carved a raw groove in the San Gabriel Mountains, you'll discover Eaton Canyon Falls. Impressive only during the wetter half of the year, the falls possess, as John Muir once put it, "a low sweet voice, singing like a bird." The falls are well worth visiting, especially now so as to witness the power of large (by Southern California standards) volumes of falling water.

Find the entrance to Eaton Canyon Natural Area on Altadena Drive just north of New York Drive in Altadena (near Pasadena). Park near the nature center building, rebuilt and completed by 1998 to replace an earlier structure that burned. Three short, looping trails can be found near the nature center: the Junior Nature Trail, Fire Ecology Trail, and Oak Terrace Trail.

Our way to the falls, though, follows the Eaton Canyon Trail upstream along the canyon's cobbled floodplain or stream. The trail gains a higher stream terrace, passing some beautiful live-oak woods. At 1.1 miles you rise to meet the Mount Wilson Toll Road bridge over Eaton Canyon. Cross to the west end of the bridge, descend on the upstream side, and make your way up the trail-



Eaton Canyon Falls

less canyon (don't do this if the stream is too lively and dangerous to ford). You'll skip across rocks in the stream several times, or perhaps resort to wading. After one-half mile of canyon-bottom travel, you come to the falls, where the water slides and then free-falls a total of about 35 vertical feet down a narrow chute in the bedrock.

If you prefer, you can shorten the walk to the falls by starting from the lower gate of Mt. Wilson Toll Road on Pinecrest Drive in Altadena. Be sure to observe any signs about parking restrictions in that neighborhood.

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on hand; ensuing discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

"Wednesday Night at the Movies," film festival showcas-

ing independent and foreign films continues with Brazilian drama *The Middle of the World* on February 9, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free.

619-691-5069. In Brazilian with English subtitles. (CHULA VISTA)

"Talking Peace," a documentary about Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue in San Diego,

screens Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m., in auditorium at San Diego State University's Aztec Athletic Center (at 55th Street and Montezuma Road). Question-and-an-

swer period follows. Free. 619-594-5497. (SDSU)

Film repeats for New Perspectives in Judaic Studies lecture series on Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-594-4835. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 10-20, featuring more than 40 feature films, documentaries, and short subjects. Titles include Screenings offered at AMC La Jolla 12 Theatres in La Jolla Village Square, Mann Theatres Hazard Center, Ultrastar's Poway Creekside Plaza 10, and in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Single tickets: \$12; series passes, \$150. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY)

"Three Faces of Scotland," part one of the video screens for meeting of Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Thursday, February 10, 10 a.m., San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-7326. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 and two current hits each week; see *Dolphins* (6 p.m.) and *Whales* (7 p.m.) on February 4. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Facts and Truth Equal Justice, according to Sisters in Crime, who gather to hear Ed Byrne of Byrne Investigative Services on Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$3. 760-366-1962. (HILLCREST)

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North Africa" chronicled when Elizabeth Fentress (of University College, London) addresses American Institute of Archaeology on Friday, February 4, 7:15 p.m., in G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 858-755-7209. (KEARNY MESA)

Proven Gardening Techniques for coastal conditions, container gardening, and good plant combinations divulged when master gardener John Richardson speaks for Carlsbad Garden Club on Friday, February 4, 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). 760-729-5989 or 760-729-8172. Free. (CARLSBAD)

From the Heart Basket Class led by Carol Lang on Friday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Participants will create a heart-shaped basket of prepared reeds; \$50. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Costumes in Paintings from SDMA's Collection and from Mardi Gras" discussed by SDSU costume design assistant professor Holly Poe Durbin for Docent Guest Lecture Series, Friday, February 4, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Gobi — The Other Desert: Its History, Landscape, Wildlife, and People" presented by Mark Jorgensen on Saturday, February 5, 7:30 p.m., at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. Donation: \$5. Reservations for this Anza-Borrego Institute event: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

What Are Megapixels? Get the skinny on brands, models, prices, technical aspects of digital photography during class on Saturday, February 5, 9 a.m. to noon, at Grossmont College (8800 Gross-



Cellist Jian Wang at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, February 4 (see Classical Music)

mont College Drive); \$35. 619-660-4353. (EL CAJON)

African-American Heritage is highlighted when SDSU African studies professor Theodore Konweibel Jr. speaks on Saturday, February 5, 1 p.m., at Campo Railroad Museum (at Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road). Guests will see rare archival photographs illustrating role of African-American men and women's involvement in America's railroads. Fees, information: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

"Ultimate Stress Solutions" offered by yoga and massage instructor Kathy Lee Kappmeier-Foust and herbal and nutritional counselor Rose Stanfill for Cadent Cross Institute on Saturday, February 5, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Rancho San Diego Yoga Center (2940 Jamacha Road); \$50 for both workshops, \$30 for one. Registration: 619-299-2897. (EL CAJON)

"Landscaping 101 and Soil Preparation" taught on Saturday, February 5, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Learn organic methods of soil preparation, selecting/placing plants,

planning and planting methods. Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Introduction to Gull Identification" offered by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring binoculars; no field guides; \$33. Registration: 619-255-0203. (SAN DIEGO)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including February 5, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Package Your Art for Sales" is topic when Stephen C. Wagner speaks Sunday, February 6, 2:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Artist bios and statements, preparing slides, websites. Free. 760-789-7131. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Shades of Gray: Bridging the Gap in the Repatriation Controversy" is topic when Arion Mayes

presents 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, February 7. "Ancient Maya Mortuary and Ritual Practices in West Central Belize" explored by Sonja Schwake on Thursday, February 10; \$6 per lecture. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Demonstration by Daniel Ochoa when Southwestern Artists Association meets on Monday, February 7, 10 a.m., in Gallery 23, Spanish Village. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sacred Cacao: Chocolate of Maya Gods and Kings" presented by Judith Strupp Green on Monday, February 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum; \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Get to Know *Così fan tutte* when learned San Diego Opera lecturers present discussions of the upcoming production, February 7-19, at locations around the county. Details: 619-232-7636. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"Function and Flair in Today's Kitchen" presented by Joan Kohn, HGTV host of *Kitchen Design and Bed & Bath Design*, Tuesday, February 8, 6 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). Question and answer period, book signing. Free. 619-435-9111. (MISSION VALLEY)

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Urasenke Ayako Sohya Stott and assistants present demonstrations, Tuesday, February 8, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Sunrise Chinese Acrobats celebrate Year of the Rooster with performances on February 7 and 8, at Dreamcatcher at Viejas (Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road). Dancers, jugglers, balancing artists, gymnastic displays. Shows at 7 p.m. on Monday, 8 p.m. on Tuesday; \$20. 619-445-5400. (ALPINE)

"Harlem Renaissance," commemorate creative activity of African-Americans with poetry and spoken word on Tuesday, February 8, 8 p.m., in Aromas Coffee Shop of Maher Hall, at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Student performances encouraged. Free. 619-260-2395. (LINDA VISTA)

Buddhist Nun Gen Kelsang Tubpa discusses Geshe Kelsang Gyatso's *How to Solve Our Human Problems*, Tuesday, February 8, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-692-3676. (MISSION VALLEY)

Historical and Contemporary Stories are offered in *Life Studies: Stories*, which author Susan Vreeland signs and discusses on Tuesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Vreeland is also writer of *The Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, *The Passion of Artemisia*. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Author Jack Innis signs *San Diego Legends* on Wednesday, February 9, 6 p.m., at Loma Theatre Bookstar (3150 Rosecrans Place). Free. 619-225-0465. (POINT LOMA)

The Latest Moe Prager Novel, *The James Deans*, signed by author

Reed Farrel Coleman on Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

New Writing Series, Winter 2005 continues with reading by Jordan Davis, author of *Million Poems Journal*, Thursday, February 10, 4:30 p.m., in Performance Space of Visual Arts Facility (just north of Gilman parking structure), UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Wooden People, music for acoustic bass and percussion offered by Justin Grinnell and Nathan Hubbard for Concert Hour series on Thursday, February 10, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Free. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Australian Guitarist Tommy Emmanuel performs for Perfect Pitch concert series on Thursday,

February 10, 7 p.m., at Bonita Golf Club (5540 Sweetwater Road). Performances include hit songs, original tunes, and his "guitar drumming"; \$22. 619-267-1103. (BONITA)

A Master Conga Drummer plays African and American songs, concluding concert with interactive light show, on Thursday, February 10, at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library). "Wing — African Drumming" starts at 10:30 a.m. at 3701 Voltaire Street. Required reservations: 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

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Race Judicata, California Western School of Law hosts event on Saturday, February 5, benefiting UCSD Cancer Research Center. The 5k run/walk starts at 8 a.m. (registration at 7 a.m.) at De Anza Cove (3000 East Mission Bay Drive). Race followed by three-on-three basketball tournament. 619-515-1351. (MISSION BAY)

Surf's Up, NSSA Jr. open-season competition #7 takes place 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and 6, on north side of Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. 714-536-0445. (OCEANSIDE)

Super Run 2005, 24th annual Super Run with 10k run and 5k run/walk, Saturday, February 5, 7:30 a.m., South Shores Park (located east of Sea World). 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

East County Treat, take a 40- to 45-mile bicycle ride with Knickerbikers on Sunday, February 6. Jaunt for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at SoupPlantation (at Lake Murray Boulevard and Dallas Street). Bring money for lunch. 619-255-2890. (LA MESA)



Harp Fusion at St. Mark's Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church, February 5 and 6 (see In Person and Classical Music)

San Diego Gulls host Bakersfield Condors on Wednesday, February 9, 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

Pippi Longstocking Week is underway with "The International Traveling Astrid Lindgren Exhibit," in room 108 of Love Library at San Diego State University. Swedish "master puppeteer" Christer Dahl presents puppetry workshop on Thursday, February 3, 6 p.m. Speak Swedish? *Tittut of Little Tiger, Little Bear* presented in Swedish at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 6.

Fees, information: 619-594-6385 or 619-594-5443. (SDSU)

Dog-Training Seminar offered by Sit Means Sit on Friday, February 4, 3 p.m., at Magee Park (258 Beech Street). "Work through any problem behaviors with positive results." Free. Registration: 760-436-4DOG. (CARLSBAD)

A Selection from Saul Kripke's *Naming and Necessity* is topic when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers Saturday, February 5, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

"San Diego Brazil Carnaval 2005," celebrating "the magic of carnival," Saturday, February 5, at

4th & B (345 B Street). Thirteenth annual Brazilian Mardi Gras Ball runs 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Carmen Miranda contest, best costume contest, samba show by Riobela Samba Dancers, beads, capoeira, parades. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Sacred Heart Community Fest, Saturday, February 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Sacred Heart Academy (4895 Saratoga Avenue). Live music, arts and crafts, children's games, activities. Admission is free; donations of foods, teen clothing, hygiene products encouraged. 858-531-8225. (OCEAN BEACH)

California Art and Rubber Stamp Festival, February 5 and 6, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Nearly 30 rubber stamp manufacturers participate in show, offering

stamps, scrapbook supplies, ink pads, specialty papers, stencils, more. Classes, demonstrations. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$6 per day, \$8 for two days. 541-574-8000. (DEL MAR)

A "Scrabble-Thon" is planned on Saturday, February 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Event, for everyone over 14 years old, supports literacy services at library. Donation: \$1. 760-747-2233. (ESCONDIDO)

Commemorating 100 Years Since Ayn Rand's Birth, the Objectivist Discussion Group "announces a year-long series to study systematically her enduring philosophy," continuing Sunday, February 6, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Participants will read and discuss through page 36 of Leonard Peikoff's book *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*. Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, February 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tour of *Die Fledermaus* on Sunday, February 6, at 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Everything Photographic — from vintage to modern equipment — on offer during Bargain Camera Show, Sunday, February 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). General admission: \$4. 310-578-7446. (KEARNY MESA)

Get Out Your Green, Purple, and Gold and celebrate Fat Tuesday during 2005 Bud Light Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp, February 8, 5 p.m. to midnight. Masquerade parade, entertainment, live music, dancing. Tickets, available to those 21 and older: \$20. 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Banned Book Discussion Group meets to examine Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* on Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

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

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

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

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Jade from the Past," a collection of over 100 nephrite jade sculptures, from amulets to animal and plant designs, on exhibit through March, 2005. Also on view: "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the

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What lips my lips have kissed, and where, and why (Sonnet XLIII)
 What lips my lips have kissed, and where, and why,
 I have forgotten, and what arms have lain
 Under my head till morning; but the rain
 Is full of ghosts tonight, that tap and sigh
 Upon the glass and listen for reply,
 And in my heart there stirs a quiet pain
 For unremembered lads that not again
 Will turn to me at midnight with a cry.
 Thus in winter stands the lonely tree,
 Nor knows what birds have vanished one
 by one,
 Yet knows its boughs more silent than
 before:
 I cannot say what loves have come and
 gone,
 I only know that summer sang in me
 A little while, that in me sings no more.

The Philosopher
 And what are you that, wanting you,

I should be kept awake
 As many nights as there are days
 With weeping for your sake?
 And what are you that, missing you,
 As many days as crawl
 I should be listening to the wind
 And looking at the wall?
 I know a man that's a braver man
 And twenty men as kind,
 And what are you, that you should be
 The one man in my mind?
 Yet women's ways are witless ways,
 As any sage will tell, —
 And what am I, that I should love
 So wisely and so well?

SONNETS (from *The Harp-Weaver*)

xxvii
 I know I am but summer to your heart,

And not the full four seasons of the year;
 And you must welcome from another
 part
 Such noble moods as are not mine, my
 dear.
 No gracious weight of golden fruits to sell
 Have I, nor any wise and wintry thing;
 And I have loved you all too long and well
 To carry still the high sweet breast of
 Spring.
 Wherefore I say: O love, as summer goes,
 I must be gone, steal forth with silent
 drums,
 That you may hail anew the bird and rose
 When I come back to you, as summer
 comes.
 Else will you seek, at some not distant
 time,
 Even your summer in another clime.

xxix
 Pity me not because the light of day
 At close of day no longer walks the sky;

Pity me not for beauties passed away
 From field and thicket as the the year goes
 by;
 Pity me not the waning of the moon,
 Nor that the ebbing tide goes out to sea,
 Nor that a man's desire is hushed so soon,
 And you no longer look with love on me.
 This have I known always: Love is no
 more
 Than the wide blossom which the wind
 assails,
 Than the great tide that treads the shifting
 shore,



Strewing fresh
 wreckage gathered
 in the gales:
 Pity me that the
 heart is slow to learn
 What the swift
 mind beholds at
 every turn.
 — Edna St. Vincent
 Millay (1892–1950)

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)

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

fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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cho 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)

San Diego Archaeological Center, 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)

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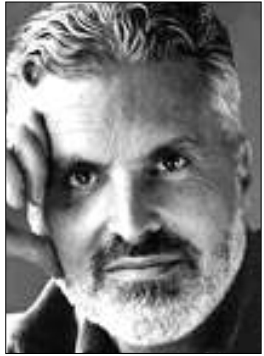
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Ranging from Carmel to coastal Maine, and including writers as diverse as Ernest Hemingway, Frederick Douglass, and Louisa May Alcott, *American Writers at Home* takes readers on a tour of the American literary heritage that is both grand and intimate. We ramble through the turn-of-the-century estates of Edith Wharton and Mark Twain and nestle into the humbler homes of Robert Frost and Walt Whitman. We are admitted into private — and in most cases remarkably unchanged — spaces that bore witness to genius, where Edna St. Vincent Millay's dresses still hang in the closet and Nathaniel Hawthorne's thoughts remain inscribed on the windowpane in his study.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: J.D. McClatchy was born in Bryn Mawr,

Pennsylvania, in 1945. Formally educated at Georgetown and Yale and informally educated by his own reading, conversation, and study, Mr. McClatchy is the author of five books of his own poetry, editor of numerous collections and interesting anthologies (*Poets on Painters* remains one of my favorites), an opera librettist, and since 1991, editor of *The Yale Review*, a publication that with his leadership has gone from troubled to somewhat triumphant. Literary executor of the estate of James Merrill, McClatchy is one of the two editors, with Stephen Yenser, of Merrill's *Collected Poems* and *Collected Prose*.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Village Voice: "America has always been a nation of isolatos, solitaries striking out on their own," argues poet J.D. McClatchy in the text accompanying *American Writers at Home*. "Europeans could never understand...why we headed off into the unfamiliar, why we built our cabins on the pond's edge." Erica Lennard photographs the cocoons that famous writers like Walt Whitman and Flannery O'Connor fashioned for themselves in those dark, pre-iPod days of the 19th and early 20th Centuries. Bathed in honeyed light, these images are so sumptuous they might be mistaken for layouts from a shelter magazine dedicated to gracious, cozy old houses. Instead, they provide an excuse for McClatchy's meditations on how dwellings and solitude shape the creative process. If these houses look like museums, that's because they are. When regular people die their things are ransacked, most precious possessions parceled out or tossed away. But these show homes halt and preserve a moment in an illustrious writer's life, like an insect trapped in amber. We see Eudora Welty's desk as it apparently looked while she lived: littered with manuscript pages, calendars, and correspondence. Or the corner of Faulkner's pantry, where the camera finds a wall covered with names and numbers scrawled above a black rotary phone that will never ring again.

The Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield, Massachusetts): None of Lennard's photographs have people in them, but she manages to make the homes appear inhabited, with the careful placement of a garment, lit candle, or blooming houseplant. Care was taken to show the tables or desks or even beds where each author worked. There are samples of the handwriting of the writers, where it was available — very telling. Dickinson's hand, for example, was large and sloping. The large format shows off the photos, many full page, very handsomely.

The essays are full of wonderful details. An example: McClatchy discovered that Alcott's home, Orchard House, includes a bust of her father by Daniel Chester French, who was once a student of

Alcott's sister, May. The differences in wealth and comfort are interesting — as in the contrast between Arrowhead and the Mount.

The Boston Globe: Asked where he wrote, Ernest Hemingway once replied, "In my head." True though that is for every writer, the domestic setting of creativity is endlessly interesting to readers and to other writers.... Standing in Melville's second-floor workroom at Arrowhead in Pittsfield, where he wrote *Moby Dick*, or looking at the photograph of it, one is reminded how even the gigantic works of world literature are created in small, private places, with the tapping of a typewriter or scratching of a pen.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked, Mr. McClatchy was in his office in Manhattan and I was at home in California. An interview with Professor McClatchy, for me, is like an afternoon in one's favorite seminar. I have spoken with him many more times than are seemly. But I can't help myself. In this newest book, the professor refers to the "American isolato."

I asked, "If you were teaching a class of mildly intelligent youngsters, how would you define this isolato?"

"Well, as I said in the introduction, that's the characteristic of Americans, going back to why people moved to America to begin with — to escape a past. Or to escape a set of circumstances which preclude a future. Or the future is going to be exactly as it was for all the generations before them. So that any sense of discovery and of freedom is precluded by the society, the circumstances in which they live. America has always seemed to provide a hope for exactly that kind of freedom and opportunity. I know it sounds like an ad, but it's true. And I think that's still true. And then that becomes — how could it not? — a theme in our literature as well.

"A theme reflecting the deep American need to move, to be on one's own. Take some of our greatest books. *Huckleberry Finn* wanting to leave home, Jim escaping from circumstances in the book. All of our books have to do with this American sense wanting to move. *The Great Gatsby*, as instance. Or, a writer like Eugene O'Neill who goes back to studying a family caught in a moment of time and to diagnose it somewhat.

"I think there's that sense of there being something wrong with a person who stays in one spot and that there's something restlessly right about the pioneer or the self-made millionaire. It's an American type that our writers are fascinated by — from Hawthorne up to Scott Fitzgerald and on to Tom Wolfe, I suppose. We're a very inward-turning culture. The nature of our culture is continually churning and changing at the same time, and our history is so abrupt.

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riages 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 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,

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San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the

building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits 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

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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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A Semester in the Wasteland

Freshman Found Little Faith at USD

BY ANNA KRESTYN

Michaela Beard, 19, would be a freshman in her second semester at the University of San Diego.

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"Yet within that very short time, we have created a literature of remarkable range and depth and held it up as a mirror to ourselves. It may be that America, the nature of our country, and the way we live in it pushes people to document themselves and to examine our history in ways that may have been more leisurely in the Old World."

I suggested the lines from Eliot's *Four Quartets* as an interesting comment on American restlessness:

We shall not cease from exploration

And the end of all our exploring

Will be to arrive where we started

And know the place for the first time.

"Yes. Eliot is someone who left, as so many of our writers do, to find himself. He said later in life that although he had spent his life in England and become an English citizen that the sources of all his work were Native American. Going back to the banks of the Mississippi and the Massachusetts coast. The rhythms of speech that he heard as a child. So there's a way in which you can't escape your home even though one tries to do that. We couldn't find Mid-

westerners for the book because they had all left the Midwest very quickly.

"In the old days, it was the schooling. Sinclair Lewis wanted to come to Yale; if you were Scott Fitzgerald, you'd go to Princeton. You wanted to move to a cultural city. It was the lack of culture, the lack of appreciation for what interested you."

"Also there's freedom, social freedom."

"Absolutely. The freedom of the big city to pursue your dreams. Which you'd never find at home, usually among unappreciative townsmen and parents who wanted you to work on the farm or in the family business. And that kind of pressure and that kind of suffocation, really."

"And who didn't see art as a vocation?"

"Having any value whatsoever."

"Art was a pastime, at best."

"There is, of course," said Professor McClatchy, "a strong streak in American social life as well, that kind of deep suspicion of art as fancy and imported and..."

"French," I laughed.

"French, indeed. But the best American artists, their appetites were huge, and they would gobble up almost everything. And gobble it out of a mix of cultures — that's the way our American language evolved so remarkably. From

Standard English to English Plus. And our writers have been hurriedly taking advantage of that evolution all along."

"Do you use a computer when you write prose?"

"I do. I don't write letters on it, but I write essays on

"We're a very inward-turning culture.

The nature of our culture is continually churning and changing at the same time, and our history is so abrupt."

it. I still write poems by hand."

"I find that since I began using a computer that the computer also feels like a home. If you have to get a new computer..."

"It's like moving. As traumatic as that. I hire somebody to make everything exactly the way it was the last time. I'm slightly afraid of computers, having lost things on them and being mechanically incompetent. And I have no imagination. If something goes wrong, I can't begin to think how I might fix it myself. I call up somebody."

"So the computer doesn't feel like a home to you?"

"It feels like living at home, as if I were 20 and hadn't left home yet, and I resent the routine — dinner at six and no smoking in the front parlor."

I mentioned that writers seemed to live two lives. "There's the part of you that writes, and then there's the part of you who pays the light bill and makes another pan of hideous lasagna. The latter part is the caretaker of the part of you who writes. When I open up the home that is my computer, I feel more at home than I do at the kitchen counter, stirring the sauce for that lasagna."

"I know what you mean. Not a day goes by that I don't sit down and do something. And like you I feel most myself when I am doing this. I like cooking and I don't mind being in the world, but I feel most myself when I'm putting sentences together."

"Recently, I watched you on TV, presenting this book to a group of notables. You wore a wonderful suit and had a grand air about you of confidence. I thought, 'Oh, how much he's able to be in the world and to swan about and not mind it at all, and it doesn't rub off badly on him.' You have not become some egomaniacal idiot."

"No. It's tiring though."

"I thought that, too. I thought you must go home at night and just put your big head on the pillow and sigh."



"After that event, then I had to go to the dinner that was given by whoever. So that's another three hours after that speech of being 'charming.' I tell you, by the time I get home, I'm really ready for my martini. But on the other hand, I feel a sense of responsibility."

"What about the home you've made for yourself, in Stonington, Connecticut?"

"There had been an idea for the book about doing an introduction with a photograph of my place and how I work, but I was very grudging of it because I didn't want it to be driven by the personality of me. I wanted to throw all the light onto the writers. How could I put my desk next to William Faulkner's or Herman Melville's? It would be arrogant and self-defeating."

"Or Louisa May Alcott."

"Or Louisa May Alcott. Indeed."

"Bronson Alcott was such a difficult father."

"But he encouraged her."

She was the first to make fun of him and love him at the same time. She had a pair of very difficult parents, but to be encouraged as a young woman in the 19th Century, that was something. It was so rare, I think, that it might have been worth putting up with his other silliness."

I confessed, "I'm a great fan of Mrs. Hawthorne. I think she was a wonderful writer's wife."

"It was interesting to see the Hawthorne Concord house, where they lived back at the end of his life and also when they were first married, and really wonderfully in love in a way you don't often get glimpses of it. They were very exquisite in their physical passion for one another. And you think of him as such a cold fish, Hawthorne. She came from a remarkable family."

Sophia Hawthorne, a painter, had painted small illustrations on the Hawthorne marital bed, a bed long lost. "Heartbreaking," I said, "that that bed was lost."

"It's so interesting that when the famous writer dies, the household goods are disbursed. And you know that in 50 years people will be trying to buy back all these things. To find them all over again. It's just easier to probably put them in storage and keep them than it is to try to buy them back."

The book contains a photo

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of Frost's attic, empty except for a mattress on the floor. I said how sad that photo made its viewer feel.

"The whole house is a little sort of forlorn in a kind of Shaker way. But it doesn't come to life as much as the other houses do. Because the only thing they had there was a chair that they found in the attic. They say it's his. Whether it actually was or not, I don't know. His daughter, Leslie, spent some time up there, invoking her memories and then going around purchasing, I guess at flea markets and what-not, things she remembered would have been there. Other houses, the Longfellow house for instance, give much more a sense of the life of the house than does the Frost house."

I mentioned that having read the recent Millay biography, that the photographs were evocative of scenes I recalled from her life. Quite a drinker in her last years, Millay is believed to have died after a fall down the steps from second to first floor. I said I had longed for a photo of that fatal staircase.

"I wish we had taken photographs. But Erica's style is so dark, and she only likes natural lighting. Down in the basement there, I think, there's still the maple syrup that she had jarred up in the old Mason jars. Every book, everything has been kept as it was, and they religiously have not

touched anything. The curtains on the living room windows are shredded with age. It's truly ghostly. The Millay house is the other extreme from the Frost house where nothing was kept. Whereas in Millay's house, everything is there — her clothes and lipsticks... Genuinely creepy to come across that. Her Pall Malls in her cigarette case. A little pencil and pad with nothing written on it. There were these beautiful art deco clasps on the purses and beautiful hats. Looking at the things, you could see how absolutely tiny she was. I think she was 5'1", and her shoes, her riding boots and so on, looked like doll shoes. Quite something.

"Again, I think that once we start to be serious readers we become fascinated by the personality of the authors and begin to read biographies of Hemingway and Mark Twain or Dickinson or whomever. We become fascinated by the personality. Who wrote this? You know? We become curious as to whether the circumstances of the life get transformed into chapters in a book. We know about their sorrows and their desires and their ambitions and their thwartings — and we try to match things up.

"Still, you never can make the real connection between what happens to a person and what happens in a book. It's still a mystery. That's why the places

where they wrote, however animated by the presence of the authors, still seem as if there's something really missing there. There's something ghostly about these places."

"I wonder why so many writers write in bed."

"I don't know. I do. I don't know. I'm sure Dr. Freud could say something about it. I also read in bed. I also think it's because I never have gotten a really comfortable chair, one that suits me. Maybe if I had a real, absolutely comfortable couch or chair — but it would have to be very special. Bed is where I was read to first, I suppose, and it's the scene of dreaming. I find any number of connections that would hold a reader to bed."

"Cheever wrote up in his bedroom."

"Millay also wrote in bed." I asked Mr. McClatchy if he knew how Wallace Stevens wrote. I understood, I said, that he composed his poems as he walked to work.

"He did. They have no manuscripts of his. He wrote entirely in his head on the walk to work. And then he would dictate his work to his secretary."

"Never put it down?"

"Never put it down. There are a few early poems, but that's all — and then he would have his secretary correct her typescript and probably have her retype and throw the corrected one away."

"And then would he turn all that in to the publisher?"

"Yes. But all we have is the typescript that the typist made. I think this may tie in with the writing bed — it's the physicality of writing. It's a very physical process. Whether it's Frost walking forest paths or Wallace Stevens commuting, walking to work, down a solemn avenue in Hartford. There's a story about Eugene O'Neill in California, when his right hand began to shake so much. He would have to hold it with his left hand, steady it in order to write. Finally, he couldn't even read that handwriting and stopped writing altogether. You would think, 'Well, why didn't he dictate something?' But it's clear he felt that if he couldn't physically write it, he wasn't going to write anything."

"Do you think many writers do dictate?"

"I don't know. Maybe, maybe. The Danielle Steeles who crank them out. Maybe she writes in purple ink, with a feather. But I think it's not natural — the dictation — and I think many writers still work in longhand before they transcribe their work to a computer."

"Poets certainly do."

"It comes out like web from a spider, you know. You feel it coming out of your fingers."

"When I edit," I said, "I read the work to myself,

silently."

"Silent reading was one of the great inventions. The great moments. It's still debated: When did people begin to read to themselves? St. Augustine often used to get credit for being the first person. I don't know who it was. But yes, I feel the same way. But you feel, 'This just isn't working; this is not the rhythm I want for this sentence.' And then you go back at it.

"I tried with this book to allow myself, stylistically, as it were, to be driven — or guided, I should say — by detail. And to let the text go by that. Because the houses are filled with fascinating details. As a tourist, if you were going around these houses, your eye would flit from one thing and another. I tried to let the prose pick up, for instance, in the Kate Chopin house, the fact that they put animal hair in the plaster to keep insects away. Details of that kind.

"I was fascinated by the conditions under which people write and make a living. Flannery O'Connor's bedroom, where you could see the crutch is right next to the bed. She could only move two feet from her bed to her desk, and it becomes very touching to see all these things and to see how hard it is to create the conditions whereby you can write."

I said that Mr. McClatchy, in writing the text for this book, entirely avoided the tone of

the "educating docent."

"Good. That's why I even wanted to put in the back something about the afterlife of the houses, what happened to them after their authors died. That always interests me. Some are sad stories; the houses changed into a school or a post office. But they're interesting; that these places have lives before and after the writers have owned them, and it was often the house itself, not just the writer, that fascinated me. They seemed alive in their own way.

"So much has been lost. Erica and I did an earlier book called *The Writer's House*, which is where they got the idea for this book. Our first book was about European houses. They're more beautiful and luxurious than American houses. Erica, over here, was kind of in despair: 'If I have to photograph one more brown clabbered ugly thing,' and it's true — the American writers' houses are just not very impressive houses. Wharton or Longfellow or Mark Twain, their houses are very grand, but the bulk of them is very unimpressive."

"They're working houses."

"They are very much working houses. It reminds you that people write where and how they can, and it just happens to be spectacular work." ■

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Renaissance and Baroque Music promised when Courtney Noyse performs with traditional instruments for First Thursday Concert on February 3, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

"Along the Silk Road," music for flute and guitar from India, China, and Japan promised when Camarada chamber music ensemble performs Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes "simple

folksongs" of Japan to Indian raga-inspired pieces by Ravi Shankar and George Harrison, Toru Takemitsu's "Toward the Sea"; \$15. 619-231-3702. (BALBOA PARK)

"Three Passionate Tales," San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling joined by cellist Jian Wang for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, February 3 and 5. Program boasts Dvořák's "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in B Minor," "Don Juan" by Richard Strauss, and Bartók's "Miraculous Mandarin Suite."

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Saturday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

An All-Bach Program featuring Bach's first three suites for cello promised when Jian Wang performs on Friday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., for Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street); \$27. Space availability: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Johann Strauss's Bubbly Die Fledermaus opens season for San Diego Opera, starring soprano Noëmi Nadelmann, Viennese brothers (and baritones) Paul Armin Edelmann and Peter Edelmann, countertenor Brian Asawa. Sung in English, with dialogue projected above the stage. Conducted by Valéry Ryvkin, directed by Lotfi Mansouri.

Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 4; 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 6; and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre,

202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Harp Fusion — an ensemble of 12 musicians from University of Arizona under direction of Carrol McLaughlin — performs Saturday, February 5, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive; 858-273-1480). Group also plans concert on Sunday, February 6, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue; 619-232-7513). Offering. (CLAIREMONT, DOWNTOWN)

Music by Mozart, Bach, and Chopin promised when pianist Piotr Anderszewski performs for Revelle Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Saturday, February 5, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Tsunami Aid Relief Concert planned by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 6, 2 p.m. Donations will be taken by American Red Cross. Admission: free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Treasury of Sacred Music," multimedia presentation covering musical heritage of Catholic Church offered by Susan Treacy, professor of music at Franciscan University of Steubenville, on Sunday, February 6, 2 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (1638 Polk Avenue). Free. 619-291-1660. (HILLCREST)

Virtuoso Harp Music promised when Leah Meadows presents mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 7, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

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"The Color of My Voice," series continues when oboist Frank Rosenwein interprets passages from Mahler's "First Symphony," as well as pieces by Tchaikovsky, Victor Ullman, and others on Tuesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Free. 858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)

Giacomo Puccini's Classic La Bohème performed by Europe's Teatro Lirico d'Europa, Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). The company tours a full-scale opera production with a 50-member orchestra, 40-member choir of singers and soloists. Tickets: \$48, \$58, \$68. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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Concerts presented on Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m., at Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard), \$30; on Saturday, February 12, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), \$38; and Sunday, February 13, at 6 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum, \$30. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (DEL MAR, LA JOLLA, BALBOA PARK)

Concert Flutist Tadeu Coelho — described as an avid proponent of new music and music of the Americas — performs pieces by C.P.E. Bach, Prokofiev, Copland, and Brazilian music "influenced heavily by African-American culture" on Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Concert followed by master class at 8 p.m.; \$10 general. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Theme and Variations: The Latin American Collection" highlighted during concert and lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, at San Diego Museum of Art. Janet Brody Esser, professor emeritus of Latin American art history at SDSU, explores museum's collection by offering insights into Latin America's distinct cultures. A guitar and vocal duo provides musical selections; \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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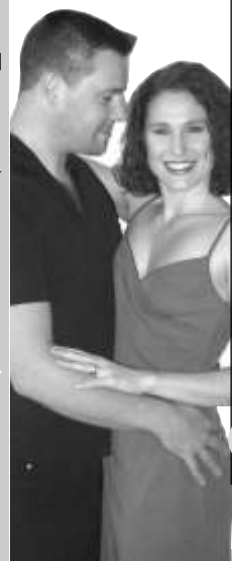
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GALLERIES

The "2005 Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition" — with public installation, painting, photography, "new media," drawing, sculpture, and visual communications showcased — is on view through Friday, March 18, in Founder's Gallery at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Reception for artists: Thursday, February 3, 4:30 p.m. 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

"China Mosaic," an exhibition of watercolor paintings by artist Sue Zinngarbe Gold, is on view along with juried show "Heart

Throb" through Saturday, February 26, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror was Sharon Hinckley. Meet artists at reception on Friday, February 4, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Under These Circumstances," an exhibit of new work by Brendan Monroe, Joshua Cochran, Ben Horton, Pamela Jaeger, opens with reception on Friday, February 4, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). 619-757-4966. Requested donation: \$3. Through Friday, February 25. (DOWNTOWN)

"Light Force," an exhibit of post-Impressionist paintings by Nicholas Kilmer, opens with reception on Friday, February 4, 6 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Through Monday, March 21. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Love, Lust, and the Politics of Dancing," group show opens with reception for five participating artists on Saturday, February 5, 7 p.m., at Limbo (1432 University Avenue). 619-295-5393. Closes Sunday, February 27. (HILLCREST)

Artisans' Studio reception for six artists is Saturday, February 5, 5 p.m., in Artists' Alley (212 East North Coast Highway). 760-500-5252. (OCEANSIDE)

"Comodore Perry and the Westernization in Japan," installation tracing lives of early foreign settlers in Yokohama opens with reception on Thursday,

February 10, 5 p.m., in Kellogg Plaza at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Exhibit includes work by photographer Felix Beato and satirical cartoons by journalist Charles Wirgman. 760-750-4378. Continues through March. (SAN MARCOS)

"San Diego Mesa College Faculty Exhibition" with work in a variety of media includes reception on Thursday, February 10, 4:30 p.m., in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Reception is followed by artists' lecture at 7 p.m. in LRC room 435. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. Through Tuesday, March 8. (KEARNY MESA)

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," features 160 works organized into seven chronological sections, explores the way the artist creates sets and subsets of images interacting with previous and current works. Exhibition closes on Sunday, April 17.

"Cerca Series: Kori Newkirk" includes an experimental form of the artist's "pony bead" curtains,

created using small colored beads often seen in elaborate braided hairdos. The curtain will be changed as light conditions change throughout the day. Newkirk blends medium and message in works critically examining identity and place. Continues through Sunday, March 13.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of 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)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "The Watercolors of James Hubbell: Meditations on Nature and Life" opens with reception on Saturday, February 5, 5 p.m. (\$8). The 80 "vibrant paintings are spontaneous gestures that date from 1988 to 2004." Exhibit includes paintings that are "among the few works of art Hubbell was able to save from the Cedar fires" of 2003. Continues through Saturday, March 26. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Timken Museum of Art, "Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance," on exhibit through Sunday, February 27, showcases the artist's three major paintings based on Edmund Spenser's 16th-century epic poem "The Faerie Queen." The exhibition includes preparatory drawings for the paintings, related engravings, and graphic works. West (1738-1820) occupies a significant place in both American and British art histories.

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IMAGE: Cao Fei, *Game Series: Wine Vessels Floating in the Meandering River* (detail), chromogenic print, 2000. Courtesy of the artist.

At Bat

"Any young man, creed, whatever, can become a ballplayer. Or an interior decorator."

When it comes to all-time great center-fielders, you got Ty Cobb, Oscar Charleston, Mantle, Mays...and Darren Lemming? Yep, number 8 for the world champion New York Empire is in their class, a five-tool phenom worth every cent of his \$106 million contract. And America couldn't ask for a more radiant icon. Son of a white father and African-American mother, he seemed, says his shortstop-friend Kippy, "The answer to every question," adding, "Mess does not flow forth from Darren Lemming."

At least until, in the midst of a heated pennant race, Darren announces he's gay: "Any young man, creed, whatever, can go out there and become a ballplayer. Or an interior decorator." Darren made the statement, he says, to ward off distractions and concentrate on his game. Not happening.

In 1999, after his career was over, ex-Padre outfielder Billy Bean announced he was homosexual. He wrote a book to defend his decision and got trounced in print and elsewhere. Bean, a lifetime .270 hitter at best, said only a superstar could come out and continue playing.

What prompts the writing of a play? What triggers that commitment? For Richard Greenberg, the Billy Bean story combined with Greenberg's decision to follow a Yankees late-season run. He had what you might call an ESPN Epiphany. He became a fan-atic and left real life behind.

Take Me Out has both the zeal of a recent con-

vert and the spacey giddiness. Its most interesting character is Mason Marzac, Lemming's gay business manager. Like Greenberg, he becomes a baseball devotee, expands his narrow life, and waxes metaphysical about the game: "Life is so...tiny, so *daily*," he tells the Empire's slugger, "this...you...take me out of it."

Lemming comes out. But just about everyone else opens up as well. Mason discovers baseball; Takeshi Kawabata, the fastball pitcher from Japan, makes a startling confession; and Shane Mungitt, reliever extraordinaire (who recalls Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker's notorious 1999 *Sports Illustrated* interview), reveals himself to be a world-class racist/bigot.

Greenberg (*Three Days of Rain*, *Eastern Standard*, *The Violet Hour*) is one of America's top playwrights. But *Take Me Out* feels like an entire starting lineup competing for the next at-bat. It's at once an ode to horsehiders and about various revelations and outings (while deemphasizing Lemming's, except for its effect on his teammates), mostly a sitcom, then a tragedy, then it climbs every mountain and fords, pretty much, every stream.

Greenberg does raise questions, one of the most pertinent being this country's penchant for elevating superstars above the law: sure the outside linebacker's a confessed murderer, but he averages 12 tackles a game! Lemming's skills negate his announcement, and Mungitt's ability to throw

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Take Me Out

Take Me Out, by Richard Greenberg

Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Joe Mantello; cast: T. Scott Cunningham, M.D. Walton, Doug Wert, Jack Davidson, Charlie Kevin, Charles Parnell, Terrance Riordan, Harlon George, Gene Gabriel, Robert Wu, Ramon Fernandez; scenic design, Scott Pask; costumes, Jess Goldstein; lighting, Kevin Adams; sound, Janet Kalas

Playing through February 20; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-239-2255.

97 mph fastballs in short relief softens, for many, his racist remarks. Then a pitch goes awry. But, as so often happens in the world of sport, the faithful want the trial delayed until the season's over.

The play's hit-and-run quality may explain

why Greenberg includes male nudity: (a) sell tickets, (b) stir up controversy, (c) cover flaws. When in doubt, have the boys shower. But what people will debate are the nude scenes (which verge on the gratuitous), not the questions *Take Me Out*

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asks about sport having become America's reigning ideology.

Take Me Out's also a coming out for the Old Globe Theatre, which has embraced cultural diversity but rarely gay themes. And, compared to *Take, The Full Monty* seems light years back down the trail.

Joe Mantello, who directed the Broadway version, doesn't always account for the play's jumping-bean tonal shifts. But his stagings are always sharp and, when a game's in progress, like a Cubist painting: a pitcher throws from stage left to right; fielders, in front of a scoreboard, face the audience; the batter hits the ball from stage right on a diagonal across the house. We could be watching the game 200 years from now, played with the right-brain dominant and "remote viewing": the pitcher's in Cleveland, the fielder's in Seattle, the batter's in Guam.

Many of Greenberg's characters exist more to make a point than a person. Doug Wert's Kippy (who narrates, it seems, at least half the evening) is a shortstop with an IQ higher than his fielding average. Terrence Riordan's Jason, by contrast, is a catcher so dumb he must play without a mask. As written, Ramon Fernandez's Martinez and Gene Gabriel's Rodriguez verge on Latino stereotypes. Harlon George delivers Shane's venom better than his fastballs (put your back into it, son). And M.D. Walton's Lemming — the name ultimately an anti-metaphor — looks the part but is so immune to the outside world he comes off as a cold, exempt egoist.

Mason Marzac, the gay accountant lovestruck with baseball, takes over Act Two. As played by T. Scott Cunningham, he's funny and much more engaging than any other character — but also, in some ways, the most disturbing. Mason abandons his life for a game: ERA now means Earned Run Average, not Equal Rights Amendment. He becomes as oblivious as Lemming to the outside world: war, hunger, tsunami victims? No big whup. But damn, why didn't the Padres get Carlos Beltran? He's the next Willie Mays!

The Romans kept the masses mollified with "bread and circuses." Kierkegaard said the masses are "narcotized by trivia." With Mason's character, Greenberg shows us that escapist process, and in *Take Me Out* — and you'd think he'd feel otherwise — he condones it.

The San Diego Theater Critics Circle held its annual award ceremony January 24. Richly deserving winners are LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT: Don and Bonnie Ward
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 On Stage Playhouse presents Lanford Wilson's drama about a murder in a small Missouri town.
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 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
 Anna and Pale won't qualify for an e-Harmony.com connection. She's a dancer/choreographer who has "no life experience to draw from." He's hyper, maybe coked-up, and overwhelmed by his feelings. But both have hid in their work, and the death of his brother brings this unlikely pair — as hesitant as Shakespeare's Beatrice and Benedict — together in grief. And maybe in love. Lanford Wilson's *Burn This* never reaches the Wordsworthian depth it promises ("Something felt much deeper than we know"), and there are times when the playwright pushes for unmotivated significance. But the play, surprisingly funny and always emotionally charged, is quite good at opening the mind — and the heart — to outside-the-box possibilities. And the Cygnet Theatre production is tremendous. Wilson wanted "bone honesty" in the acting. Jeffrey Jones and Jessica John both deliver as Anna and Pale, she ice, he fire. Manny Fernandes and the hilarious David McBean give ample support. And kudos to director Kristianne Kurner, not just for the rip-roaring moments, but for a quality of felt life

throughout. Okay, Anna and Pale may not last ten minutes beyond the final curtain. In any event, each has midwived the other back into the present. And the process, at Cygnet's intimate theater, is a scorcher!
Critic's pick.
 CYGNET 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.

The Clouds, The Ocean, And Everything In Between
 San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre presents Michael P. Premsrirat's serious comedy that "follows two girls and a guy from the idealism of college to the burst bubble of dot-com society." Rhys Greene directed.
 PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 EAST PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, THROUGH MARCH 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AND 21) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 888-568-2278.

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Dinner With Friends

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Donald Margulies's Pulitzer Prize winner about a couple's surprise breakup and its effect on their close friends. Jay Mower directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS AT THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Einstein Comes Through

M. Scott Grabau has designed such a sophisticated soundtrack for the North Coast Rep — clinky hospital noises, concerned nurses' voices, an atom bomb, children playing (then, to illustrate relativity, all sounds at once) — you'd never know that David Ellenstein and Marc Silver's one-act monologue is a world premiere. Until it unfolds, that is. Or, more to the point, fails to in a satisfying manner. Hank, an actor who plays Albert Einstein for students, is in trouble (why isn't made clear until the end, which makes the piece much more vague than need be). Einstein might save the day. The script, which heads to a revelation and a vanishing point, is a jumble of patched-together skits, lectures, sermons, and stand-up jokes. It has occasional flashes of clarity (as when Einstein steps down from his pedestal and becomes as human and fallible as poor suffering Hank), and some jokes are funny. But a sometimes engaging/often not performance by Silver and lulls in the wordy, rambling text make the 80-minute show seem twice that.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (NCR TO OFFERS SELECTED WEDNESDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCES AND SATURDAY MATINEES; CALL THE THEATER FOR INFORMATION.) 858-481-1055.

Forever Plaid

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The Old Globe Theatre stages Stephen Jeffrey's drama about the greatest living bluesman and an English rocker making a fortune off his music. Seret Scott directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-

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Critic's pick.

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Life Before Sex (a comedy about growing up in the '70s) and Life with a Teenager...I Am Having a Hot Flashback

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I Just Stopped by to See the Man

Mahalia

Community Actors Theatre stages Tom Stolz's award-winning "play with music," which celebrates the amazing gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

The Male Intellect: an 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, 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.

My Life by Juan Torres

Summer Golden's new play, based on a love story, asks, "What makes a meaningful life?"

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Symmetry," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It

made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Of Mice and Men

There are compelling reasons to see Renaissance Theatre's staging of John Steinbeck's drama, but also puzzles and an odd neatness to everything. The best reason is the leads. As George Milton, Joshua Everett Johnson has the raw-boned look and serrated, Dust Bowl voice of a Depression-era "bindlestiff." This is an assured, tender/tough, moving performance. Though his slurred speeches threaten to cartoon Lennie, Daren Scott plays the savage innocent with emotional truth. Steinbeck won awards for his dramatizing of the novella, but the play's practically devoid of subtexts, and the dialogue, even in Renaissance's abridged version, do go on. Charlie Riendeau, Joe Nesnow, and Jack Banning give supporting characters life, and Jennifer Eve Kraus turns Curley's nameless wife into a platinum-haired Norma Jean eager for Hollywood stardom. Jeanne Reith's costumes are a puzzle: not the design, the fussy maintenance. Levi's and cotton shirts look ironed, as if the farmhands are at a dude ranch, not bucking barley near Soledad under a blistering Salinas Valley sun. Overall, George Flint's direction has a contained, perspiration-free feel. But the males in the cast should be as rustic as Marty Burnett's bunkhouse set. And the production is most tidy when it should be most expressive. Two gunshots are on muffled tape. Both, but especially the second, should rock the walls at 6th@Penn.

Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH FEBRUARY 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Picnic

Coronado Playhouse stages William Inge's romance about a small Kansas town and a drifter who changes lives. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET (AT THE CORONADO FERRY LANDING NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Route 66

Ramona Mainstage Theatre and Music and Theatre Artists of San Diego present a musical tribute to the "Main Street of America." Brian Wells and David Brannen directed and choreographed. RAMONA MAINSTAGE THEATRE, 626 MAIN STREET, RAMONA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, THROUGH MARCH 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-789-7008.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports"—two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre"—five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana,

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"My band was the first to put on an all-ages show there," said guitarist Brandon Turner of Parkhurst about the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos. "We

bands who will promote their show, we could have a rough night," said talent buyer Todd Chandler. Chandler said his all-age nights have helped put the restaurant/bar near Palomar College on the map.

Chandler said the fact the Jumping Turtle has a kitchen and serves food until 11 p.m. allows him to host an all-age crowd. Unlike the rest of California, San Diego County nightclubs with music will

full bar. Chandler said security guards prevent those under 21 from walking into the area immediately adjacent to the bar, and if someone under age person a drink, "they are exited from the venue."

Until last summer 'Canes in Mission Beach had all-age nights, but the venue has changed its policy due to pressure from the San Diego Police Department.

"I don't know anything about the problems they might have had," said Chandler. "We haven't encountered any."

Owner Matt Hall said the Jumping Turtle would consider allowing outside promoters to bring headliners to his 250-capacity club. "Our heart lies with bands that play original music. A lot of bands never have the opportunity to touch that side of the market."

Chandler said bands looking to play the Jumping Turtle should call him at 760-471-7778.

The Accident Experiment, Scar'd Sanity, Pound Foolish, Shadowdrop, and Whole Hog appear 6:30 p.m. February 19, all ages, \$7 admission.

— Ken Leighton

Onetime Grateful Dead mainstay Bob Weir

brings his band Ratdog to 4th & B Wednesday, February 9, demonstrating he's gotten over his longstanding grudge against the city, or at least against its police department. "For the longest time, we [the Dead] didn't [perform] any closer to you guys than Irvine. Not because of the venue accommodations but because we couldn't stand the thought of giving the cops down there another shot at us." That first shot took place July 1, 1980, when the Dead (supporting their *Go to Heaven* LP) brought out the tie dyed and squinty eyed to the Sports Arena. From alongside the stage, Weir, Dead drummer Mickey Hart, and manager Danny Rifkin witnessed police arresting a patron for marijuana possession. "We tried to step in and get the cops to leave this poor guy alone.... I'm not even sure [the police] knew who we were at first. All of a sudden, they were pulling out more handcuffs, and we were getting arrested too." Booked for "suspicion of inciting a riot," the trio had to return to San Diego to face charges several weeks later. "The charges were reduced to

misdemeanor something or other, and we ended up paying a fine.... We couldn't believe what fascists they are down there." Weir confirms rumors that the Grateful Dead essentially boycotted San Diego from subsequent tour itineraries. "We didn't wanna set the kids up to be busted by a bunch of gorillas with no education, who hate rock and roll music.... I've gotten over it now. All those cops are probably gone and I'm still here."

— Jay Allen Sanford

"I'm going to replace her."

Belly Up Tavern owner Steve Goldberg says he will miss Diana Martinez, who is leaving her position as Belly Up talent buyer after ten years. Not counting owner/founder Dave Hodges, the Belly Up has only had two talent buyers in its 30-year history. Mac Falk, who died at age 43 in 1995 from a heart

attack, and Martinez.

Goldberg says Martinez is going to work for the House of Blues. He is still looking for someone to oversee the booking of local talent.

— Ken Leighton



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WHO WILL BOOK THE BELLY UP?

Is rock radio dying in San Diego?

The recent Arbitron ratings showed that the three local rock stations — Rock 105, 91X, FM-94/9 — each showed a significant decrease in listeners for the October-through-December quarter.

Rock 105 lost 41 percent of its audience from the previous quarter, according to Arbitron. FM 94/9 lost a fourth (both stations tied for 17th place). Meanwhile, 91X was ranked 24th, posting its worst ratings in 22 years.

One radio insider says it's more about Hispanics living at

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played there before for a 21-and-up crowd, and we drew, like, 30 people. This time [for the all-age show] it almost sold out."

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home and the proliferation of cell phones than it is about a change in music preference.

He notes that ratings for the Spanish-speaking stations showed corresponding huge increases in the new Arbitron survey.

"A lot of young men don't have land lines. They all have cell phones." That means they cannot be contacted by Arbitron, which sends out diaries to listeners only after they are contacted by phone.

"Because Arbitron relies on people who are listed in the phone book, they have become a defective ratings service."

FM-94/9

program director Garrett Michaels said he is not panicking.

"We're not changing a damn thing. We are not going to make knee-jerk reactions based on one ratings book."

A call to Arbitron representative Rob Winston about the company's polling practices was not returned.

— Ken Leighton

Music can cure diseases,

according to Dr. Jason Liu (Ph.D., O.M.D.) at the Mind-Body Science Institute on Camino de la Reina. "Through pulse reading, the doctor is able to

know everything about your health condition," says institute literature. With this knowledge Dr. Liu "uses acupuncture meridian-stimulated melodies and brainwave-simulated sound waves to heal the mind and body."

When I ask Dr. Liu about his degrees, he tells me that O.M.D. stands for "oriental medical doctor," and he got this degree from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. His Ph.D. is in neuromuscular pathology, and he received it in "central Japan" (he declined to name a specific university).

Dr. Douglas Lane (with a Ph.D. in music therapy from Temple University in Philadelphia) calls Liu "a new-age marketing exec, not a doctor...despite whatever degrees he may have." While concentrated soundwaves have proven medical benefits



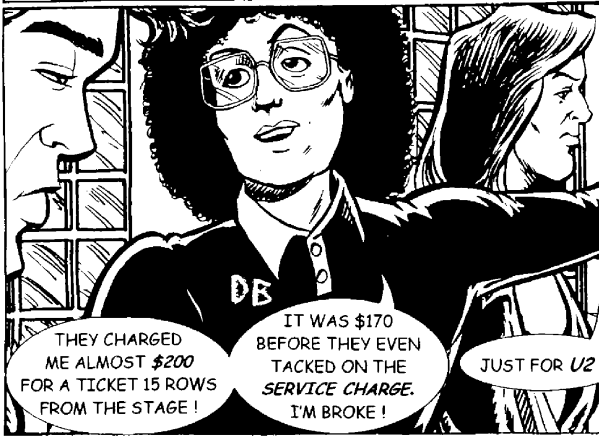
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in removing blockages and similar applications, Lane says, "Claiming that vibrations and melodies can 'heal' is a suspicious claim at best. As for curing mental problems, well, I can be all stressed out and listen to a Doors album, and that'll make me feel pretty good too. That doesn't mean the cause of my stress has been relieved, and it certainly doesn't mean I've been healed in any way."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"I first saw Stomp! when I was 14,"

Chris Rubio tells me via phone from New Haven, Connecticut. He is in the current production, which will be coming to San Diego in March. "I started drumming away on trash cans. When I was 22, I auditioned, got in." He's 24 now.

He describes *Stomp!* as "an exploration in sound" using nontraditional instruments — brooms, Zippo lighters, hubcaps, plastic bags; you name it, they'll beat it.

I ask, "Is this the same rehearsed show every night?" "I'd say 85 percent of it is."

When he's not home, his mother, Yvonne, runs the Chris Rubio Dance Studio in Rancho San Diego (between Spring Valley and El Cajon). "We've been open for three years," he says, "with 200 students now."

"Were there gang problems at Valhalla when you attended?"

"Not that I remember," he says, "but I graduated in 1999, before things started to get bad, just before Columbine and Santana and all those other shootings."

Stomp! performs at the San Diego Civic Theatre, 110 Third Avenue, on March 8–13, Tuesday and Thursday



RUBIO (3RD FROM LEFT) WILL BEAT ANYTHING

at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 5:00 and 9:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tickets go for \$24–\$70. Call the Civic Theatre box office at 619-570-1100 for more information.

— Michael Hemmingson

Former San Diegan Michelle Williams can be seen on the CD cover to the soundtrack of Wim Wenders's latest movie, *Land*

of *Plenty*, but she won't be viewable in North American theaters anytime soon because the movie has no distributor.

Williams is best known for her role as Jen in *Dawson's Creek*; her first major motion picture was as the young female alien in *Species*. Lately, she has been focusing on the independent films *But I'm a Cheerleader* and *The United States of Leland*.

Land of Plenty had a screening at the Palm Springs Film Festival on Sunday, January 16, but it has no future showings locally. The film is set a year after 9/11 and is about a delusional Vietnam vet running around Los Angeles looking for terrorists. Williams plays his Christian niece who gets caught up in her uncle's conspiracy theories.

Dominique Navarro, set designer on *Land of Plenty* and San Diego local, introduced me to Wenders, who told me, "All the distributors have said there is no definable market.... It wouldn't play to the liberal crowd because of the

Christian element, and it wouldn't play to the conservative crowd because of the liberal political views.

"So while you can't find



JUST TRY TO SEE IT IN A THEATER

the movie, you can get the soundtrack through Amazon," Wenders added, handing me a copy of the CD, also available from Sony Music's Sine label.

— Michael Hemmingson

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"It is really fun taking a group of strangers and making them join your cult."

I'm a-fixin' to join the pro bowling tour," writes Steve Poltz in a recent blog entry at www.poltz.com/blognews. "I think music is stupid and it all sounds like noise to me. I really feel like I have style and grace when I bowl."

His fans would be heartbroken if he gave up the six-string for three holes in a bowling ball — Poltz is San Diego's most colorful acoustic guitar-wielding iconoclast. He formed the Rugburns with Robert Driscoll and was instrumental in launching Jewel's career. He released his first solo album with Mercury Records in 1998 and has since created his own label, 98 Pounder Records.

LISTS
MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

the Rugburns stuff on Flowerpot in my living room and on the road. I have a very strange relationship with that guitar. I feel I am too attached to it. It is a Taylor 510 that was built around 1982. I bought it off of a junkie in Santee around 1983. He had it advertised in the *PennySaver*. I talked him down to 700 bucks, and it was love at first sight. Not with the junkie but with the guitar. I wrote the big Jewel hit 'You Were Meant for Me' on it. After we wrote it in Mexico I said, 'That song sucks. You can have it.' She took it back to Atlantic Records, and they said it was a hit. Little did I know it would go all the way up to number one or two. Me and Flowerpot now had what I like to call 'fuck-you money.' We got to do whatever we wanted — which is good and sometimes bad."

TRICKIEST MUSICAL PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Trying to read the room when first walking out onstage. There is usually some sort of vibe out there, and I try to see where the audience wants to go. I don't like using set lists because I much prefer improvising. I would get bored using a set list and doing the same show night after night. It is really fun taking a group of strangers and making them join your cult."

INSTRUMENTS USED?

"I own about 30 guitars. Several of them are Taylors — I am sponsored by them. I have names for all my guitars, and my favorite one is named Flowerpot. There is also Clackety Clack, Trailer Park, Shithead, Steak Knife, etc. I wrote most of

MOST MEMORABLE SHOW/ENCOUNTER WITH FANS?

"In the Rugburns we got to do a couple shows with the Ramones. This was in Cleveland in front of about 6000 peeps. Sold out. The promoter came in to our backstage room before we went on and said, 'Don't take it personal if the fans start throwing shit at you. It means they love you! Ramones fans just want to see the Ramones.' We came out onstage and right away somebody threw a lemon at me and it hit Flowerpot right in the heart and left a crack. I picked up the lemon and undid my pants and squeezed it all over down



Steve Poltz

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my boxers and then squeezed it in my mouth. The crowd went nuts, and after the show I met Joey Ramone and watched from the side of the stage while he ran off to throw up in a trashcan. It was pure poetry."

TOP FIVE FAVORITE BARS/CLUBS IN SAN DIEGO?

"I recently got thrown out of Nunus, so I have decided that it is time to give up the bottle. I have been ejected from a few bars in my day, but this was embarrassing. The Ould Sod on Adams Avenue. I really love playing live at the Casbah. It would be cool to live in one of those

apartments right above it. Java Joe's. Joe is a gambler and a smoker and golfer and all-around good soul. The Liar's Club. Louis owns the joint, and he makes good cheeseburgers and has greasy hair and reads Stephen King novels to old folks at nursing homes in his spare time. I really respect that."

TOP FIVE END-OF-THE-WORLD DISCS?

1. Elliott Smith, *From a Basement on a Hill*
2. Rickie Lee Jones, *Pirates*
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SATURDAY

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"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.

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Ronnie Milsap: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo [958]: Mandeville Auditorium, Friday,

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Ani DiFranco [259] and **Andrew Bird**: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, February 13, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

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Chingy: 4th & B, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Queensryche [431]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, February 18, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sleepytime Gorilla Museum: The Casbah, Friday, February 18, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Sugarcult [421], Hawthorne Heights, Anberlin, and more: SOMA, Saturday, February 19, 6:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Secret Machines, Moving Units, and **Autolux:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Ted Leo & the Pharmacists: The Casbah, Saturday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Collective Soul [459]: 4th & B, Sunday, February 20, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

White Lion: Brick by Brick, Sunday, February 20, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

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 Day Festival" featuring **Steel Pulse [730], Jimmy Cliff [750], Alpha Blondy [737], Israel Vibration [275], Barrington Levy [751],** and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 21, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Wayne Shepherd [938]: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 22, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Camper Van Beethoven/Cracker [567]: The Casbah, Thursday, February 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In *Ashgrove*, **Dave Alvin's** first solo collection in years, a middle-aged Alvin parses memories like a man looking for reason to believe his life was lived and not wasted. Critics are calling the work some of his best. He laughs when I tell him the album is an apartment building full of characters not unlike those in Carlos Fuentes's *Burnt Water*. Like the Fuentes character who seeks mental refuge in a Chac Mool figurine, Alvin too craves sanctuary — amongst the ghosts of bluesmen from a boyhood juke that burned years before. "Once I started formatting the record, I recognized that there was a theme going on: 'How do you survive, keep your sanity, keep your love for things?'" Assuming that Alvin is sane, how does he remain so? "I play music," he replies.

Dave Alvin can hold my attention for hours. He is a mesmerizing performer. But often, what kept me glued to my seat was wondering whether he and his brother Phil would spew into one of their legendary fights. They hated each other and took it out on the music. In the day, the Blasters offered up a wondrous sour mash of raw blues and hillbilly — Phil screaming the vocals and Dave hunched into a boxer's crouch with his guitar. Some labeled them rockabilly; I call them authentic.

More than anyone, the Blasters caught the vibe of punk and lashed it to the past. They were Big Joe Turner on crank — and with intellect. Dave Alvin climbed into the heads of his characters and worked them out novelist style. Has he ever considered writing stories without the music? Yes, but with this caveat: "Once you get addicted to playing live, writing short stories just doesn't have any kicks. You can't see people dance; you



DAVE ALVIN

can't see them sweat. Writing songs," he says, "is lonely enough."

Los Straitjackets open. (To hear a sample of *Dave Alvin*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4818.)

DAVE ALVIN, Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 5, 9:15 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$15.

Donavon Frankenreiter, White Buffalo, and **State Radio:** 4th & B, Friday, February 25, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Duran Duran [256]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Manhattan Transfer [608]: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Pinback [398]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26, 7 p.m., 121 Broadway,

downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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.

KRS-One: Brick by Brick, Friday, March 4, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

The Jonny Lang Acoustic Band: 4th & B, Friday, March 4, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sage Francis: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Robin Nolan Trio: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Pat Metheny Group: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

G. Love & Special Sauce: 4th & B, Saturday, March 5, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

O.A.R. and **the Southland:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 8, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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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The Music: Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, March 13, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Limelitters [881]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 13,

7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Kris Delmhorst: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [477]: 4th & B, Thursday, March 17, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Cocker [533]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Blue Öyster Cult [509]: 4th & B, Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [610]: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Social Distortion [466], Backyard Babies, and Streetdogs: SOMA, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black [830]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Reverend Horton Heat [268], the Supersuckers [367], and Trainwreck: Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105

Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Franti: 4th & B, Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Byron Berline Band: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street,

Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Billy Idol [564]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 22, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Mötley Crüe [475]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Elvis Costello [497]: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Shonen Knife [571], the Gore Gore Girls, and the 45's: Brick by Brick, Wednesday, March 23, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

The Decemberists: Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 25, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

U2 [569] and Kings of Leon: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, March 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Handsome Boy Modeling School: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 29, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

APRIL

Johnny Mathis [611]: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Rod Stewart [605]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [612]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

"Taste of Chaos" with the Used, My Chemical Romance, Killswitch Engage, and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 1, 6 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Young Dubliners [469]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Slipknot, Lamb of God, and Shadows Fall: Cox Arena, Friday, April 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Vance Gilbert: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Maktub: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Dan Band: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, April 9, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Joe Satriani [536]: 4th & B, Sunday, April 10, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ellis Paul [819]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Gordon Lightfoot: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Steve Vai [523]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

David Wilcox [883]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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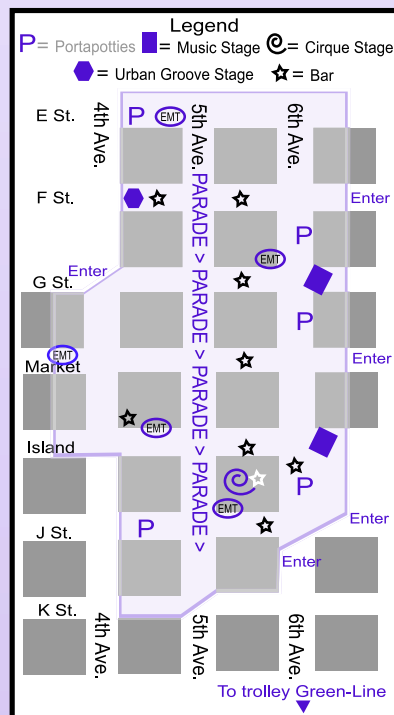
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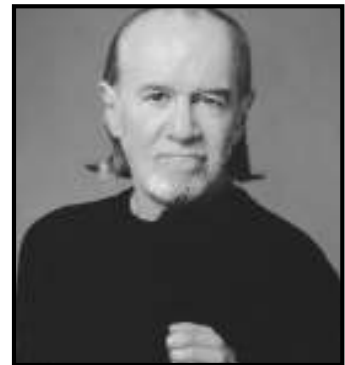
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Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports & Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina
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The Jackson 3 [495]: Island Sports & Spirits
Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero
Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Knight Fever: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Dawn Landes: Brick By Brick
Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Late Edition: Dirk's Niteclub
The Late Late Show: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Legendary Shack Shakers: The Casbah
Listen: Tiki House
The Lonely Ones: The Jumping Turtle
Los Straitjackets [528]: Belly Up Tavern
Loss of Control: Vista Entertainment Center
Julie Mack: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Josh Martinez: Brick By Brick
MC Funk: Dreamstreet
David Mead: Brick By Brick
Mercury Legion [483]: The Jumping Turtle
Metal Shop: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Modest Mouse [593]: Soma
Night Shift: Pal Joey's, Dick's Last Resort
The North Star Session: Blind Melons
The Pine Mountain Logs: Belly Up Tavern
Pink Floyd: Humphrey's
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
The Quimbys: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Random Logic: 'Canes
Dee Ray: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
The Return of Mr. Blackshirt: The Honey Bee Hive
Ripple Groove: Winstons
Rising Star: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
Rookie Card [539]: The Casbah
Eve Selis [410]: Humphrey's, The Calypso Cafe
Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos), Second Wind (Santee)
Don Shipley & the Sharp Shooters: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Stampede Band: Etta's Place
The Stepping Stones: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
The Stiletos: Henry's Pub, Second Wind (Santee)
Syngy: Surf N'Saddle
3 Against 1 [456]: Soma
20 Miles South: Winstons
Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
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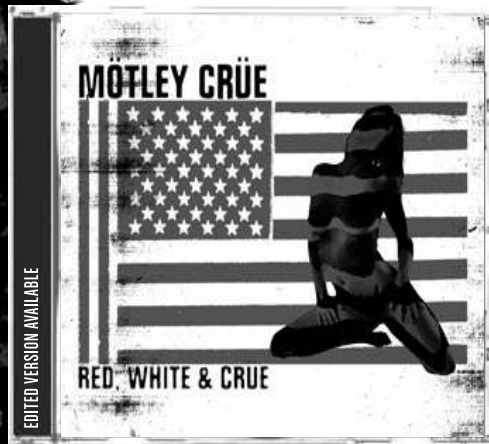
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Calendar BANDS

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Delta Nove: Winstons
The Flock of 80's: Henry's Pub
Island Breeze: Humphrey's
Liquid Blue [606]: Viejas Casino
Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
Sean McVicker: Trelisses Garden Grill
Makai: Humphrey's
The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort
NRG: Viejas Casino
The Pier Group: Trelisses Garden Grill
The Ratz Pack: La Scala
Dean Paul Ratzman: T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, Bistro Soliel
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits
The San Diego Island Boys: Squid Joe's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: Brick By Brick
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

The Bourbon Street Jazz Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect, Aurora Trattoria

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Deeja Marie: Caffè Calabria

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro 221

Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria

Rick Helzer: Dizzy's

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Lite the Nite: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Shawl Loescher: Dizzy's

Israel Maldonado: Winstons

The Joe Marillo Quartet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Several years ago a friend dragged me to a club to see a new band that was starting to generate buzz. I thought they were good, but what really struck me was how the brother-and-sister duo seemed to play as one person. I chalked it up to the power of genetics. The band was the White Stripes. Turns out they weren't really brother and sister.

Still, I maintain that there's something special about sibling bands — and not just in the way that brother-led bands like the Kinks, Oasis, and the Beach Boys make each other miserable. In the case of **Eisley**, a strikingly

young group from Tyler, Texas, you might be able to tell that the singers, **Sherri and Stacy DuPree**, are sisters just by listening to them. When they sing in harmony, their voices sound similar, in proportion to the way their faces look alike.

In fact, there are three sisters and a brother in the band, along with a friend playing bass. They started playing together in 1997, inspired by Radiohead's *OK Computer*. Their keyboardist was just eight years old.

Eisley has a very strong sense of melody, as evidenced in Sherri and Stacy's soaring vocals. Sometimes they soar a little too high, sounding like the Sundays on helium. It's going to be fun hearing Eisley grow up.



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Orquesta Guarare: Sevilla

Sue Palmer [641]: Caffè Calabria

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Redfields Lounge & Bistro, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Belly Up Tavern

Ritmo Caliente: Sevilla

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant, The Calypso Cafe

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Second Avenue Big Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Richard Sellers: Dizzy's

Sharon Shufelt: Caffè Calabria

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Soul Search: Dizzy's

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado, Hotel del Coronado

The Third Coast Jazz Band: Neimans Bar and Grill

Rob Thorsen [673]: Dizzy's

The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare, Harry's Bar & American Grill

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Eek-A-Mouse [734]: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Gadfly: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Kush and Jah Blood & the Fiyah Angels: Blind Melons

Jordan Loader: Blind Melons

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Mystic Roots: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Psydecar [740]: Belly Up Tavern

The Shocks of Mighty: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's

George James: Don's Cocktail Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

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Will Edwards [874]: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Derek Evans: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Free Air: Jay's Gourmet Pizza & Seafood Restaurant

Brian Goodwin: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Tom Griesgraber: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

The Taylor Harvey Band: Island Sports & Spirits, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

J. Hays: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Greg Laswell: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Jimmy Lewis: Tiki House

Rob Mehl: Monterey Bay Cannery

Curtis Peoples: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Raggle Taggle: Dublin Square

Gary Rich: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Ron & Andy: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Ron's Garage: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Dick's Last Resort

Mike Ruggarillo: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Lisa Sanders [893]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Michele Rae Shipp: E Street Cafe

Skelpin: Humphrey's

The Stepping Feet: Winstons

Pete Thurston: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Lindsey Troy: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Robert Wetzel: Hotel del Coronado

Cory Wilkens: The Aero Club, Blind Melons

Lindsey Yung: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill

The B-3 Four: Monroe's Cafe

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken

Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, Chateau Orleans

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Hugh Gaskins [944]: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill

Cornelius House: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Kyle Jester Blues Show: Mas Fina Cantina, The Calypso Cafe

Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

L.A. Jones: Patrick's II

Lafayette & the Leasebreakers [930]: Patrick's II

Jonny Lang [956]: 4th & B

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band: Patrick's II

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Fannie's Nightclub

J.J. Slyde: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

The Soul Persuaders [945]: Humphrey's

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Earl Thomas [946]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The Derek Trucks Band [950]: Belly Up Tavern

Johnny Vernazza & the Usual Suspects: Patrick's II

Billy Watson: The Calypso Cafe, The Blvd. (San Marcos)

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Tom Barabas: G5-Georges on Fifth

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Ken: Monterey Bay Cannery

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Bradley Leighton [987]: Aurora Trattoria

Ray Lipson: Marriott Hotel (Del Mar)

Los Reyes del Ritmo: Mr. Joey's Cantina, Tropicoso

Kristi Murray: La Scala

Ed Repaci: Red Fox Steakhouse

Kristi Rickert [998]: Top of the Cove

Salvador & Cesar: La Scala

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Blitzkrieg Bop: Mondays, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

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Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, ethereal-electro-fetish. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Wallcrawler, Probable Cause, and IzM. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Deviantly Dark: Sundays, dark, driving progressive house and breakbeats with DJs Emmet Masterson and Joe P; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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Mojitos: Saturdays, acid jazz, neo-soul, and old skool hip-hop with DJ Bille Knight and guests; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Octopus Garden, 314 Fifth Avenue (between J and K), Gaslamp. 619-233-1653.

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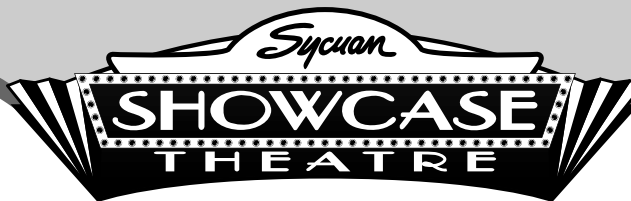
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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

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Friday, 6 p.m., *Billy Watson*, 9 p.m., rock. Saturday, 6 p.m., *Tom Griessgraber*, folk, 8 p.m., *Eek-A-Mouse*, *the Mystic Roots*, *Spoken Gun*, and *the Shocks of Mighty*, reggae. Sunday, 4:30 p.m., *Gadfly*, reggae. Monday, 10 p.m., live rock. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Knight Fever* and *Metal Shop*, rock. Wednesday, country.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Earl Thomas*, blues.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *the Kyle Jester Blues Show*. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues/pop. Sunday, *Sambajazz*. Monday, *Eve Selis*. Tuesday and Wednesday, call club for information.

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Album Name: *Midnight Rock* (2004)

Artist: Campaign for Quiet

Label: Predictable Music

Songs: 1) Judas 2) The American Way 3) Shotgun Song 4) All Night Long 5) Losing Count 6) Virginia 7) Wear You Out 8) Restart Your Heart 9) Verge of Motion 10) Tightrope 11) Feel It 12) Campaign for Quiet

Price/Where Available: www.campaignforquiet.com for \$12

Band Members: Frank Thaheld (lead vocals, acoustic guitar, tambourine), Matt Lancara (lead guitar, acoustic guitar, vocals), Nate Million (drums, cymbals, percussion, vocals), Frank Overland (guitar), Tim Mallot (bass guitar, acoustic guitar), Marc Del Chiaro (backing vocals), Billy Raphael (banjo, mandolin, accordion), Brian Stratman (synths)

Website: www.campaignforquiet.com

"Judas" opens the album on a hard note, with lines like "Lately I've been so fucked up on you / and it's time to leave this Judas kiss with you." The fact that

frontman Frank Thaheld sounds like an angrier version of Creed's Scott Stapp only exacerbates the tension. Five-piece, hard-rock outfit Campaign for Quiet does just about

everything but what their moniker advocates.

The production quality in each track is flawless, and there is an equal dose of driving rockers and dreary ballads. The band rages through the first half of the disc, incorporating punk, indie, and grunge into songs "The American Way," "Shotgun Song," and "All Night Long." In "The American Way" Thaheld sings, "Keep your impulse guard down / and we can do cocaine the American way until we breathe out stardust." These guys manage to kick out songs that are never boring, even in moments of passive reflection.

"Virginia" and "Verge of Motion" both go through rapid tempo changes as the addition of acoustic guitars usher in sullen accounts of lost love. This temerity continues into the first few chords of "Wear You Out," but the song abruptly breaks into a rag-



Campaign for Quiet

ing rocker. This dizzying jam ends up being the highlight of the album, proving that predictable music can sometimes be unpredictable.

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *the Experiments and Gizzards*, alternative. Friday, *Rich Hardesty and Wonka Bar*, rock. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Cory Wilkens*, 8:30 p.m., *Kush and Jah Blood & the Fiyah Angels* and *Jordan Loader*, reggae. Sunday, after the Superbowl, live music. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *Double Down* and *Inexistence*, alternative rock. Wednesday, *Aubry*, *North Star Session*, *Devices*, and *Decompression*, alternative/rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Random Logic*, *the Evergreens*, *Big Back Yard*, and *Far from Home*. Friday, *Take Over Turn*, *the Perils of Being*, *Divided by Zero*, and *the Devices*. Saturday, *the Iron Maidens*, *Empyre*, and *Black Out*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Fred Heath & the Slidevinders*, blues. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Saturday, *McFunk*, *Way Cool Jr.*, *Disaster Magnet*, and *King E*, alternative/rock.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mick Keys*, classic rock/jazz.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

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La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *the Sacha Boutros Quartet*, jazz.

T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Dean Paul Ratzman*, American classics.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Listen*. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *Agave*, rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic.

Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Thursday, *Los Reyes del Ritmo*, flamenco/Latin.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Those Dang Robinsons*, hip-hop. Friday, *Delta Nove*, *Israel Maldonado*, and *Freshly Squeezed*, pop/jazz/rock. Saturday, *Spoken Gun* and *Chapter 11*, alternative rock. Monday, *Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Ripple Groove* and *20 Miles South*, rock. Wednesday, *Stepping Feet*, rock.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Friday, 9 p.m., *Cory Wilkens*, rock.

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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*.

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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live blues/R&B.

Harry's Bar and 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 '80s*, pop rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Friday, 9 p.m., *Stolen and Nude*, alternative rock.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Criminal Funk*, '80s dance music. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Eve Selis*, roadhouse rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Skelpin*, traditional Irish folk, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Island Breeze*, Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight,

Soul Persuaders. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Pink Floyd*, classic rock.

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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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. Friday and Saturday, live alternative/rock music.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. All music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Pete Thurston*. Friday, *Greg Laswell*. Saturday, *J. Hays*, *Lindsey Troy*, and *Lisa Sanders*. Monday, open mike.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Blind Date*, classic rock. Saturday, *Ho-Tab*, alternative rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m., 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, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci*, piano.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday, live music.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Ruggarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live rock band.

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CAPACITY > 82
SPECIAL AREAS > patio seating for smokers (and you can still see the band)
FURNISHINGS > no tables, 20 seats at the bar, booths along the wall; high ceilings with three ceiling fans
DECIBEL LEVEL > 104 when J.J. Slyde & the Blues Talkers did a cover of "Kansas City"; 104 last week at Cosmos Coffee Caf e
WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > Lafayette & the Leasebreakers
QUOTABLE > "This blues song has gone on for almost ten minutes. I'm starting to get the blues."

The bartender brought over pretzels with my whiskey sour and

said, "Hope you enjoy the cuisine here." Not serving food isn't a big deal for this bar since you can find so much variety downtown; however, you won't find many places that have live bands every night. At 8:30 p.m., there were 8 people inside. By 9:30 there were close to 50 people (the bands start at 9). And this was a weekday. I asked the bartender how it would be on Mardi Gras. She said, "I read a thing that said the Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday is the third biggest in the United States here in San Diego. The entire Gaslamp will be filled." I sat next to a guy who had a floppy hat. The bartender made the mistake of being polite and saying, "Nice hat." He then told me about it being made by a Mormon in Ireland. The band was doing a great version of an obscure Hendrix song. Luckily the guy stopped talking long enough for me to hear it.

— *Josh Board*
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heavy rock/alternative/punk. Friday, 3 *Against 1*, *Offset*, *Blackletter Days*, *Like Warrior Poets*, and *Your Favorite Band*. Sunday, *Modest Mouse*, and *Lunatik*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Jump Jones*, swing/blues. Friday, *Don Shipley & the Sharp Shooters* and *Truly Lover Trio*, rock. Saturday, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones* with *Cornelius House*, blues. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, *High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.
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 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., *Chris Carpenter*, *the Bologna Ponies*, and *the Doodday Device*. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Curtis Peoples*, *Will Edwards*, *Just John & the Dude*, *Brian Goodwin*, and *Derek Evans*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Hugh Gaskins*, *Dave's Son*, *Lindsey Yung*, and *Krister Axel*. Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Monday, open mike.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, El Cajon. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, live jazz.

DOWNTOWN

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His new eatery is a bright little storefront next to the Waterfront Bar & Grill on Kettner. You'll know it by the red banners out front, the red umbrellas shading tables for two on the dining patio, and the strings of beads (in Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold, and yellow) hanging from the patio fence. Inside, you'll find a casual café. There's an open kitchen, eight tables, and a counter for placing orders. A fridge behind the counter holds beer, soda, and for-sale packages of *tasso* (Cajun peppered smoked ham) and Cajun Prairie-style *boudin* (pork and rice sausage). Vibrant posters for Louisiana musical events and sepia-toned paintings of New Orleans restaurant scenes decorate the multicolored wainscoted walls. You can eat here, but you're also welcome to get your food "to geaux" (as in "beau"). If you call in the order about 15 minutes ahead, they'll have it ready when you arrive.

The menu is concise: two soups, one salad, six entrées, four po' boys, two desserts, plus one or two daily specials. This covers the basics, but not all the bases, of Louisiana cooking. There is no dirty rice or barbecued shrimp, for instance, but the owners do plan to introduce more dishes over time. (The joint just opened last October — and, remember, it's small.)

Bud's offers a crazy-wonderful "seafood bisque." Not exactly a bisque — in this case, that's not bad! — it's a creamy sweet-corn chowder with shrimp, crab, and crawfish meat, flavored with tomato, sherry, and hot pepper. Don't miss this.

A clever option called "cupa-cupa-cupa" gives you one cup each of jambalaya, gumbo, and red beans and rice. The jambalaya is an unusual version with no seafood or tomato. House-smoked chicken, andouille, and *tasso* are the proteins; the "holy trinity" (sautéed minced onions, green peppers, and celery) and raw scallions are the garnishes. The dish is tightly constructed and dryer than norm, though a tomato-based hot sauce comes on the side for you to stir in to taste and heat tolerance. It's not just a moistener, but



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completes the flavors of the dish, lending balance to the smoky meats. (In your takeout bag, it'll be a fiery orange colloid in a ramekin-sized container labeled "JAM." Don't mistake it for a fruit spread — you won't want this on your morning toast unless you're crazy for the heat.)

The New Orleans-style okra gumbo is a light version. It starts with a "red" roux (the long-stirred thickening mixture of flour and oil) and is spiced to a just-right slow burn. Brimming with shrimp, crawfish, and smoky andouille, it arrived with a scoop of rice already mixed in and has a nice ratio of rice to liquid.

But I'm sorry to say that our first "cupa" of red beans and rice was more than three-quarters rice to a scant quarter of beans. Cooked with ham hocks and amended with andouille, the beans seemed delicious — from what we could taste of them. The next time we ordered, I invoked the Atkins diet and asked for the rice on the side. That proved the way to go. The beans were now perfect, the ham hock giving its all to turn them

creamy and smoky. Understand that if your takeout order follows this strategy, the bean container won't be quite full — but it's plenty of food.

Excessive rice and a skimpy topping also wrecked my first to-go order of crawfish étouffée (which means "smothered"). I want flavor, not size, and a mountain of boiled white rice that smothers the "smother" sauce won't fit the bill. Again, ordering

the rice on the side brought a generous portion of rich stew that showcased the flavor of a *belle roux* — the Cajun name for the stuff when it comes out a perfect shade of mahogany. Although the frozen Chinese crawfish tails don't have the same earthy undertones as Louisiana-born mudbugs, anything you dump in that sauce would taste great.

Po' boy sandwiches occupy a quarter of the menu, and they're served on baguettes "fully dressed" with lettuce, tomato, and remoulade sauce. I went straight for the fried oyster, which is my favorite at Uglesich's in New Orleans. The heavily battered oysters were hacked into pieces,

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PICK HITS: Bread pudding, seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, "cupa-cupa-cupa."

NEED TO KNEAUX: Ask to have rice served separately on takeout orders. Most dishes are (authentically) slightly spicy. Fairly difficult street parking.

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with a few oyster halves. They're Apalachicolas, Louisiana's briny bivalves. Bud has them shipped, already shucked, from the homeland. These were strangely neutral in flavor, with tough streaks. (Do bivalves have sinews?) The coral-pink remoulade resembled Russian or Louis dressing with a lash of sharpness from Zatarain's Creole mustard (a brand you'll find in every southern Louisiana kitchen). I enjoyed the sauce, but the sandwich had little seafood and too much bread and dressing — a po' boy from Poverty Row.

A satisfying "sloppy roast beef" po' boy was more generously filled with tender, pink-centered sliced deli beef. Garlic mayonnaise replaced remoulade on both bread halves, with a splash of *au jus* gravy.

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sive option for mouth fun, but the day we tried it, the under-baked batter was mushy.

Every day brings a special or two, though I was less impressed with these than with the regular menu items. Mondays and Tuesdays, the special is BBQ ribs — St. Louis-cut pork baby-back ribs, smoked for six hours over hickory in the kitchen's electric smoker. (Bud does them on Sunday, when there are no customers to inhale the fumes.) The ribs are tender, mild in flavor, and almost fatless. They're mopped at reheating with an out-sourced red barbecue sauce that's pleasant but not particularly Louisianan. (At the restaurant, you'll also get a ramekin of Randy Jones's barbecue sauce, served at Petco Park.) Wednesday and Thursday, the special is a plate of fried Louisiana catfish with a side of Caesar salad, or a catfish po' boy. (I didn't get a chance to try the cats.) The week closes with Friday's specials of shrimp remoulade and Cajun shrimp cocktail. The remoulade had chopped romaine lettuce, sliced cukes, a quarter of a hard-cooked egg, and a quarter of a turnip-hard winter tomato, all surrounding several medium-large shrimp sleeked with the same dressing as the oyster po' boy. The texture of the seafood was mealy, hinting that they were probably low-priced frozen tiger shrimp farmed in warm waters (e.g., Indonesia or Bangladesh).

There are only two desserts, one a masterpiece. The extraordinary bread pudding features baguettes soaked to angelic softness in egg custard, with a white chocolate Frangelico (hazelnut liqueur) sauce to pour on at will. The dessert was invented at NOLA's

famed Commander's Palace. Luckily for us, a New Orleans newspaper published the recipe and Bud kept it. The lesser dessert is a "Creole pecan pie," a wedge of cheesecake topped with pecan pie. It's a traditional dish and a nice idea (cheesecake being lighter, hence less sickening than a wedge of nut-flecked corn syrup). The pecans, however, tasted like nuts in bulk supermarket bins — not yet rancid, but flavorless were it not for the added sugars.

With the bread pudding earning five stars out of five, the average rating for the food at Bud's came to three stars. Before I discovered the secret of asking for rice on the side, I was tempted to cut half a star for the sins of serving occasionally second-rate seafood and overwhelming good dishes with excess starch. Bud knows his Louisiana cooking, but he needs to recapture the Louisiana spirit of "lagniappe," the hospitality that gives "a little extra." I wouldn't want to hear from readers who arrive home with their takeout to find they've bought a whole heap of rice and just a tablespoon of flavor. So watch it, Bud.

San Diego loves an excuse for a party and has embraced Mardi Gras (February 8 this year) as a native holiday. Bud expects his tiny eatery to be slamming that day. Other restaurants where you can enjoy Mardi Gras-style dining:

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Their version of Cajun-Creole food bears only a coincidental resemblance to anything you'd eat in Louisiana, but the Southern dishes are decent and their party rocks.

Gulf Coast Grill, 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. Another cool party scene, with some good Southern dishes.

Huffman's Barbeque, 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Lincoln Park, 619-264-3115. The soul-food menu includes Louisiana Creole-style gumbo and red beans and rice.

Magnolias, Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid Avenue (off Market Street), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. (Reviewed last week.) Authentic south Louisiana cooking in a comfortable atmosphere. Try the crabcakes, BBQ shrimp, fried chicken wings, jambalaya.

Mardi Gras Cafe, 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in the mini-mall with a 7-Eleven), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. If you can cook it, this place has the ingredients from Louisiana, whether you need bottled roux, boudin blanc, or frozen crawfish tails. If you can't cook, they have the major regional dishes to eat there for lunch or take home for a party. If you take home a muffalatta, wrap it in foil and put a weight on it (a skillet or brick) for four hours (the way they do at Central Grocery) to let the flavors meld.

Monroe's, 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100. Under new management, the former Aswan offers an extensive menu of dishes from Louisiana and Jamaica (so you can have two nations' worth of Carnival on the same night). I haven't eaten there yet, but it's high on my list of places to try.

Popeye's Fried Chicken and Biscuits (many locations, check phone book). In the City That Care Forgot, some folks get so caught up in partying they give

up cooking and live on Popeye's takeout all Mardi Gras week.

Sixth Avenue Bistro, 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. Many Louisiana food choices, including the best oyster po' boy in town, in a location handy to the goings-on in the Gaslamp.

Voyage, 1845 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1344. Another new restaurant where I haven't yet eaten, but chef Andre Bellard (formerly at Sassafras) is from Lafayette, Louisiana. His regular menu includes a shrimp po' boy at lunch, jambalaya at any meal, and for Mardi Gras evening, he'll be cooking Louisiana specialties.

Let the bon temps rouler!

ABOUT THE CHEF

Bud Deslattes and his life-and-business partner Rob Adams are Bud's — Bud cooks and Rob runs the front of the house. Bud was the original owner of Bayou Bar and Grill on Market Street. He and Rob recently returned from Portland, Oregon, and decided to open an eatery more casual than Bayou or any of their other restaurants. "Part of the experiment here is, I'm trying to semi-retire," Bud says. "I just hit my 65th birthday, and I told myself, 'Okay, cut back and don't try to do as much as you've been doing.' We've always done fine-dining restaurants, so we decided to do something casual, where I could cook more and manage less. The space is so small, we realized last week that we had to shut down between lunch and dinner. We don't have the storage space for a lot of things, so we have to keep cookin' it every day."

Most of Bud's Cajun-Creole dishes are spicy, but far from the "fiery food" that was so popular in the '80s and gave so many people the wrong concept of the cuisine. "Authentic Louisiana cooking has become sort of my crusade," he says. "I guess when Paul Prudhomme became so popular, everybody thought, 'Everything Cajun has got to be blackened and spicy hot.' But that's not what real Cajun cooking is like. I'm all about flavor. My mama didn't teach me to put all that hot stuff on the food. Cooking for as many people as we do, you just gotta stay true to yourself and what you do."

Bud was born in the Bayou St. John district of New Orleans and fell into cooking sideways. "I really didn't start cooking until I got a divorce, and I had to learn to do it to survive. But while I was in the corporate world I traveled and ate out all the time in nice restaurants, and I always tried to figure out what I was eating."

He first got into the restaurant business in New Orleans. "I owned another business and I sold it. I tried the corporate route again and I didn't like it," he recalls. "Some friends of mine said, 'You're a good cook, why don't you open a restaurant?' I thought, well, *that's* a good idea! I opened a little place called Feelings, in the Faubourg Marigny. We were the first ones back in the Marigny in 1979, and that started the renaissance in the neighborhood."

After 5 years, Bud got restless and sold Feelings to some of his employees, who still own it 25 years later. "I guess I enjoy new places," he says. "I enjoy the challenge of opening a restaurant. That's why I sell 'em, because after three or four

years you basically become a babysitter, just trying to maintain the restaurant, not being creative anymore." He moved to Atlanta and opened A Taste of New Orleans, which *Esquire* magazine promptly named one of the 50 Best Restaurants in America. Simultaneously, he had his first experience running an eatery like Bud's, a casual-lunch and light-dinner spot called the French Quarter Food Shoppe, which is still open. But Bud got the wanderlust again.

"Two of my employees from New Orleans moved to San Diego, and when I came out to visit them, I just fell in love with it," he says. "I need to live near water, and when I moved to Atlanta I didn't realize I was going to be landlocked, six hours from the ocean or the Gulf of Mexico. So we sold out the Atlanta restaurants to one of our cooks and came out here and opened the Bayou Bar and Grill in '89."

Bud sold Bayou in '95, moved to the Bay Area, and opened Creola in San Carlos (south of San Francisco). Five years later he sold out again, moved up to Portland, and opened Arcadia. "After a couple of years," he says, "the rains got kind of depressing and I decided to come back to San Diego."

"We're here to stay now because my daughter's here, and my grandsons are here, and all three of them are helping out in the restaurant.... Now that my daughter's here with her family, that definitely establishes San Diego as home for me. I live in Point Loma, I walk my dog in Spanish Landing, it's just four miles to my restaurant without going on a freeway. I feel like I'm in heaven." ■

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“He struck oil several times. Trouble was, there was always salt water with it.”

This is ridiculous, sneaking in here like a criminal. But no way could I ask Hank to come along. Mention greasy spoon these days and he’s, like, “Get behind me, Satan!”

Me? I was born with a greasy spoon in my mouth. I *wop* through the screen door. Swing into the saddle of a counter stool. Middle-aged gal brings the menu. She wears a flag-decked T-shirt that says “Heart of America.”

“Something to drink?” she asks.

Name’s Sharon.

“Cawfee,” I grunt.

“Decided what you want?”

I notice they’ve got cinnamon rolls for a buck. Why not, for starters?

While I’m waiting, I look ’round this li’l old place I’ve been hankering after. (Sorry, Hank.) It’s a “bin there forever” joint in a cream two-story building just outside of downtown Lemon Grove. The room’s long and narrow, cute country pix dotted about, booths down one side, counter down the other.

Sharon brings my cinnamon roll steaming hot. Oh yes. Sweet, sticky, pure goo. And with the endless-refill coffee (\$1.10), there’s enough buzz to clear the fuzz in my head. On the sound system, Neil Diamond croons “Song Sung Blue.” Always liked that title. Sounds kinda Chinese.

But now it’s major decision time. Lessee: Two eggs, hash browns, and toast are \$3.50. Good country price. Add ham, bacon, or sausage, and it’s \$5.40.

I see one go by. Wow. The damned sausage patty is as big as a lily pad. Five, six inches across. “Half a pound,” says Sharon. They have omelets, like the *machaca* (or Spanish, or hamburger, or *nopalitos*—cactus), in any one of six sizes, mini (\$5.55), small (\$6.00), medium (\$6.65), large (\$8.45), extra large (\$9.25), and jumbo (\$11.00). “Don’t kid yourself about the sizes,” says this guy Joseph in one of the booths. “I’m eating the ‘small’ *machaca* omelet. Look at it. I’ll be taking half home.”

“Go for the steak breakfasts,” says this older feller, Larry, at the next booth. “That’s their thing.”

I see he’s worked through most of his own big ol’ slab of ham.

He points to a bunch of chalkboard specials. “Homemade Country Steak,” \$6.00. Ham steak and eggs, \$6.45. Pork steak and eggs, \$6.45. Plus “Huevos Rancheros,” \$5.15. Corned-beef hash and eggs, \$5.70. Biscuits and gravy with one egg, \$4.15.

“How ’bout biscuits and gravy?” I say. “Would it fill you?”

“Darn tootin’,” Larry says. “But those steaks...”

I want to agree. I do. But when Sharon shows up, I suddenly remember that loose tooth I’ve got. One tough steak and I’ll be heading TJ way. “Corned-beef hash,” I announce, and I can hear what everyone’s thinking. “Wimp.” Guilty as charged, but better to live to chew another day.

Sharon says the place has been serving steak

breakfasts for nearly 50 years. She’s been working here for 22. Jonathan, young guy who appears from the kitchen, says he and his pa, José, just bought it three or four months ago. “My dad called me up one day and said, ‘You want to buy a restaurant with me?’”

So they purchased this place from Donna, the daughter of the actual Jane, who opened the doors in 1957.

Ham-steak Larry says, “About the only thing they changed is they took down all the Elvis stuff that had been on the walls forever.”

“They didn’t change me,” Sharon says.

She sets down my plate. The middle is all corned-beef hash, laid out in rows, as if a tractor had plowed it. Two eggs over easy sit on the right. On the left are actual hash browns, but different. They’re cut wide, like fettuccine. Huh. Sharon leaves a bowl with lemon quarters to squeeze into your water or iced tea. Nice touch. There’s also a plate of pre-buttered wheat toast, strawberry jam, ketchup, and a pitcher — yes, pitcher — of homemade salsa to, like, pour on.

That’s exactly what I do over the hash-brown snake pit. Then I fist-thump a blob of ketchup — *blurt* — onto the corned-beef hash, and we’re rockin’. Oh man. This is breakfast as it should be. Flavorful, the way Grandma used to serve. Except she always had boiled cabbage beside the

corned-beef hash. Made us wish the dogs liked cabbage as much as corned beef.

I stick the two toasts under the *huevos* and — it’s gotta be the food — soon enough Larry and me and the guys in the booth next door are chewing the fat like old buddies. Turns out Larry’s from Texas. His dad was a wildcatter. “He struck oil several times. Trouble was, there was always salt water with it. No good.”

Joseph says he’s been coming here to Jane’s since ’76. “I went to Mount Miguel High School. We called this our ‘late-night recovery room,’ like, where we’d come to sober up. You always got big portions. You knew everyone. And it’s still the same. I mean, this omelet. Six bucks, but two of you can split it. They don’t mind. Believe me, half will fill you up.”

Course these days the place closes at 2:00 p.m., but Jonathan says his pop has dreams of opening in the evenings again — to serve Puerto Rican food. “That’s where his family came from,” he says.

Sharon packs the second half of Joseph’s *machaca* omelet to go. Then she heads to the back and starts clanking away, washing dishes. By hand.

As I leave, Three Dog Night wails, “Mama told me not to come...”

Hank’d be nodding agreement. But as my grandma used to say, “A little of what you fancy does you good.” ■

The Place: Jane’s Country Kitchen, 8125 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-589-9175

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That was ten years and one economic boom ago. Now, says new WineSellar manager Mike Rohner, "What most everyone wants to spend on a bottle of wine is \$8-\$15. We're fortunate to have clients who will buy the \$100-\$150 bottles, but as far as increasing numbers, I can carry every trophy wine out of Napa and it still won't increase the traffic through my door. If I start carrying wines that people have never heard of, wines that people taste and say, 'This is better than every \$8 bottle I've ever had,' I will be able to get more people in here."

To that end, Rohner has continued expanding the bargain section — which now holds the ground nearest the register — championed by David Derby

before he left for the Wine Lover and, eventually, Orange County. He has also gone hunting in those New World regions — Argentina, Chile, and Australia — that have taken hold of the market once dominated by California fighting varieties. It's a crowded market down in bargainland, so Rohner is angling for the obscure and interesting. "I think having multiple labels of Torrentes, actually being able to talk about the styles of Torrentes, makes us relatively unique. It's not just a Riesling-like grape."

Selling something as unknown and unheralded as Torrentes requires hand-selling, something Rohner learned about in his early days with the shop. His wife Kristen was repping a wine book that started carrying the Grapes of Spain portfolio. "There were about 100 Spanish wines, none of which had ever been reviewed, and none of which had representation down here. I got to taste them all on the first wave. My wife tried to get them sold everywhere, but some of them were costing as much as \$70, and that's just an impossible sale unless there's a review connected to it." Derby agreed to carry a few of the wines Rohner showed him, and "over the first month or two, every bottle that we sold we had to put in somebody's hands. We started building a grassroots loyalty to this book, because nobody could find them anywhere else."

The trophies, already removed from that front-row position, may soon leave the main floor

altogether and depart for a room of their own. "The good thing is that it's 55 degrees back there. We'll show the wines the same respect the clients would show them. The steady 66 degrees out here is not going to kill any wine, but some people will say, 'It's a \$400 bottle; I'm not buying it from anywhere except an ideal environment.' So I want to get those wines back in there" and keep the trophy hunters happy.

Besides the bargain section, "The Wednesday night tastings were where we really started trying to bring in a younger crowd. It's \$5, casual, no reservations needed. They went from maybe 15 people the first couple of weeks to 50 or 60 now — when it's a label that matters to people. I have Seghesio coming on February 2; I'll probably have 60 or 70 people. Sometimes we choose labels that matter to us, and we know that we're not going to get 60 people. But at least we're getting to bring in some cool wine and share with people who have never tried it before. For Michaud out of the Pinnacles region, I'll probably have 20 to 25. It's a shame, but I'm ecstatic that I'll be able to have their whole lineup and a rep talking about the wines. They're unbelievable."

And if you can create a regular at \$5 a tasting and \$12 a bottle, you're more likely to be the place your customer goes when it comes time to splurge. "I think everybody hopes to earn more next year than they did this year. I truly believe that everyone who is buying in our value section today wants to be buying a trophy wine someday — whether they want to do it on a consistent basis, or whether they're just curious. 'I wonder what the Ramey Jericho Canyon tastes like. I've heard it's great. Do I have a hundred bucks to spend so I can drink it tonight? No.'" But someday...

And when someday comes, Rohner wants to make those dream bottles a little less fantastical. "I guess I'm looking to get rid of trophy pricing. I understand the law of supply and demand. I know that when David Arthur releases a microproduction



David Arthur Elevation 1147

of Elevation 1147 and I get only six bottles and everyone is sold out, retail-wise, in a week or two, I can pad the retail price up to \$250, \$260." Again, it's that privilege of ownership. "But I can make my standard margin at \$150. It will get priced somewhere in between — nobody is going to take the absolute minimum just to keep the lights on, but do you have to charge \$250?" Some retailers, says Rohner, "don't mind staring at their six bottles until the wine is gone from the auction sites and everywhere else. But I don't necessarily want to hold on to wine. I don't want to stare at bottles simply because they're that special. I don't necessarily want to send the whole six-pack home with one person either. If a wine is supposed to be that great and that rare, I'd rather have six people enjoy a single bottle." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepeszy and her brother Michael offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes

numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional

American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build

an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab *panna cotta*, a lush *bourride* seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, espe-

cially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxy (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/02)

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — E.W. (6/98)

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it

up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts.

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Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego’s dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you’d eat around Chesapeake Bay. Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you’d miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — *S.M. (6/04)*

Sand Crab Cafe 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that’s his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There’s a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and

spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they’re still tasty. The melted non-butter “spread” accompanying them appeals to the area’s many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they’ll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother’s Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The “New Style Favorites” of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong’s has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They’re tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old “Chinese-American” standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Vincent’s Sirino’s 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel’s own garden) are the season’s best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday

through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GOLD COAST

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant “pizzette” (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts “the largest California sushi bar” as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Aesop’s Tables Greek Cafe 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, 858-455-1535. Gyros are the thing here, since 1975. The meat’s prepared outside to Aesop’s recipe of lamb, beef, and spices. But would the eponymous Greek fabulist recognize *pizzas* with lamb sausage and feta on top? Or roast leg of lamb laid out in slices, American-style? A true-blue (and white) Greek choice is the *meze* appetizer plate to share, with samplings of grilled eggplant (“melitzanasalata”), tabbouleh, marinated mushrooms, artichokes, broad beans, and stuffed grape leaves. Just add pita bread and it’ll almost make a dinner for two. The vegetarian combo entrée is good also, with nice thick *tzatziki* (yogurt, cucumber, dill, and sour cream) and tahini (sesame seed) sauces. Lamb dishes like moussaka (layers of ground lamb, beef, eggplant) and *arni souvlaki* (lamb on a skewer) are helped by a wide choice of Greek wines, including Xinomavro Merlot. But to really get the spirit, order *saganaki*, sautéed Kasserli cheese flamed at your table with Ouzo. Go ahead, try an “Opah!” or two. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday; Sunday, dinners only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

Cuvee 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. Seasonal if rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine, designed to accompany an interesting and very affordable wine list. All bottles on the regular list are under \$25 and available by the glass; you can

even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley behind La Jolla branch. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you’d prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don’t look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale’s house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner’s husband) charmingly plays maitre d’. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don’t overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W. (12/99)*

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream “expensive!” Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalo polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food’s better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

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**Calendar
RESTAURANTS**

**MISSION VALLEY
& THE MESAS**

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Mid-western chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outdoor "Runway" grill features kebabs. The

biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapurria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast

through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W. (9/02)

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Pacific Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian

wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (6/02)

THE BEACHES

Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmosphere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blowtorch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked

kalua pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu puke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a

classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come

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easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play—amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelta a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carritas*—pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant—the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue—look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafra kabob*, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Lao dishes replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*"—fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao—and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two

eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

La Mesa Ocean Grille And Seafood Market 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fish-eschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemon mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclopedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restaurant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — A.M. (5/01)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

Sunny Garden Cuisine Of China 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panocrusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orange fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice

of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve

into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff

a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

Bread And Cie 350 University Avenue (at 4th Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/02)

Cafe On Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is



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mainly very fresh seafood, either fished up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-lined clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (5/04)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *ushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamodd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/02)

Liaison 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), uptown, 619-234-5540. Step inside the door of Liaison and you feel you've been

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Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to

provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as ap-

petizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

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Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of fakee, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like spanakopita (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like arni psito — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant

is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nonindies; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly

until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W. (1/04)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new grazing menu features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; grazing can be moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high/moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy,

619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the puttanesca is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (12/02)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal

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Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork, a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array

of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

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Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar 1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofies: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

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Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to melt in your mouth) and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1:00 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

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Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chi-

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Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia*, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

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ican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat and mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

El Rodeo Blvd. Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take *Revolución* until it bends to the left to become *Agua Caliente*; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. — E.W.

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican

flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and

served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W. (11/02)

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo talpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (9/98)

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Buca Di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is child-

and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti the best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (6/00)

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — E.B. (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean

coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

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Alone in the Dark — Laughable fright show, based on an Atari video game. A long-winded preamble (stretching from an ancient extinct Native American tribe called the Abkani to a current top-secret paranormal agency called Bureau 713), a twenty-two-years-earlier prologue, and an up-to-the-minute dose of first-person narration ("My name is Edward Carnby, and I'm here to protect you against the things you don't believe") pave the way for a humdrum onslaught of mind-controlled zombies and computer-generated monsters. With Christian Slater, Tara Reid, and Stephen Dorff; directed by Uwe Boll. 2005.

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Are We There Yet? — Road-trip comedy with Ice Cube and Nia Long, directed by Brian Levant.

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PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Assault on Precinct 13 — Remake of the John Carpenter shoestring of 1976, about an armed siege on a police station à la the Alamo. But the revised plot, just to give the new team of filmmakers some Creative Input, has been altered for minimum interest and sense. The besiegers are no longer an insatiable street gang, but are now policemen themselves, the members of the elite Organized Crime and Racketeering unit, bent on snuffing out an incarcerated cop killer not because he has killed a cop but because he can blow the whistle on their collusion with him. It takes all the terror out of the terrorism. A specific goal, a quenchable bloodthirst, an air of reason. And surely a squad of policemen could gain easier entry to a police station than by stealth and by force. Further plot twists tie themselves up in nonsense. (The "inside" man would have had numberless opportunities to put an end to the siege, even before it began.) Still, the movie is not unbearable. It moves right along, under the imported director, Jean-François Richet. (Whose French heritage, however, does not guarantee he will partake in Carpenter's *homages* to that auteurist treasure, *Rio Bravo*.) The action is rough and ruthless, if

at times a bit idiotic. The snowstorm effects — for Detroit on New Year's Eve — are evocative. And there are good contributions from Laurence Fishburne, authoritatively menacing as the cop killer, John Leguizamo as a comic-relief junkie, Maria Bello as a police psychologist with an obsessive-compulsive disorder of her own, and Drea de Matteo as a hot-to-trot police secretary. Ethan Hawke, on the other hand, is in the lead. Reason enough for desertion. With Brian Dennehy, Ja Rule, Gabriel Byrne. 2005.

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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, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, *Hell's Angels*; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in *The Outlaw*, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett's recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale's unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well — if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative

device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese's pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda. 2004.

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★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Being Julia — Annette Bening takes to the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starring 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 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)

Boogeyman — Horror film with Barry Watson, Emily Deschanel, and Lucy Lawless, directed by Stephen T. Kay. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/4)

Born into Brothels — Zana Briski's and Ross Kauffman's documentary on a group of children of Calcutta prostitutes. (KEN, 2/4 THROUGH 10)

The Chorus (Les Choristes) — Sweet and sentimental French film, a remake of a 1945 one, about the new supervisor — nicknamed Old Baldy — at a school for "difficult" boys, whipping his class into shape as a tight-knit choral group, for one fleeting term in 1949. One of the boys grows up to be the "World's Greatest Conductor" (Jacques Perrin, who also co-produced the film) and remembers the events in flashback. A *Mr. Holland's Opus* with taste and discretion. Gérard Jugnot, François Berléand, Jean-Baptiste Maunier, Marie Bunel; directed by Christophe Barratier. 2004.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 repressed. (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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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

Ri'chard, Rick Gonzalez, Antwon Tanner, Ashanti, Denise Dowse, and Debbi Morgan; directed by Thomas Carter (no relation). 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Elektra — Resurrection of the character of that name, not from Greek tragedy, but from the superhero fantasy of a couple of years previous, *Daredevil*. Resurrection, literally. Just because she got herself killed off, back then, doesn't mean the spinoff has been relegated to a prequel: "Somebody must have brought her back from the dead." She is still, of course, Jennifer Garner (*sans Ben*), built like a railroad spike and just as cuddly, with her chest thrust out in the manner of a teenager impatient with her growth. That last characteristic is significant, inasmuch as the film emerges, from the depths of its muddy color and shadowy cinematography, as an empowerment trip for early adolescent girls, similar to *13 Going on 30* featuring the same leading lady. This one brings together a thirteen-year-old and a thirty-year-old on the same screen at the same time, when the heroine, the world's highest-paid assassin, opts to cancel her "contract" on a handsome widower and a motherless daughter who reminds her of herself in her younger days, and opts instead to take up their defense. Besides insecure young girls, it might appeal to indefatigable fantasists of both sexes who believe there can be no such thing as too many Marvel Comics movies. Everyone else is apt to see this as precisely such a thing. With Kirsten Prout, Goran Visnjic, Terence Stamp; directed by Rob Bowman. 2005.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Fascination — Lust, maybe love, and larceny in the Florida sun, and lassitude in the darkened theater. The plot twists come very slowly and foreseeably. With Jacqueline Bisset, Adam Garcia, Alice Evans, and Stuart Wilson; written and directed by Klaus Menzel. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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

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may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: “There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, and why?” The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie’s stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright’s prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance*), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play’s subtitle, “The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up,” applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what’s more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she’s not going to be allowed to cough unless she’s going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Hide and Seek — To speed his daughter’s recovery from her mother’s sudden death, a

Manhattan psychotherapist whisks her upstate to a Gothic monstrosity, big enough to house a family of twenty, on the edge of a deep dark woods, where she seems to sprout into a Bad Seed. But is her imaginary new playmate really imaginary? Of the several possible ways for the plot to go, it would be hard to pick a worse. A classy cast — Robert De Niro, Famke Janssen, Elisabeth Shue, Dylan Baker, Melissa Leo, not counting a newly dark-haired Dakota Fanning — in a workaday potboiler. Directed by John Polson. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; 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)

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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 2/4; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 2/4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 2/4; VISTA VILLAGE)

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

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repetitiveness of the action. With Takeshi Kaneshiro and Andy Lau. 2004.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 — A new spin on the old boss's-daughter romance. And not just new, but contemporary, up-to-date, timely, topical. The romancer is now the boss himself — a fast-track junior executive fresh out of business school and still wet behind the ears — and the daughter's father is now the romancer's underling, an old-school backslapping glad-handing salesman twice his boss's age. The relationship with the college-age daughter really takes a backseat to the relationship between the men: "I

think you have the potential," the pipsqueak throws a bone to the graybeard, "to be an awesome wingman here." Dennis Quaid seems a touch heavy for comedy, or for drama, either, come to that, but he makes sure you always clearly understand his position. Topher Grace, a shade too nice and naive to have climbed so far so fast, still too much the hometown boy of *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, has scads of charm, albeit of an overpracticed, unctuous, sitcommy type. And the alabaster-complected Scarlett Johansson keeps her lips inflated and her waist whittled, the very model of the Girl Next Door down at Androids R Us. The direction by Paul Weitz, who also wrote the smart script, shows abundant evidence of a mind at work, making connections, drawing parallels, placing emphasis, finding significance. He had a long way to go to live down *American Pie* and *Down to Earth*, but if *About a Boy* took a step in the right direction, this one has earned him a fresh start. Marg Helgenberger, David Paymer, Clark Gregg, Malcolm McDowell. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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)

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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.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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 oceangoing vessel, the Belafonte (shown off to excellent effect on a single-take trek from the belly to the deck). To his credit, he hasn't let the larger investment alter the size of his ambition. He still goes after the muffled chuckle in a quiet corner; and he aims, foremost and hindmost, to please his loyal followers instead of the anonymous crowd. The action scenes, either beyond him or beneath him, are so ridiculous (one-man-army Murray against a boatload of cut-throat pirates) that they play as if they must be fantasies, except they're not. Maybe they're a "comment" on contemporary action films in general. The bonding between father and long-lost son (Owen Wilson with an uncertain Kentucky accent) takes an unexpected turn at an unexpected juncture. And the quest for revenge against a man-eating sea monster ends not with a bang but with an ooh-ahh. Willem Dafoe has more than his share of good moments as a German crew member with a thin skin; and Seu Jorge as another crew member, endlessly strumming a guitar and singing David Bowie tunes in Portuguese, and Cate Blanchett as a pregnant journalist with a two-shades-too-dark suntan, have their moments, too. The whole thing, though, seems quite daffily pointless. Or pointlessly daff. Anjelica Huston, Jeff Goldblum, Michael Gambon, Bud Cort. 2004.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.

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The Merchant of Venice — You'd never guess, from the weight of the thing, that this is one of Shakespeare's comedies — unless maybe by the device of the woman-disguised-as-a-man and fooling her own husband. Further, the naturalistic acting (faltering delivery, *sotto voce*, peppered with pauses), the cut-aways to authentic Venice locales, and the drowning-out background noise and music do their damndest to obscure the fact that it's Shakespeare at all. So scrupulous to avoid suspicions of anti-Semitism, it presents Shylock (Al Pacino, faintly echoing the inflections of the old-time Jewish character actor) as the righteously motivated hero of a revenge tragedy; and the tribunal scene, with the sweating, fainting, vomiting Antonio strapped to a chair for the extraction of the pound of flesh, is as torturous as any death-row countdown in an anti-capital-punishment screed. With Jeremy Irons, Joseph Fiennes, and Lynn Collins; directed by Michael Radford. 2004.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Million Dollar Baby — It would have been understandable if, after the exertions of *Mystic River*, Clint Eastwood were to revert to the relaxation mode of *Blood Work*, *Space Cowboys*, *True Crime*, *Absolute Power*. For a while, it would appear he had done just that. This sets up as a nice, light workout of fight-film conventions, smooth and steady, barely breaking a sweat. But ultimately it takes shape as more than just an old-fashioned fight film, really more a relationship film, with the Eastwood character — a gruff and guilt-ridden Irish Catholic trainer, manager, and cut man — taking under his wing a feisty female fighter who becomes a surrogate daughter to replace the biological one with whom he has lost touch, and who in turn needs a surrogate father. The boxing, almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a late-starter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as *Mystic River*, it proves in the end to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road; been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a

ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional *Mystic River*, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect — the very thought — of taking another life. He thus continues his self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry, Josey Wales, et al. More than just the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become — in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense — the conscience of American cinema. Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman. 2004.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; 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)

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.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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

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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; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; 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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Swimming Upstream — TV-caliber true story of Australian backstroker Tony Fingleton (who authored the script himself) and of the abusive alcoholic father who favored his other two sons, the freestyler and the no-talent bully. (To judge by his rendition of Chopin on the piano in the parlor, before the bully slams the lid on his fingers, the unfavored son could have also had a career as a concert pianist by the age of twelve.) Shakily, choppily directed by Russell Mulcahy, meaning he literally shakes his cameras and chops up the races into split screens.

With Geoffrey Rush, Judy Davis, and Jesse Spencer. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 2/4)

Vera Drake — Mike Leigh's post-WWII portrait of a middle-aged homemaker and housecleaner who performs the occasional abortion on the side: "All right, then, dear, first thing we've got to do is put the kettle on." (Tools of the trade: a cheese grater, a bottle of disinfectant, a bar of soap the color and nearly the size of a canned ham, and a rubber tube and squeezable bulb collectively known as a Higginson Syringe.) A master of euphemism, the very embodiment of cheery British sublimation, she doesn't so much do abortions as "help young girls out." And the fetus will not miscarry so much as simply "come away." And everyone is to be addressed as "dear," even the police inspector conducting her interrogation. The rights and wrongs of abortion, as distinct from the legality of it in early-Fifties England, or the fact-of-life of it in any place and period, do not enter into it. Far, far from the run-of-the-mill problem picture, the movie is loaded with what might be termed irrelevancies, the flavors and textures of the characters' lives irrespective of any overriding "issue": Vera's husband, in coveralls, at work in the garage with his business partner and brother; their son taking measurements at the haberdashery or having a night out with his chums at the dance hall; their hopelessly mousy daughter testing lightbulbs on the factory assembly line or throwing herself at — no, not exactly

throwing herself at, but leaning ever so timidly toward — the lonely bachelor neighbor whom Mum has calculatingly invited to dinner; the circumspect war stories that make up the liveliest topic of conversation at that dinner. The movie narrows its focus and slackens its pace (never very swift) once the police come calling, but by then the reality of the situation — wonderfully, horribly, excruciatingly real — has become so engulfing that you would not want to skip a beat. Faultlessly acted from top to bottom: from Imelda Staunton and Phil Davis (tops) to Alex Kelly, Eddie Marsan, Daniel Mays, Peter Wight, Ruth Sheen, Lesley Manville, Sally Hawkins, Jim Broadbent. 2004.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/4)

The Wedding Date — Romantic comedy starring Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney, directed by Clare Kilner. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; 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 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; FROM 2/4)

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 statically 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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Rebecca Wiley
Student
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Of course. Nowadays, a college diploma is the equivalent of what a high school diploma was when our parents grew up. It'll be expensive by the time I have kids [and they're going to school], but I believe that college is worth the cost. I knew as a kid that I was going to go to college; I'm not the kind of person who could be an entrepreneur, drop out of school, and still be successful.



Sarah Holly
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I'm going to make my kids go to college. My parents started saving money for me to go to college before I was even born, so it was impressed upon me at a young age that I would go to school. My kids can study whatever they want; as long as they have a college degree because it's important to be a well-rounded person to get anywhere in the world. I'm jealous of people who can go off and star in the OC without having any background in acting or go off and make billions of dollars as an entrepreneur, but I need more security in my life. Unless you're a real go-getter, college is definitely worth the investment.



Jessica Harold
Activist
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No. I don't think it's as important as people try and make it out to be. The job market is so bad that it doesn't matter necessarily if you have a college degree or not. I think my kids should do whatever they want to do. If they want to cut hair, that's great. If they want to be lawyers, that's great. I wouldn't love them any less if they wanted to be lawyers. I don't think a degree necessarily equates [with] success. If my kids wanted to go, I would be more than supportive for them to go.



Melvin Yates
Activist
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I'm a really strict person, so I will definitely make my kids go to college. I want my kids to experience all of the debauchery that there is to offer in college. I had a great time in college; I want my kids to be able to enjoy that as well. I learned a lot of good stuff about life when I was in college. A lot of social skills are developed while you're in college, especially if you live in a dorm and are forced to interact with so many new people at one time. If my kids didn't want to go, I'd probably do what my grandmother did to my father, which was to sign him up for school without him knowing. The letter of acceptance came and she sat him down and said, "You're going to Montana University. End of discussion." They were living in L.A., but they were originally from Montana. My dad hadn't made any plans for himself at the time, so he didn't care.



Chris Towne
Musician
Linda Vista

I'll let them choose; they'll have to go to high school, but after that it's up to them. I would be supportive if they chose to go to school; I wouldn't force them to. If they wanted to get [into] music, I'd encourage them. My parents wanted me to go to school, but that's why I moved out here to California from Minnesota. It's possible to do both if you so desire. The lead singer of the band Weezer studied at Harvard in between albums.



Nansel Lawfer
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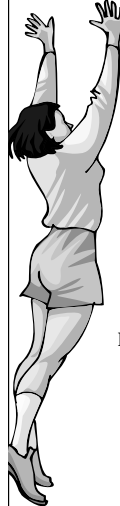
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Across

- Covet
- Oxford or pump
- Go out with _____
- Cousin of pre-
- They're found under the counter at bars
- Universal donor
- 1997 Morgan Freeman movie, edited for length
- Dobie Gray's "____ Crowd"
- White House staffer
- Pay with plastic
- See 56-Across
- 1995 Meg Ryan movie, edited for length
- Bust alternative
- Rap or country
- Makeup of some bunnies
- Pamper
- Clever remarks
- 1992 Alec Baldwin movie, edited for length
- "Let me repeat ..."
- Part of HUD
- German one
- 1980s TV group
- Author Simpson
- 1953 Ann Miller movie, edited for length
- Cameo stones
- Steel supports
- With 22-Across, Henry VIII's second
- Brought about
- 1955 Mike Hammer movie, edited for length
- Fast breaker
- Latin quarters
- The Swiss Guards guard him
- It may be part of a chain
- Really tiny
- Coin flip

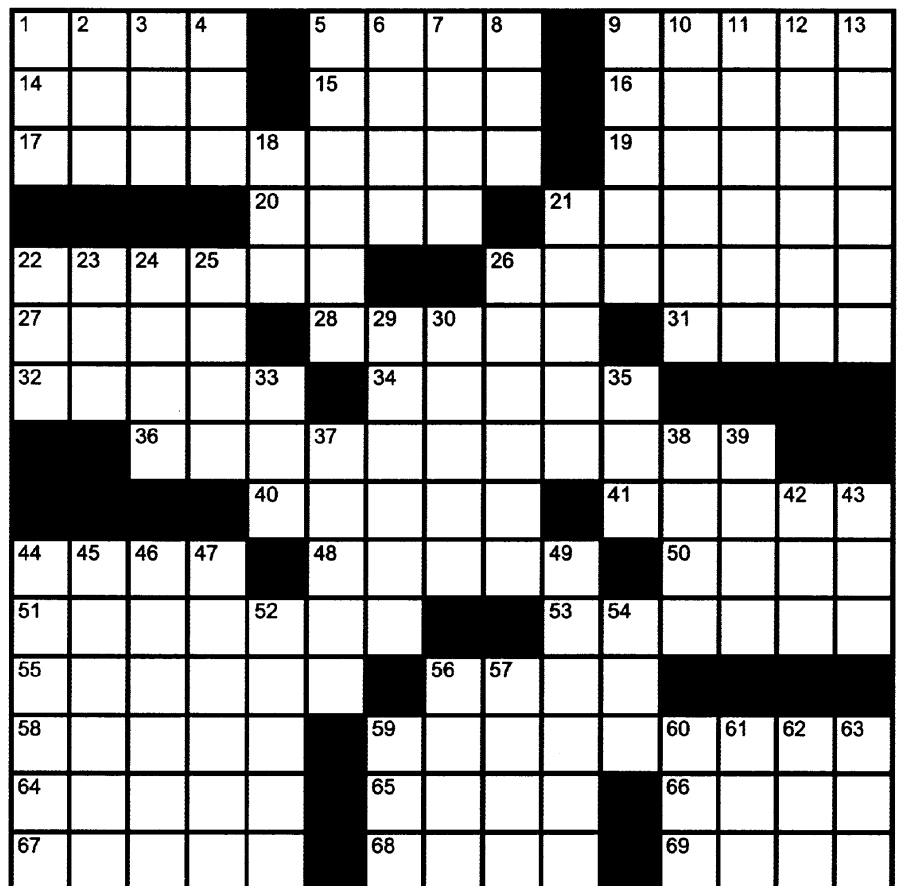
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- Madame Tussaud's material
- Fire _____
- Utmost
- Top worn with shorts
- On the slopes
- Rancher's concern
- Girl-watch, e.g.
- Suffix with lion
- "Casey _____ Bat"
- Manually
- Quick glance
- Racetrack sounds
- Follow

- Journalist Talese
- Pussyfooted
- Some ammo
- "Alley _____!"
- What goes around
- VIP on Al Jazeera
- "Peanuts" character
- Regards as the same
- Naughty film, informally
- Flower wreath
- Paltry amount
- Some coll. seniors taken them
- Private organization?
- Microsoft game system
- "Wheel of Fortune" request
- "If I Ruled the World" rapper
- They can't go home again
- Exclamation of exhaustion
- Must
- Ice Capades performer
- Night to watch the NFL on ABC
- It makes il mundo go round
- Once known as
- Amo, amas, _____ ...
- Celebrated Prohibition-era lawman
- 13 x 7, to Caesar
- Likely
- Scooby-_____
- They spin at 33-1/3 rpm
- Last word of "Ulysses"

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FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS! "How to Start a Business" for people with Disabilities. March 10, 9am-noon at Catholic Charities, 4575 Mission Gorge Place Suite A (west side of building), San Diego CA 92120 (Bus info: #13 to corner of Mission Gorge Road/Mission Gorge Place, walk 2 blocks east on Mission Gorge Place. Sponsored by Able-Disabled Advocacy. 619-231-6990 x315.

FREE COUNSELING SERVICES to families waiting for returning servicemen/servicemen that have returned. Family, individual. Private services. Group also forming. First come, first served. 619-838-6817.

FREE HOME BUYING seminar, credit report, finance information. Challenge San Diego's housing crisis. February 26, 9am. Refreshments. Limited space. Call Jill Harrod, McMillin Realty, 858-530-3858.

FREE PSYCHIC HEALING/Lecture Clinic. Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students. 4305 Gesner #200, 858-509-7582.

FREE SUPPORT GROUP FORMING for adults who have lost a parent. 760-445-5459.

FREE, SMALL informal Spanish conversation group meets monthly. Those with intermediate and advanced conversational ability are preferred. 619-260-0606.

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HERPES (HSV)/HUMAN (HPV) Papillomavirus support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org. Recorded message, 619-491-1194.

HOLISTIC AWARENESS DAY at The Awareness Center in Pacific Beach, Sunday, 2/13, 1-4pm. Come see what we are doing! Hear about or experience a taste of yoga, massage, colon hydrotherapy, acupuncture and skin care. 2180 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach (Northwest corner of Olney and Garnet). A free Valentines Day rose to the first 25 ladies to arrive.

HOPE-ROSES Free grant money. No repayment. Any purpose. 9640 Mission Gorge Road, #124-B, Santee 92071.

IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, age 18-55, who has suffered a traumatic event, which has led to repeated painful memories, ongoing irritability, anxiety or depression, then please contact a UCSD research team seeking to find out how these symptoms, along with a study dry, and their treatment may affect how your brain works. This is an 8-week study, all visits, treatment and care will be free and you will receive up to \$200 for participation. For more information, please call Kelly at 858-534-9442.

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE. Drill me in Arabic words and conversation. I'll drill you in English or Spanish. 858-922-4545.

MENOPAUSE DEPRESSION STUDY. UCSD seeks menopausal women, age 50-75, non-smoking, not currently using hormones and experiencing depression in menopause for

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PARTICIPATE in research study. Looking for sexually active men and women who have used crystal meth recently. All confidential. Cash incentive \$230. 619-543-5088.

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PROBLEMS TORMENTING YOU? Relationship setbacks, addiction, anxiety, stress, pain, falling apart. Impact your life with Spiritual Solutions. Free community service. Call 858-272-3246.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-dependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

RESEARCH STUDY. Participants (boys, 10-12) needed for study on video games. Receive \$10 gift certificate to choice of Target, Blockbuster or Hollywood Video. Jacqueline, 619-886-6287.

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SINGLE PARENT Support Group. Licensed marriage/family therapist. No charge. 5:45-7:15pm, first and third Sundays. Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, 120 Stevens Avenue. Discipleship Center.

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD is within you. Find out about the Shakers. Christian faith free from dogma. Come live the Christ life. Brother Doug, 858-472-5617.

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY of Black Engineers Awareness Dinner, February 7, 6-8pm. Nokia Mobile Phones, 12278 Scripps Summit Drive, San Diego 92131. RSVP by 2/5/05: rsvp@nsbe-ae-sd.org.

UCSD BRAIN IMAGING STUDY. We are looking for people ages 18-55, who can answer "Yes" to 1 or more of the following 3 questions: (1) In the past 3 months, (1) have you been bothered by 'nerves' or feeling anxious or on edge? (2) have you felt anxious or uncomfortable around other people? (3) have you spent a lot of time worrying? This is a 3-week research study. We will use brain imaging and a new investigational study drug to understand how your brain works. You will receive up to \$400 for participation. For more information, please call Esti at 858-534-9447.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused/neglected children need you! Serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate or Educational Surrogate. Training provided. Information sessions: Wednesday, 3/9 and 4/13. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

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JAPANESE OVERDOSE, ram rod ho ho. Bent wheel horse shoe, fly pie dingo.

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Write soon! Important that we hear from you. Don't let time pass you by. W! W! W!

OOFS, I WAS TOO HASTY. Could you be Winky's alter ego?

THANK YOU! Holy Spirit for prayers answered. SP.

THE VIEW THAT I love the most is my front porch looking in. Pray and work for peace!

WALTER RUSSELL'S and Tesla's correct observations: Mankind simply not ready to have wondrous gifts of Creator/Creation for man remains too egotistically primitive in his concepts and greedy selfishness. Aton.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

VOODOO. Seeking local voodoo/dark practitioners for controlling/reuniting work. No lectures, please. No goths. No fluffy bunnies. Serious responses only, please. (2/16) 33642

FRIENDSHIP. Woman partner for kayaking, cycling, camping or hiking, outdoors fun wanted by active male. Respectfully competitive, supportive, loyal, playful with a good attitude. Unencumbered. (2/16) 33641

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks a few platonic pals for movies and happy hours. Age 40. I call back! (2/9) 33636

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ADVENTUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim, tall, Jewish female. Nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 40-52, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy sports, culture, and travel. Let's talk. (2/9) 33921

DYNAMITE IN A SMALL package. 40s, into cooking, sports, outdoors, ocean. Seeks counterpart. (2/9) 33903

SAY YES TO ATTRACTIVE, blue-eyed blonde widow. Looking for educated, fit guy, 65-75. Enjoy walks, movies, cards, travel, cultural events, each other. (2/9) 33925

ATTRACTIVE, CURVACEOUS, sexy red-head, outgoing, adventurous, passionate, funny, playful, witty, spiritual, 54. Want professional, nonsmoker, handsome, affectionate, secure, stable sincere, intelligent, romantic, humorous, honest. (2/16) 33942

PETITE ASIAN, SINCERE, honest, warm, 59 years. Seeking love/companionship. Love to dance, walks, travel, music, simple living. Seeking man: caring, loving, fun, enjoy life. (2/9) 33911

FIT MIND AND BODY, pretty, 5'3", slender, healthy path to my higher spirit. Loves outdoors, dancing, theater, 50s. You are similar, fit, humorous, nonjudgmental, nonsmoker. (2/16) 33952

LOOKING FOR FUN. Attractive black female desires attractive white male to enjoy life with. (2/16) 33955

DO YOU STILL BELIEVE in honesty, traditional values and lasting relationships? I would like to talk to you. Please be over 50 and for real. (2/16) 33934

PROACTIVE, SPIRITUAL, African-American, playful, seasoned, attractive, educated. Seeking exciting, spiritual, honest, educated, well-groomed, 55-65 for enjoying conversations, activities, and each other. (2/16) 33943

FUN, ADVENTUROUS, passionate, 33, 5'4", 145lbs., adorable female prefers 35-45, nonsmoker, 5'9" + male with great sense of humor/values. (2/16) 33950

VALERIE BERTINELLIish, Sally Fieldish, early 30ish looks. Martial artist/gymnast. Spiritual, spunky, humorous, thinker. Seeking sweet, spiritual, athletic, smart, romantically adventurous guy for monogamous relationship. (2/9) 33913

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE, 37, honest, caring, fun-loving, grateful for life, friendship qualities. Seeking same. Enjoy poker, darts, pool, golf, horseshoes, church, sports; balanced, healthy lifestyle. (2/16) 33957

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, petite, Caucasian lady, young at heart. Looking for active, 70+cent, nonsmoking and financially secure, for companionship or long-term relationship. (2/9) 33931

DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE, 50, 5'7", slender, educated. Seeking tall, nonsmoker, no drugs, for fun times. (2/9) 33926

CLASSY BLONDE, 5'8", bikini looks. Seeking handsome quality man, 45-55, 5'10"-6'4", well-groomed, financially secure, homeowner; time for dates, dancing, fun, romance. (2/9) 33928

ATTRACTIVE HISPANIC, 38, 5'5", 114lbs., intelligent, caring, loyal, healthy, fun. Seeking handsome, intelligent, financially independent, loyal, fun, caring guy, 38-46, for committed relationship. (2/9) 33916

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Last week's place: Artist Gracia Gil Estaban's 1996 mural at 8374 Allison Avenue, La Mesa (next door to the historic Allison Ranch House). It depicts the property's owner, 92-year-old Emerson James, with children Susan and Robert. For over 50 years the house was the El Patio Beauty Studio, run by Mr. James's wife, Barbara. It now houses Robert's real estate appraising business. (Last week's winners: Slavi Smith, Tony Umer, Justin Singer, Don Messing, Cathy DiSalvo)

Q: Last llama?

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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. (2/9) ☎ 33917

CURVACEOUS, CLASSY, outgoing, petite, auburn/brown woman seeks to share chemistry, compatibility, caring, conversation, passions. You are 60+, a nonsmoker or couch potato. (2/16) ☎ 33993

CUTE AND CUDDLY, attractive, petite, blonde, 49. Looking to enjoy life and all it has to offer. Many interests and open to learning new ones. (2/9) ☎ 33909

HISPANIC, INDEPENDENT, attractive lady, 50s. Seeking independent companion for friendship and romance. I love movies, travel, theatres, music, dancing, laughter, hugging, kissing. Call me! (2/16) ☎ 33939

THIS WOULD BE A BETTER place because there is a gentleman like you to

share it with me. Young lady of 70, adventurous, happy, alive. (2/9) ☎ 33901

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? (2/16) ☎ 33938

FRENCH, 40, 130lbs., blonde-blue, attractive, sexy, golden-hearted, well-balanced, affectionate, romantic, beach, outdoors/indoors, sports, dancing, travel/trips, socializing. Gentleman, first class, handsome, sexy. Same. (2/16) ☎ 33941

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, EXOTIC, nice legs, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking fit nonsmoker, generous, compatible, financially stable, 35+, Caucasian/Asian bachelor. (2/9) ☎ 33900

NORMAL, PASSIONATE, Latina lady, 40s, fun loving. Seeking a great kisser, down to earth. Ready to have fun and possibly find love. Serious, race open. (2/9) ☎ 33915

SEEKING SENSITIVE MAN. Blonde/blue, 51, 5'7", 118lbs., sweet, friendly, loves being outside with my dog, flowers. Seeking bright, fun-loving, sexy, playful, smiling man. (2/9) ☎ 33912

STILL LOOKING. Words: kind, caring, tall, male needed. Describe me: 5'7", humor, like dancing, dining, nonsmoker, ocean, mountains, lakes. Goals meet in '05. Call? (2/9) ☎ 33902

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus-size brunette. Very loving and sincere, nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it, big boy! (2/9) ☎ 33905

CUTE, CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, energetic, enjoy beach, music, boating, laughing, dancing, kissing, etc. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, romantic, fit, great kisser, 34-48. (2/9) ☎ 33918

58, EASYGOING TEACHER seeks nice guy for support, kindness, love, friendship, sports. 5'5", 130lbs., attractive; loves children, dogs, outdoors, hikes,

beach. Will return all calls. (2/9) ☎ 33910

CUTE, ENERGETIC, EASY to be with, educated, in shape, fun. Looking for a nice, 58-68 year old. I am eagerly awaiting your call. (2/9) ☎ 33932

HISPANIC, 47, SMILES, honest, sense of humor, easy to get along with. Enjoys jazz, arts, dining, movies; adventurous, romantic, affectionate, sincere. (2/16) ☎ 33936

I AM CUTE, HAPPY, emotionally stable, slender, brunette. No pets, no baggage. You are 45-54, compatible. I like classical music, dancing, cooking, traveling, reading. (2/9) ☎ 33914

INTELLIGENT LATIN/CUBAN female, 47, 5'5", 140lbs. Seeking gentleman for rewarding, serious relationship. Please have good morals, and be ready to enjoy a good relationship. (2/9) ☎ 33920

PRETTY BLACK FEMALE, full figure. Seeking male for friendship, possible relationship. Have good sense of humor. (2/9) ☎ 33930

PASSIONATE NURSE, loves flowers, beach; needs love, marriage-minded; 47, tall, white latina. You: white, work, car, 49-60, with time to go. Central America. (2/16) ☎ 33945

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, 50, seeks romantic companionship. Prefer male who is honest, nonsmoking, humorous and stable for interesting relationship. Race open. (2/9) ☎ 33899

MISCHIEVOUS MISS MISSES kisser, huggin', loving! Help, masculine white knight! Save petite, sensual, voluptuous damsel. Nonsmoker, 56-66. Enjoy nature, theatre, arts, sports, quiet times, romance. (2/9) ☎ 33906

EXOTIC, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, petite, 39, attractive, caring, sincere; enjoys hiking, yoga, dancing, philosophy, astronomy, humor; balanced, healthy lifestyle. Seeking same for fun/friendship/relationship. (2/16) ☎ 33954

MULTI-FACETED, FUN, sultry, 5'7", 170lbs., adventurer. Enjoys nature, music, art, indie films, cultural activities, spontaneity, humor, honesty, travel and romance. What about you? (2/9) ☎ 33927

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. Want a Valentine? Me, too! Tall, mature, Caucasian female to meet tall, healthy, Caucasian male, 70+, nonsmoker. For possible long-term relationship. (2/16) ☎ 33951

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). (2/16) ☎ 33956

PRETTY, CURVACEOUS LADY, 65, fun-loving, kind, San Diego South Bay. In search of kind, lighthearted gentleman, 5'10"+, for long-term relationship. (2/16) ☎ 33935

ASIAN, SINCERE, LOYAL, caring, positive, 58, petite. Seeking 60-70s gentleman with same qualities, plus humor. You're successful, generous, unencumbered, likes movies, dancing, travel, friendship/relationship. (2/9) ☎ 33904

GOT GOD? Tall, affectionate, unencumbered, white female, 41, seeks loving, marriage-minded, dedicated Christian, 34-40, who's positive-minded, financially/emotionally stable. Travel and animal lover. (2/16) ☎ 33948

WEEKENDS TO SHARE hopeful desires for adventures outdoors/indoors. I'm single, sexy, smiling, styling, positively charged for harbor walks, concerts, fitness, theater, relaxation; and you? (2/16) ☎ 33940

LADY, TALL, QUIET, adventurous, conservative, comical, full of surprises. Seeking same in gentleman. Graduate degree, yes. Smoking/drugs, no. Cock-tail, yes. Football, no. Hugs, yes. (2/16) ☎ 33946

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 59, sexy, educated, secure homeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeks tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (2/9) ☎ 33907

SEEKING SOMEONE to spend time, possibly build relationship with; travel partner. Me: 50, European, blonde, college graduate, nice-looking. You: good-looking, college-educated, North. (2/9) ☎ 33922

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, 60, 5'6", Caucasian, nonsmoking, Christian, compassionate, professional, good listener; likes dining, music, theater, sunsets, travel. Seeking compatible, successful man with similar interests. (2/9) ☎ 33908

LOOKING FOR long-term companion. Youthful 50s woman, who is very outgoing and upbeat, seeks a similar man. I'm tall, attractive, slender, and don't smoke. (2/16) ☎ 33947

LATINA, PETITE, 40. Seeking passionate, romantic, single male for serious relationship. No drugs, military OK, salsa OK, race unimportant. (2/9) ☎ 33929

TALL, TAN, TERRIFIC teacher, retired. Affectionate, attractive, active, adventurous. Seeking gentleman, late 60s early 70s for fun, companionship, lots of laughs, hugging, snuggling, travel, excitement. (2/9) ☎ 33933

HEY, YOU! TALL, HANDSOME gentleman. You're wanted by enchanting, desirable, slender, caring brunette. Seeking long-term relationship. Financially independent, nurturing and well-balanced. Call. (2/9) ☎ 33923

OPEN-MINDED man with positive vibration, 45-60, wanted to explore/enjoy the mysteries of life, love, the universe, and everything. Must have sense of humor. (2/16) ☎ 33944

ARE YOU NEEDING TLC? Pretty lady with nice figure, will rescue you if you are 58+, 5'10"+, unattached, fun-loving, intelligent and very kissable. (2/9) ☎ 33924

YOUNG SWEETHEART WANTED. Seeking young sweetie, 28-40s. Attractive, young-51 woman wants to be spoiled and spoil you. Lots of hugs. Call, you won't regret. (2/16) ☎ 33937

looking. I love music, nature, walking, fun at home. La Mesa area, please. (2/9) ☎ 33624

LET'S RETIRE, light our fire! Me: 5'11", 175lbs., hair, lots of hair, college, exercise, 57. You: ready for change, slim, fun, educated, 50-60. Let's go! (2/16) ☎ 34163

59, NORTH COUNTY MAN seeks woman who has good heart, sense of humor, happy with her life, nonsmoker, to meet old-fashioned guy to meet. (2/16) ☎ 34145

TALL GENTLEMAN, 6'6". Seeking tall lady, 5'8"+, to wine, dine and enjoy life with. I'm white, 56, and fit. La Jolla area. (2/9) ☎ 33619

ITALIAN, 46, HARD WORKER. Seeking lady for long-term relationship. Race/age open. No drinker/smoker. Enjoy music, romantic dinners. No games. Call for coffee. (2/16) ☎ 34152

OLD GEEZER, 80s. Seeking chick, 70s-80s, for friendship, companionship, possible long relationship. Love good music, foods, wines, cruises, travel to all enjoyable destinations on earth. (2/16) ☎ 34173

TALL, SLIM, FIT, 52, father, degreed, fun, kind, humorous, tenderhearted, not wealthy. Seeking trim, feminine lady, 42-52, North County, bright, nonsmoker. Enjoy nature, music, conversation. (2/9) ☎ 33625

MATCHES MEN SEEKING WOMEN

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive, black artist for passionate, one-on-one relationship. Be large, proportioned, attractive, and seeking a permanent relationship. (2/16) ☎ 34172

SEEKING SINCERE FEMALE! I'm, 39, 5'10", 172lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hard-working, dependable, homeowner, with nice body. Seeking relationship/marriage with fun, friendly female. (2/16) ☎ 34160

SENSE OF HUMOR, HONEST, spiritual, psychological-minded, passionate, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/gray. Enjoy coffee-houses, conversation, foreign films, music, nature. Seeking someone to share life. (2/9) ☎ 33638

CAUCASIAN, 45, athletic, social, educated, communicative, cultured, traveled, speaks French, Spanish. Enjoys road trips, hiking, camping, motorcycling, staying fit, music, gardening, sailing, skiing, mountain biking. (2/16) ☎ 34157

CHRISTIAN, TOUGH and sweet, outdoorish home/yar/body type. Muslim, church, cats, horse. Fit, very active, sometimes childlike 40, otherwise practical. Nonsmoker/drinker. Seeking similar, 25-45. (2/16) ☎ 34155

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NATIVE OF SAN DIEGO, Italian likes to have fun when not working. Business owner looking for Mexican lady to share activities with. I'm drug-free. (2/9) ☎ 33616

BE MY VALENTINE! Would you like to be smothered with kisses, flowers, a nice dinner and a massage for dessert? 5'8", 165lbs., handsome, active Caucasian. (2/16) ☎ 34146

CARLSBAD GENTLEMAN, 58, athletic, handsome, real estate investor. Seeking open-minded, sexy, petite, under 110lbs., for dates, maybe more. Call now, let's have some fun. (2/9) ☎ 33617

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ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 52, successful, confident, professional, looking for intelligent, fit woman, 39-50, for conversation, romance, who wants to make the most of life. North County. (2/16) ☎ 34175

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SINCERE, HONEST, CARING, 49, 5'2", red hair, blue-eyed professional tow driver. Seeking 30-46, Hispanic, Caucasian lady for friendship. Likes: jazz, rock, metal, and animals. (2/9) ☎ 33635

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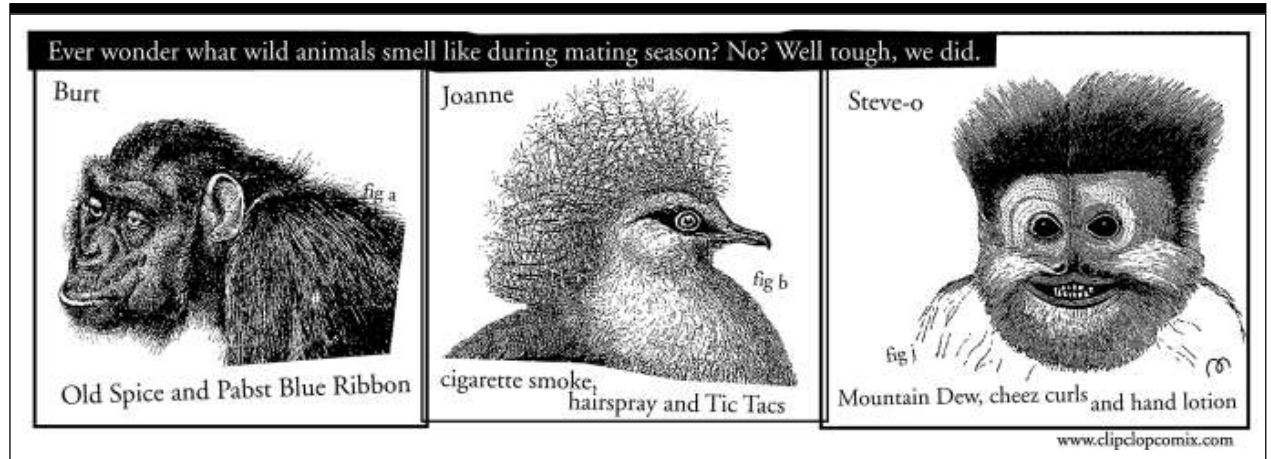
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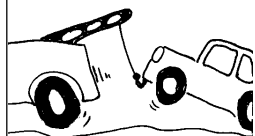
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LA JOLLA. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upscale penthouse. Fully remodeled. Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer. Balcony. Pool. Spa. Fireplace. Parking. 1 year lease. 619-252-4662.

LA JOLLA. Fully furnished (unfurnished) 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom in a premier La Jolla Village location. 1 block from ocean and shops. \$2100. Call 760-415-1425.

LA JOLLA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1100. With ocean view, \$1225. Pool. Security parking. Laundry. No pets. Steps to beach. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-775-0386, 858-395-9942.

LA JOLLA. Unfurnished home. \$2545. Fabulous outdoor living, 3 bedroom, 2 bath in upper La Jolla Shores, close to UCSD, pets welcome. ASPM, 858-565-6420.

LA JOLLA. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo on Noble Drive. 1100 square feet. All appliances. Fireplace. Access to pool, spa, tennis. Lease \$1900. 619-708-4342.

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. In Village. \$1745. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. Gated entry. 7601 Eads. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

LA JOLLA. \$1795. Close to Windansea Beach. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 311 Nautilus. 619-508-1513.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer in unit. Fireplace, balcony, vaulted ceilings. Pool, spa, tennis courts, covered gated parking. Close to shopping and freeways. 858-452-4307.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. Open house Saturday, Sunday 12-3pm. 2 bedrooms from \$1435, move-in by 2/15! New Mediterranean community. Studios, 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$1150. Patios/balconies. Full-size washer/dryer. Cable/Internet. Fitness center. Racquetball. Aerobics. Pools. Hot tubs. Parking. La Jolla Crossroads, 9085 Judicial Drive. 1-866-829-8271. www.sdreadder.com/rent/2112.

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/UTC. \$2500. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet/paint, new dishwasher, refrigerator, washer/dryer, patio, 2-carport, pool. Near golf, parks, all. Nonsmoking. 619-200-0598; 858-752-7307.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, storage. Beautifully upgraded, must see! Quiet, park-like setting. Pet OK. Near UCSD, shopping, bus. \$1525. 760-634-0213; 858-336-7935.

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LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1995. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house near ocean. Fireplace, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Private fenced yard and deck. Gardener included. Carpets and hardwood floors. Will consider dog or cat for tenant with excellent references. Walk to beach. Rent plus \$1200 moves you in. Drive by 561 Marine Street, then call Crown Management Broker, 858-454-1900.

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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. \$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.sdreadder.com/rent/2054.

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LA MESA. \$695. Extra large studio apartment. Laundry, off-street parking, on-site manager. 619-303-0895.

LA MESA. \$850. 1 bedroom. New carpet and appliances. Walk to Grossmont Center. Small pets ok. Enclosed garage available. Ask about move-in special. 619-465-8258.

LA MESA. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet neighborhood. Lots of amenities. Close to shopping and freeways. Cats welcome. 4515 3rd Street. 619-469-5010.

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LA MESA. \$1100. Spacious 2 bedroom duplex. Large kitchen, cabinets galore! Washer/dryer in unit. Large fenced yard. Pet friendly. Agent, 619-298-7724.

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LA MESA. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment in the village, parking, dishwasher, laundry, upstairs, large unit. 4668 4th Street #5. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

LA MESA. \$1165. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Spacious upstairs apartment. Laundry on-site. 7656-D Normal Avenue. 858-531-7575. www.cal-prop.com.

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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. \$850. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Balcony, Carport. Pool. Parkway Pointe, 7508 Parkway Drive. Golden Girls at MMP Realty, 619-593-3620. 619-722-1314.

LA MESA. \$750. studio. \$350 deposit. Carport space, storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$715. 1 bedroom. Small, well-maintained community close to I-8. No pets. Call 619-463-3882. www.villaparks.info.

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. \$775. Nice 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Quiet cul-de-sac street. Parking. 5045 Woodyard. Drive by and call. Agent, 619-246-7715.

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LA MESA. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Recently renovated! Close to SDSU/Lake Murray. Pool/spa. Balcony, air, parking. Pets welcome. \$1475. Amy, 619-370-0493.

LA MESA. Upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$925. Walk to dining/shopping, public transit. Fully equipped kitchen. Laundry. 4969 Mills Street. 619-466-7786, www.rasnyder.com.

LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. \$750. 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, carpet, vertical blinds, barbecue, laundry facilities. Security building. No pets. 619-507-7119; 619-466-4547.

LA MESA/SDSU. Junior, \$785. 1 bedroom, \$850/up. Ask about deposit specials. Secluded hillside convenient to all. Air conditioning. Dishwashers. Disposals. Patios/balconies. Exercise room. Laundry area. Clubhouse, billiards. Barbecue. Heated pool. Spa. Sauna. Month-to-month lease. SouthridgeApts@att.net. Southridge Apartments. 7200 Saranac Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/1001. 619-462-1940.

LA MESA/CASA DE ORO. Best value for your dollar! 3 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1325! 1 bedrooms from \$850! 2 bedrooms from \$1075. Elegant, sculptured flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming. New Orleans style community. Patios/balconies. Restricted access gates. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. 619-462-1212. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

LA MESA/COLLEGE. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1000 square feet. Parking. 6 month lease. 3717 69th Street. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

LAKESIDE. \$1295. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2 story, hardwood floors, dining room, air conditioning, yard, carport, pool, playground. 8010 Wintergardens #A. 619-698-6911.

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LEMON GROVE. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. New paint, verticals, private patio, air, microwave, pet OK with added deposit. Nonsmoking. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-944-2816.

LEMON GROVE. Charming 1 bedroom cottage, behind front house, hardwood floors, freshly painted. Small pet on approval. 619-296-2787.

LEMON GROVE. \$700. Big 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly refurbished, laundry, parking, great location. Close to all. Available now! 3320 Vista Avenue, #6 and #9. 619-295-1100, www.ceftron.com.

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LINDA VISTA. \$660. Studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking, \$400 deposit. No pets. Astro Vista Apartments, 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. 1 mile to USD. Less than 10 minutes to beaches. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly renovated. Large yard, laundry. Pets welcome. \$1500. 619-770-9890.

LINDA VISTA. Newer 3-level townhome, 2 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath. 2-car garage. Great location! All appliances. No pets. Available 2/1/05. \$1650. Agent, 619-370-7103.

LINDA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all utilities included, \$1250/month. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathrooms, \$1550/month. Move-in special! Very convenient, across street from shopping. 858-569-4981.

LINDA VISTA. 1/2 off first month's rent! 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhouses, \$950-\$1050. Great location, assigned parking, private backyards. Deposit same as rent. No pets. Office: 2451 Ulric Street. Call for an appointment. 858-278-3610.

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LINDA VISTA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Dishwasher, parking, storage. No pets. 3262 Ashford Street. 858-490-1600, kandriproperties.com.

LINDA VISTA. \$1200/month with \$1200 deposit. Walk to USD. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome with great roommate floor plan. Huge pantry. Covered parking with storage. On-site laundry room. Quiet, private small complex. Sorry, no pets. Phone: 858-481-3081.

LINDA VISTA/USD. Condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage. Washer/dryer, fireplace. Pool, tennis courts. Beautiful complex. \$1650. Call 858-569-1477.

LITTLE ITALY. \$1995. Lowest priced condo with full ocean view. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, granite kitchen, pool, gym, parking. 714-969-0078, 714-330-7668.

LITTLE ITALY. \$1690. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new! 8th floor. Views! Deck. Balcony. Pool. Barbecue. Gym. 24-hour valet. Near harbor. 619-253-7674.

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LOGAN HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments available. Laundry on site. Gated complex. 3117 Valle Avenue. #15. 619-640-7530, www.sdforrent.com.

MIRA MESA. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 2 parking spaces. Secluded location. Excellent condition. Freshly painted. \$950. Cox Properties. 619-229-2525.

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MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Bay/canyon view, 3 decks. Spa, tile, loft. Near all. 2723 Erie Street. 858-273-7241.

MISSION BAY. 1 bedroom at \$860 in beautifully maintained property. No pets! 619-405-7200, www.debonairapts.info.

MISSION BEACH. Beautiful 2 story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2-car garage, air conditioned, alarm. Steps to bay and beach. 2 patios, bay views. Washer/dryer. Pets considered with deposit. \$2450/month. 619-261-8295.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$895. Large studio. Tile floors, spacious, Murphy bed, lots of windows, new paint. Steps to the beach/bay. Outside decking. Agent, 858-488-4800.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath ground floor apartment. One garage. Steps to bay or beach! Available now. \$1100/month. Agent, 619-296-1000.

MISSION BEACH. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment, very spacious, ocean view, 2-car garage. Penny Realty, 858-272-3900 x107.

MISSION BEACH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 blocks from beach/bay. New paint/carpet. Affordable housing income requirements. \$950/month rent includes utilities, \$800 deposit. \$100 off move-in special! Leave message, 858-459-6670.

MISSION BEACH. \$850. Comfortable, private studio. Appliances. Parking. Laundry facility on-site. Across from Catamaran Hotel. Close to beach, shopping and restaurants. 760 Wavcrest. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Bay Front. Totally furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath with a large view deck. \$1950 until June 1, 2005. 858-488-2858; 858-922-1036.

MISSION BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom triplex, gas fireplace, barbecue. Year-round. Small parking space or garage. \$1600. 858-232-5550.

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MISSION BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Parking. Steps to beach. 715 Santa Barbara Place. 858-688-0277, www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking. Steps to bay. 6 month lease. 3550 Bayside Walk. 858-688-0277, www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$950. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. New carpet, appliances, vertical blinds. Steps to beach. Gas/water paid. 725 Queenstown Court #C. 858-689-0602.

MISSION BEACH. \$2300/month. Furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Steps to sand. Garage, washer/dryer. Available now to 6/30/05. Cute as a bug! CB Property Management, 858-488-2220.

MISSION BEACH. \$1250. 1 bedroom at the beach. View. Patio. No pets. 3617 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-5949.

MISSION BEACH. \$975. 1 bedroom, downstairs. 1 block ocean/Bay. Carpet, appliances. Patio. Laundry. Available 3/1. 3617 Mission Boulevard (at Niantic). 858-232-9932.

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MISSION BEACH. Oceanview lower duplex, one house from Boardwalk. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Renovated with patio. Utilities included. \$1925/month. Small pets OK. Available now. 858-518-6656.

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MISSION BEACH. \$895. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Newer appliances, vertical blinds. Steps to beach. 725 Queenstown Court, #A. Gas/water paid. 858-689-0602.

MISSION HILLS. \$1050. All utilities paid. 1 bedroom apartment, private patio, screened porch. Coin laundry, off street parking. Pets allowed. 1770 West Washington. 619-299-6622.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartments. Quiet, near shopping and bus lines. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

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MISSION HILLS. \$1750. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, view, balcony, fireplace, appliances, new carpet, washer/dryer, air conditioning, subterranean parking. 619-886-3146.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$1325. 1 bedroom. Spectacular city/bay view. Private balcony. Enclosed parking. No pets or smoking. Utilities included. 2919 Columbia. 619-224-5970.

MISSION HILLS. 2 bedrooms with garage. \$1050. Nice, quiet neighborhood. Laundry facility on-site. Nice yard. 619-234-7572.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. Up to 1/2 month free! Lofts, 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1495. Underground parking. Crown moldings. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Walk-in closets. Full-size washer/dryer. High-speed Internet. Elevator, fitness center. Great location, near all! Cats welcome. Mission Hills Commons, 4021 Falcon Street. www.MissionHillsCommons.com, 1-866-579-6028. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

MISSION HILLS. \$1795. Views! Custom 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Upstairs. Spacious. Hardwood. Large balcony. Washer/dryer hookups. Quiet. Cat OK. 619-236-8261.

MISSION HILLS. \$1650. Huge, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Carport, air conditioning, washer/dryer, elevator. Huge deck with view, 4-unit complex. 3276 Reynard Way. 619-283-5252.

MISSION HILLS. \$725. 1 bedroom. New paint and carpet. Off-street parking, gas appliances. 4-unit complex. 3272 Reynard Way. 619-283-5252.

MISSION HILLS. \$895. 1 bedroom apartment. Patio. No pets. Nice location. Parking. Laundry. Available now. 1686 Putterbaugh. Agent, 619-226-7368.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage-style duplex with garage, fenced patio, washer/dryer hook-ups. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs unit, stove, refrigerator, miniblinds, new carpet, off-street parking. Quiet. 622 West Maple #2. 619-295-0694.

MISSION HILLS. Quiet and charming studio, gated and quiet complex. Laundry. Walking distance to shopping and restaurants. Call 619-296-2787.

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MISSION HILLS. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fireplace, partial bay view. No pets. 1320 West Redwood. Agent, 619-295-6005.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 1 bedroom duplex with bay view, fireplace, laundry hookups, parking. 1324-1/2 West Redwood. No pets. Available now. Agent, 619-295-6005.

MISSION HILLS. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 3 bath Penthouse condo. Downtown, ocean and bay views. Washer/dryer in unit. Dual pane windows, tiled kitchen/dining/living room floors. 3826 Kettner Blvd. 619-507-4172.

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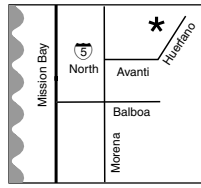
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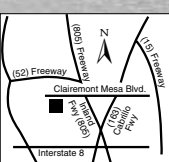
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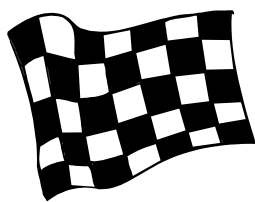
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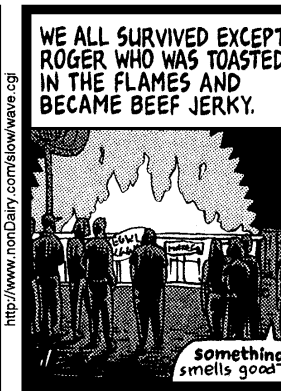
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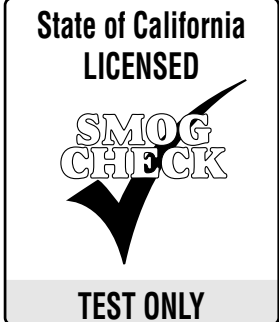
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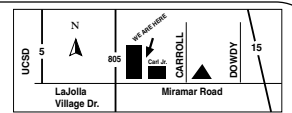
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Time Is of the Essence

— Austrian artist Muhammad Mueller started a project in November in which two people at a time dig a tunnel from the city of Graz to Gradec, Slovenia, 42 miles away, using only shovels; he estimated the venture would take 5600 years. ... In July, a federal appeals court rejected the Environmental Protection Agency's leak-safety standards for the long-awaited nuclear-waste repository at Nevada's Yucca Mountain. The EPA had found the proposed site safe until the year 12,000 A.D., but the court said that wasn't long enough (and noted that one National Academy of Sciences report recommended protection until the year 302,000 A.D.).

Achieving the Perfect Society

— (1) In the fall of 2004, Ron Nunn Elementary School (Brentwood, Calif.) ended its “Golden Circle” program, which officials soured on because it honored only kids with good grades and established in its place the “Eagle Society,” which celebrates personal nonacademic achievements. The principal said he could not bear to see the sad faces of kids left out of the Golden Circle and wanted “all of our kids to be honored.” (2) The city council of Ota (north of Tokyo) implemented a policy in January to require that male city workers take six separate

weeks of paid leave sometime before their new child's first birthday so that (said one official) “men [get] involved in raising children.” The men will also have to submit written reports on child-rearing.

Women Scored

— Olga Abramovich, 49, was arrested in Brooklyn, N.Y., in October and charged as the person who, in a rage, had painted as many as 20 swastikas on buildings and cars in predominantly Jewish neighborhoods. Police said Abramovich, a Christian, was upset that her ex-husband had remarried to a Jewish woman 14 years younger than she. ... Julie Rose, 37, was convicted of assault in Yeovil, England, in October, for slapping a new neighbor. The victim had provoked Rose by declining her welcome-to-the-neighborhood suggestion that the Roses and the new couple engage in mate-swapping.

Improvised Poetic Devices

— According to an October *Los Angeles Times* dispatch from Yemen, one government solution to “tame the violent underside” of the nation's tribal culture is to fund itinerant poets to roam the country and channel lawlessness into constructive thoughts. Illustrative of most Yemesis' opposition to both American influence and their own government is this verse: “The Arab army is just to protect the leaders/ They build their rule on the pain of the people/ Democracy is for the rich/ If the poor man tries it, they'll call him a thief.” (In October, National Liberty Fund published a book of poems by Sami Al-Arian, written from his cell while awaiting trial in Florida on federal charges of aiding the terrorist Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Sample: “[Was it] worth playing global police/ even if it meant half-million Iraqis deceased.”)

Bright Ideas

— Thailand prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra's November project to bring peace to strife-torn southern provinces fell short of its goal as resistance by separatists hardened. Shinawatra had airdropped about 100 million origami paper

peace doves (which, unfortunately, wound up more resembling cranes) from military aircraft, some with prize coupons attached, hoping to distract people from their grievances.

— The renegade Mormon splinter group headed by Warren Jeffs and holed up mostly in a few small towns in Utah and Arizona was largely responsible for the collapse of the Bank of Ephraim, according to Utah regulators interviewed for a December Associated Press report. Church officials had taken a secret oath to borrow as much money as they could because, according to Jeffs, the world was about to end and they wouldn't have to pay it back.

— Antonio Hernandez, 29, pleaded guilty in Salt Lake City in December to hijacking a Greyhound bus that had just left Green River, Utah. Hernandez intended to use it to smash into his estranged wife's trailer home but was stopped at the hijack scene. If he hadn't been captured, he would have had to drive the bus to the woman's home in Lexington, Neb., 500 miles away.

— Sylvain Didier (a mechanic by profession) was found guilty of sexual assault in Longueuil, Quebec, in December. He had been offering to female customers of his wife's weight-loss clinic a procedure called the Slimtronic. The Slimtronic supposedly took off pounds via electrical currents passed through rubber patches placed on the vulva, and one woman who agreed to the procedure filed charges against Didier after he kept moving the patches around with his probing fingers.

People Different From Us

— Howard Goldstein, 47, was charged with murdering his landlord and fellow Orthodox Jew, Rabbi Rahamin Sultan, in October in Brooklyn, N.Y., over a rent dispute. Police said that when they knocked on the door to investigate Sultan's disappearance, Goldstein answered dressed (according to the *New York Post*) in a gray blouse “with a plunging neckline,” slacks, pink high-heeled shoes, and wearing bright red lipstick and blue eye shadow “that clashed with his long beard.” A search of his room turned up pre-beard snapshots of Goldstein in an array of fashions and wigs.

Least Competent Perverts

— Stephen Kauff, 33, was arrested in Westerville, Ohio, in December in a police Internet sex sting. When he arrived for a long-arranged meeting with an alleged “14-year-old girl” at an apartment complex, he told officers that he wasn't interested in sex but was curious whether police set up sex stings over the Internet. ... Ian Finlay, 28, also caught in an Internet sex sting, had denied that he had sex on his mind when he showed up for a long-arranged meeting with a “15-year-old girl” at a McDonald's in Hempfield, Pa. Finlay claimed that he knew “she” was a cop and wanted to outsmart the cop by pretending to be a sex predator and that he was angry at being arrested before he could reveal his “hoax.” (He was convicted in January.)

Recurring Themes

— Latest in Upscale Pet Care: Much plastic surgery on dogs, said Brookline, Mass., veterinarian Scott Groper, is done for medical reasons (e.g., Boston terriers' small noses interfere with breathing), but vanity — of the owners — sometimes plays a role, as *Los Angeles* surgeon Alan Schulman told the *Boston Herald* in January. “Most of the time,” he said, “it's women who have already done everything they possibly could to themselves and are starting to [make over] their dogs,” with pooches' low-hanging lips and drooping problems being the primary reasons for dog face-lifts.

Obsessions

— British garbage collector Tim Byrne is not only eager to get to work every day, according to a report in London's *Sun*, but for the past 11 years he has voluntarily hauled trash alongside local collectors while on holiday in vacation spots such as Tenerife and Mallorca. Said Byrne, “[R]ubbish plays such a large role in my life that I simply don't need to [get away from it].”

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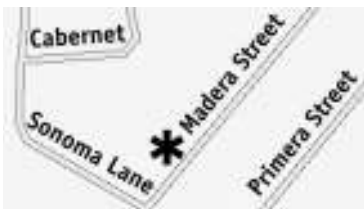
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KIDNAPPING

Location: 1800 Madera, Lemon Grove
Time/Date: 10:06 p.m. on 1/24/05

Investigation: Deputies Sam Pledger and Cliff Rinder responded to a radio call of a reported kidnapping. A 27-year-old woman's former boyfriend, R.L. [DOB: 10-31-76], kidnaped the



woman. A friend of the victim witnessed the kidnapping and tried to intervene but R.L. pulled out a gun and stopped the friend. R.L. then forced the woman into his vehicle and drove away.

Approximately one and a half hours later, R.L. returned the victim to her residence. The victim's friend dialed 911 and deputies responded a second time to the residence. Deputies Hout, Pledger, and Rinder conducted a "high-risk felony stop" and R.L. was arrested as he was sitting in his car in front of his girlfriend's residence.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 300 Olive Avenue, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 6:37 p.m. on 1/15/05

Incident: Carlsbad police officers responded to a report of an armed robbery. On arrival, the female victim told officers she had attempted to sell her \$6000 bracelet



by placing an ad in the San Diego Reader magazine. The victim was contacted via cell phone by a female representing herself as a potential buyer.

The female suspect requested the victim bring the bracelet to the 300 block of Olive Avenue where the female suspect reportedly lived and where she was supposedly conducting a real estate "open house."

When the victim arrived, she was immediately confronted by a male wearing a ski mask and brandishing a

handgun. The male put the gun to the victim's head and demanded the bracelet. The victim was wearing a \$50 bracelet but was carrying the \$6000 bracelet in her pocket. The victim removed the valuable bracelet from her pocket and threw it over the security fence surrounding the residential complex, while telling the suspect that if he wanted the bracelet he had to go get it. The male suspect, apparently not believing the victim, took the \$50 bracelet off of the victim's wrist and fled the area east on Olive Avenue toward the railroad tracks.

FOOT PURSUIT

Location: 3300 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 9:55 p.m. on 1/7/05



Résumé of Incident: Officers Thomas and Larson were flagged down by a citizen who reported that his Schwinn Beach Cruiser had been stolen the night before. The victim described the bicycle as a classic collectible bike that was 24 years old and worth \$2000. The officers began checking the area for the bicycle and observed a male subject riding the stolen bike north on Carlsbad Boulevard. Officers Thomas and Larson attempted to stop the suspect who evaded them by riding east on Walnut Avenue. The suspect, Chad H., then dropped the bike and fled on foot. The officers chased H. west on Walnut, north on Carlsbad Blvd., and then east on Pine where H. was taken into custody with the assis-

tance of a Tazer deployment. Three helpful citizens standing in front of Dini's By the Sea restaurant assisted the officers by tripping and slowing down H. as he ran by. H. was determined to be a parolee, and was booked into Vista Jail on charges of possessing stolen property, resisting arrest, and possession of a syringe.

TRAFFIC PURSUIT

Location: 160 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas
Time/Date: 7:32 p.m. on 1/21/05



Incident: Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Mossy Chevrolet to take a report of a stolen vehicle off the dealer's lot. The reporting party at Mossy Chevrolet informed the deputy that the stolen vehicle was equipped with OnStar and that OnStar dispatchers knew the location of the vehicle. OnStar reported that the vehicle was in a stationary mode at Caminito El Dorado near the intersection of Requeza Avenue. Additional deputies responded to set up a perimeter around the vehicle.

OnStar then reported the vehicle was in motion and heading south on Requeza. Responding deputies located the vehicle at Nardo and Melba. Deputies attempted to stop the vehicle in the 500 block of Santa Fe. The vehicle failed to stop for the deputies and led them in a pursuit on local freeways and surface streets through downtown San Diego and into Balboa Park. The suspect continued in a westerly direc-

tion, and headed towards the San Diego International Airport. At Airway Drive and Harbor Drive, a deputy used lawful intervention to stop the vehicle, causing the vehicle to face east in the westbound lanes of Harbor Drive. As deputies approached to order the occupants out...the driver accelerated, spinning his tires. One deputy fired two rounds at the right front tire to disable the vehicle. The occupants were removed and placed into custody.

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Location: 3400 Capalina Road, Escondido
Time/Date: 11:00 p.m. on 1/17/05



Investigation: Deputy Washington conducted a computer check on the license plate of a 1995 Geo Prizm, identifying the car as a stolen vehicle from the city of Escondido. The car was occupied with three males. The car pulled into a parking lot and stopped. The three males exited the vehicle and ran. Deputy Washington engaged in a struggle to stop the driver, Jose M., from fleeing...during the struggle, Deputy Washington shot one time, striking M. in his right bicep.

M. was taken into custody. He was treated at the scene and was admitted to the hospital under guard. In addition, M. has two outstanding warrants for a total bail of \$200,000.00.

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"I had a Ford LTD station wagon. My brother was an evangelist on the campus at the University of California in Berkeley, and he kept saying, 'Your car would be perfect for me.'

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KIA SPORTAGE, 2001, 4 door, automatic, great condition, air conditioning, selling for way below Blue Book, must sell, only 42K miles, \$6450. Kevin, dmtraining1@aol.com, 619-347-8883.

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I COULDN'T SIT THERE for half an hour watching my garments whirl in circles. So I bought some spare time with a handful of quarters, walked out of the “Launder-O-Mat” into the drizzling rain, and slid into my pickup.

As I was pulling out of the space, not really knowing where I could go for 30 minutes, my passenger-side window was accosted by what, in my mind, looked like a troll. I could see a tuft of orange hair, and knobby knuckles rapped at the glass. Then a pair of glasses, each lens the size of an ashtray, peeked up over the window, and lips painted to match the hair started yammering.

My first inclination — *Uh-oh! I've run over an old woman's foot. Step on the gas and get the hell out of here!* — was replaced with *Be nice. Open the door.*

I popped the latch and squinted out into the gray sprinkling. “Uh, can I help you?”

“Yes. You drive to me now to Louisiana,” the puppet-head of the ancient woman said into the pickup's cab.

“Louisiana?” I asked incredulously. “I'm sorry, I can't take you to...” *Be nice.* “You mean Louisiana Street?”

“Yes,” she answered. “Louisiana Street and University. I live there. My apartment there.”

“Um, well...”

“Please. No bus run today. You take. Yes?”

Be nice. It's raining, and it's really not that far. “All right. I'll take you there.”

The lumpy oldster crawled onto the seat and positioned herself facing front with her feet just inches from the floorboard.

“Please to be turning left here and right on University,” she demanded. “You know language?”

“I know English — barely,” I said, ashamed of my American heritage, which requires just one dictionary for the rest of my life.

“I know three language.” *Now she's just bragging,* I thought. “You like to learn language?” she asked. “I teach you Russian. I am teacher in Russia.”

You probably taught Marx's elementary class, didn't you? Damn! Be nice! “Yeah, Russian would be cool,” I said. “I'm traveling to Europe later this year, but I don't know if I'll go to Russia.”

“Please to turn right here. And stop. I am red apartment on left. I have nice granddaughter your age. If you like, you come over, I teach you Russian, we watch TV shows from Russia, and maybe later, you marry granddaughter.”

“What? I'm sorry,” I stammered. “What was that last part?”

“Watch Russian TV shows.”

“After that!” I yelled, dropping the nice act and relying on my instincts that basically say, “Beware! Trust no one! They'll stick you with a knife and leave you in a ditch!”

“Is this your phone?” she asked, grabbing my silver cellular. She nimbly pushed a couple buttons and said, “Okay, I have your number now. I call you,” and with that she slammed the door. I looked at my phone; she had, in fact, found the screen that displayed my number.

Holy hooligan! Did I just get married? Do I have to get married, now? Is she connected to the little old lady Russian mafia? Will she slash my tires with a crochet hook? The questions blurred into one dazzling neon sign over my head that shown brightly: “STOP BEING NICE!”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

LESS THAN ZERO (1987)

BRAVO 42, 2:30 P.M.

One night, I was in a shack made of loose plywood and stacks of spare tires, buying crystal meth from a Mexican man holding a giant machete. I was thinking, “Well, at least I'm not selling myself for coke like Robert Downey, Jr., in *Less Than Zero*.”

NBC 7/39, NEWS AT 5:00 P.M.

My friend Barb was on the news once. She taped it and later forced all her friends to

watch. We sat in front of the screen, and the smiling woman with mathematically perfect teeth announced, “Now, a shocking story on the hidden dangers in your neighborhood!” I was intrigued. I hadn't watched the news in a long time, and I wondered what could possibly be so hazardous — in my own community, no less! The story, Barb's interview, was on potholes. Potholes. *Pot-fucking-holes.* The lurking peril in every street, parish, and backyard of San Diego was *potholes*. That spinning noise you hear is coming from Pulitzer's grave.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

MONSTER GARAGE

DSC 35, 6:00 P.M.

This show could be cool. It could drop into your front room and slap you twice in the face. *Whap. Whap.* “Look! Look at this cool shit we made. A custom lowrider, a chopper, a drag racer.” Instead, it just limps around and offers to turn your toaster into a pooper scooper and your Miata into a walkie-talkie.



New Yankee Workshop

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

NEW YANKEE WORKSHOP

PBS 11, 3:00 P.M.

The equipment on this show is staggering. Is the target audience woodworking enthusiasts or rebel billionaires? The required hardware is more expensive than buying every piece of furniture they make. Sure, if I had a Reverse-grip Mortimer Monkey-handled Motherfucker and attachable Shopvac, I could do all the cool stuff that Norm does. Who am I kidding? I can barely tie my shoes.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

NFL FOOTBALL

FOX 6, 3:00 P.M.

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In January of 1993 a coalition of women's groups called a press conference and announced they held evidence of increased spousal abuse on Super Bowl Sunday. The next day Lenore Walker, pushing her book *The Battered Woman*, appeared on *Good Morning America* and claimed to have a ten-year study documenting a sharp rise in cases of violence against women during the Super Bowl. The *New York Times* and *Boston Globe* quickly followed suit and dubbed the occasion “Abuse Bowl.” Women were encouraged to leave the house and seek safety in preparation for the upcoming event.

It's a lie. Ken Ringle of the *Washington Post* fact-checked the story and found it to be a fabrication from start-to-finish. Pulitzer hits 3000 RPMs.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

FAMILY FEUD

UPN 13, 5:30 P.M.

When I was a kid, my mother and uncle could barely stand to be in the same room. Thanksgiving was a prime opportunity to air their grievances. When the shouting back and forth devolved into the vilest name-calling, my grandmother threw a vicious karate kick into the table to make a bang and get everyone's attention. The well-worn pull-out leaf fell

through in the middle and dumped the turkey onto the kitchen tiles. I am, to say the least, sadly disappointed in *Family Feud*.

PSYCHIC DETECTIVES

COURT 44, 10:00 P.M.

Oh, what a load of malarkey. “I see a dead body, a shallow grave, a wooded area.” Huh? I go on the assumption that if one were to hide a body, it would not be behind the couch or on a crowded city street. You want to impress me? Find the Cheeto I dropped in my lap that mysteriously disappeared when I stood up. Or explain why, out of numerous holes and nooks in my body, all the lint produced by my clothing is magically trapped by my belly button. Riddle me that, Batman.

EVERWOOD

WB 5, 9:00 P.M.

I have a sixth-grade sense of humor. I cannot, with a straight face, say the title of this show. I have no idea what it's about. For all I know it showcases talented chemists with displaced father figures.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

KICKBOXER (1989)

SPIKE 45, 9:00 P.M.

In *Kickboxer*, Hollywood establishes European dominance over Asia once and for all. Future-governor Van Damme is called upon to reprise his role as the yowling, stretching, flexing, Aryan Asswhipper. In a baffling turn of events, Mr. Van Damme protects the life of his Mexican brother and professional kickboxer, Dennis Alexio. It doesn't get better than this, folks.

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ABC 10, 9:00 P.M.

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