

I Did Not Die

Regarding Josh Board's article "Skateboarding Is Not a Crime" (April 22), let me provide a personal comment. As an infant, I had head trauma inflicted on me by my parents. My head was swollen like a pumpkin, according to my mother. I did not die like Marty Heddings, but I have been disabled my entire life. I have had ADD, ADHD, Tourette's syndrome, rage, emotional disorders, psychological disabilities. I live in chronic pain. I have needed hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of therapy. I am still not okay.

If a baby ends up dead from head trauma, it is horrifying, and someone really needs to speak up for the dead baby.

Name Withheld by Request

Not Some Guy

I'm calling about the Marcus Heddings story ("Skateboarding Is Not a Crime," April 22). My husband is J.J. Orsborn, Marcus's godfather. I'm a little upset with the fact that your story says Marcus was at the house of "a guy named 'J.J.' " He's not just some guy; Marcus was his godson. Marcus was at our house, his godfather's house. Maybe you could have looked into that a little bit more. And when Marcus got picked up by Neil, he screamed, "No, J.J., no."

Katy Orsborn

Wasted Read

"Skateboarding Is Not a Crime But Murder Is" (April 22) was the longest, most boring, grueling article I have ever read. It was like watching a train wreck. What a waste of time.

> Erin Georges via e-mail

Crooked Experts

Just read Josh Board's article "Skateboarding Is Not a Crime" (April 22). My sis-

ter is spending 26 years to life in Central California Women's Facility (Chowchilla) for a heinous murder that she had absolutely nothing to do with. (I'm her main alibi witness and was tricked into not taking the stand at her trial.)

Consequently, numerous facts in your article created reasonable doubt with me regarding the innocence of Neil Heddings and his girl-friend. Especially when local forensic "experts" here in San Diego and afar were proven to be wrong about key evidence they used against my sister, Cheri Dale, back in the '90s.

Other parallels popped out of the article too, like when our lawyer forbade us to speak to the press pretrial. I've always been a huge freespeech advocate. I would go as far as to let jurors do their own research in cases and not forbid them to read the paper or speak with whomever they wanted. Fat chance anyone in charge would ever think that's fair. Lawyers want to run cases their own way and not always from a defendant's point of view, so they always tell defendants to clam up and not to speak to the press.

Glad to see you quoted certain letters in your article verbatim and printed the actual letter too.

The saddest part of the article, though, is Mr. Heddings's statement, "I have faith that our legal system will bring us both...Justice." As much as we should all be able to rely on our justice system to get to the right result, I don't think it will in this case. In some of the other local murder cases I've followed, two things are overwhelmingly clear. (1) The reliability of any forensic expert's testimony is never in question at a trial, no matter how off their conclusions have proven to be. (2) Forensic experts are never accountable to anyone for being wrong (even with our local Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board).

The case against Mr. Heddings hinges on one expert's testimony that relies on his own version of "common sense." Watch out. Nobody's going to rock that scientific boat. If I were to give any advice to Neil and his girlfriend, it would be to get proof of his child's enlarged

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Payoffs It didn't take long for the San Diego City Council to take political advantage of the campaign "friend-raising" opportunities provided by the council's exclusive luxury suite at the new taxpayer-financed baseball stadium. Under a deal worked out behind closed doors and never taken up at a public meeting, each councilmember gets two tickets to each game; the mayor gets four. If the councilmembers don't use them personally, they are apparently free to hand them out to anyone they want. In a letter dated April 6, La Jolla's Scott Peters tells supporters and would-be backers — whom he calls "community leaders" in the letter — "I'd like to invite you and a guest to come to downtown and enjoy a Padres game during their inaugural season at PETCO park. Enclosed is a copy of this year's home-game schedule. There are two tickets available for each game. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the likely demand for these tickets, please understand that we may run out of tickets without satisfying everyone's request. Please include a first. second, and third choice selection for the games you wish to attend. We will try to accommodate one of your requests." Peters goes on to say, "The tickets are free; however a food and beverage service is provided at a cost of \$15 per person. If



Scott Pete

you do not wish to partake of the buffet, you are free to purchase food from concession stands. I am grateful for your hard work as a community leader. Please accept this offer as a token of appreciation for all your hard work. Thanks again, and Go Padres!" According to

sign-in sheets for the box (kept by the city and obtained under the state's public records act), Peters hosted at least 12 guests from opening day through April 18. The "leaders" included Stan and Barbara Siegel, who showed up on April 15. Back in July, Siegel wrote a letter to the Union-Tribune defending Peters against a recall effort: "This latest drive of a few disgruntled souls to start a recall campaign, this one directed at City Councilman Scott Peters, would result in a terrible waste of taxpayer money." (Contacted this week, Siegel said he did not wish to comment and hung up the phone.) On April 16, the signin sheet listed Angela Pierce, a lawyer with the juiced-in firm of Sullivan, Wertz, McDade and Wallace, which brags on its website that "Angela is adept at advancing the interests of property owners before local government agencies and the Coastal Commission." Senior partners of the firm are registered city lobbyists and have contributed heavily to Peters. (Pierce did not return phone calls seeking to confirm her presence in the box.) Major James Panknin, the "community relations representative" for the Marines at Miramar, and his daughter were also present. Chris Cameron, staffer to the council's Land Use and Housing Committee, which Peters chairs, checked in for a free game, as did Peters aide Rich Geisler. Other staffers took advantage of the free seats and discount food, pro-



Ralph Inzunza

vided by stadium vendor Delaware North. They included **Brian Maienschein** aide **Angela Yager** (her previous job, says the city website, "was with STAR 100.7's Jeff & Jer Showgram") and **Colin Rice**, a top political honcho for state senator **Juan Vargas**,

who got a free ticket in the box from Vargas protégé **Ralph Inzunza**.

Just following orders The *Union-Tribune* has never been known for the fairness of its editorial policies; the paper frequently runs one-sided opinions on its op-ed page without giving folks on the other side of the issue a chance to respond. So it was again last week



Katherine Nakamura

when the paper offered a lengthy op-ed piece by school-board member **Katherine Nakamura** personally attacking fellow members **John De Beck** and **Frances O'Neill Zimmerman** for favoring Einstein Academy, a small German-language immersion charter school, over

High Tech High in a battle for use of the vacant Cleveland Elementary School site in San Carlos. High Tech High is a pet project of the wealthy Jacobs family, heirs to the Qualcomm fortune and major financial backers of Alan Bersin and his *U-T*-favored 3-2 majority on the school board. Neither De Beck nor Zimmerman, who often vote against Bersin's policies, was offered a chance to reply. And at least one frustrated parent voiced her opinion: "Nakamura wrote (and I don't think she wrote it alone) an editorial in Wednesday's U-T praising High Tech and denigrating Einstein as too poor and weak. The article was cleverly inaccurate and simply fawned over High Tech." Another view the *U-T* failed to share with its readers was provided by Zimmerman. In a letter that as of press time remained unpublished by the paper, she wrote: "Nakamura understandably would like a High Tech charter high school in her San Carlos neighborhood, so that she could end the onerous cross-town drive to La Jolla High School that she makes twice daily to transport her ninth-grade teenager. All busy parents would agree that is neither a cute or cuddly experience." She went on to note, "Until last month School Board member Edward Lopez served on High Tech High charter schools' board of directors... Although the School District legal office opined that Lopez had no conflict of interest, and he was exhorted to vote on the matter by Board members Ottinger and Nakamura, it is to Lopez's credit that he recused himself from that decision. The result was a 2-2 deadlock and the matter died."

— Matt Potter

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Hot Dogs, Beer, And Car Bombs

By Don Bauder

as that hot dog you ate at Petco Park unsavory? Fans have complained about unsavory food at the new ballyard.

Well, for years the company that provided you that hot dog has been trying to overcome an unsavory past — fessionalism, the malodor lingers on. When the company bids on a concessions contract, competitors disina story November 17, 1994, the question of whether efforts are a cleanup or a whitewash "seems destined to plague the company for at least another generation."

The exclusive food service and retail concessionaire at Petco is called Sportservice. It is part of Delaware North Companies of Buffalo, New York, a privately held company with more than \$1.6 billion in sales, concessions contracts at major sports stadiums, and a big stake in the



Petco Park

particularly, financial involvement with notorious mobsters.

While investigators haven't found organized-crime relationships in recent years, and the successor company now enjoys a reputation for pro-

ter the sordid past. When the firm gets a prestigious contract, such as for concessions at Yosemite National Park, the press digs into its past.

The company says it has cleaned house, but as the *Wall Street Journal* pointed out in

gambling industry through racetracks, casinos, slot macontinued on page 4

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GOLDEN ACT

No Dice for Indians

By Ernie Grimm

ight Indian bands in San Diego County now operate casinos in San Diego

County, more than in any other county in

the nation. And if bands in Jamul and Santa Ysabel have their druthers, that number will soon climb to ten. Before 1983, when the Sycuan band of Kumeyaay Indians opened a bingo parlor on their Dehesa Valley reservation, there were none. Sycuan, soon followed by the Viejas and Barona bands, were among the forerunners in tribal gambling in the United States. But the story started when Seminole Indians opened a bingo hall on a reservation in Broward County, Florida. When the

Golden Acorn Casino. Before that, he worked for a number of tribes in the Pacific Northwest as they launched casino ventures. He explained that, as a result of the Seminole vs. Florida case, "The tribes have got to have a compact with the states to have their gaming. That's how the states can dictate what kind of gambling can happen on the Indian reservations."

Though the story of Indian gaming begins in Florida, its most famous passage takes place in southeastIndian-casino industry, said, "It's basically a city now. I don't know how many hotels and golf courses they have. It's bigger than anything in Atlantic City and Las Vegas."

That raises the question of whether one (or all) of our San Diego Indian casinos could become Foxwoods West or Las Vegas South. Nikki Symington, spokeswoman and consultant for Viejas, says no. The reason goes back to the compact established by Proposition 5, which was passed in 1998. The compact places a limit on the number of slot machines allowed in Indian casinos. "We have 2000 slot machines [at Viejas]," Symington explained. "That is the maximum number of slots we can have. The tribes and the governor agreed to that limit."

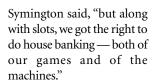
An average Las Vegas



Don Smith

County — may allow those tribes to have an unlimited number of slot machines. In return, they will pay fees to the state as high as \$25,000 per machine per

Since the passage of Proposition 1A in 2000, which removed Indian tribes from California's prohibition on "casino-like gambling," the gaming machines themgambling machines isn't obvious to the casual observer. "It's in the way that you wager," Smith said, "and the way the wagers are paid out." "Prior to the compact," Symington explained, "we didn't have slot machines. We had video-lottery terminals. They work like a lottery because the awards, the prizes, are based on the collection of all of the players. They aren't



But along with the 2000 slot-machine maximum, the compact placed limits on the table games the Indian casinos could offer. "We do not have any dice games, so no craps," Symington explained. "We can't have baccarat. roulette, and that kind of stuff. It doesn't make sense, but we don't have them."

Gaming-wise, the absence of those table games is the only difference between local Indian casinos and Las Vegas casinos. Asked why those games were excluded from the compact, Symington answered, "No reason. It was part of the give-and-take of negotiations."

The biggest difference between Las Vegas casinos and local Indian casinos? How revenues are spent. While Nevada casinos are owned by a corporation that may spend the profits as it pleases, gaming tribes must spend their revenue in one of five ways. "Those five areas are to actually underwrite their business. There is a cost to that," Symington explains. "Then there is a cost for other economic diversifications; the federal law encourages the tribes to diversify. An example would be our outlet center. That is a legitimate use of casino revenues by a tribal government."

Symington continues, "The second [legal spending & area] is for any [tribal] government expenditure — g such as health care, education, senior care — that serves the entire community. The third allowable use of our money is that we can 59 give money to local govern-

Golden Acorn Casino

county sheriff threatened to shut down the bingo hall, the Seminoles sued. Ultimately, an appeals court found that, since the state of Florida regulated but did not prohibit bingo in other settings, it could only regulate, not prohibit, bingo on the reservations. Don Smith works as the director of security at the Campo Band's two-and-a-half-year-old

ern Connecticut. That's where, in 1986, the tiny Pequot tribe, which had no fullblooded members, started a bingo hall. In 1992, the Pequots opened Foxwoods Casino, which is now said to be the most lucrative single casino in the world. "It's unreal," Smith said. "Beyond huge." Ed Sites, Golden Acorn's marketing director and another veteran of the

casino has upwards of 4000 slot machines. And, Sites explained, "In every gaming jurisdiction, 80 to 90 percent of the revenue comes from the machines. It's a universal rule of thumb."

However, ongoing negotiations between Governor Schwarzenegger and seven of the state's gaming tribes including Viejas, Pala, and Pauma in San Diego

selves have been identical to those found in Las Vegas casinos. "Before that," Sites said, "They ran only classtwo games in California. Now, we're running classthree games, which are more sophisticated gaming devices. They run on computerized random-number generators."

Smith said the difference in class two and class three house-banked. They look like slot machines, though no money comes out." Video lottery players received payout tickets from the machines.

Table games such as poker and blackjack, before the compact was signed, were not banked by the Indian casinos either. Payouts were based on how much the players bet. "That was then,"

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chines, and, of late, combination racetracks and casinos, called "racinos."

The predecessor com-

pany was named Emprise. It was founded in 1915 by three brothers. One of them, the late Lou Jacobs — longtime head and patriarch of the company — became infamous for his underworld relationships. The Reader's

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retelling of Emprise's history won't make that hot dog any tastier, but it serves as another example of the historical connection between professional sports and the gambling industry.

Wendy Watkins, spokes-

person for Delaware North, says this about the food: "In any brand-new venue, there are bound to be areas for improvement." The first season "is a learning experience, and we are responsive to comments and suggestions from fans."

I gave her a list of questions about Emprise's dubious past associations. She passed the queries to the company's outside counsel, who said that Emprise is "a

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twice-removed predecessor of Delaware North that was dissolved in 1978 — 26 years ago — and the management of Delaware North played no role whatsoever in the operations of Emprise."

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However, Delaware North's website makes it clear that the Jacobs family, owners of Emprise, own Delaware North. The current chairman and chief executive, Jeremy M. Jacobs Sr., one of Lou Jacobs's sons, headed a Canadian subsidiary of the Jacobs empire as early as 1961 and became chairman in 1968 at age 28 upon his father's death. As John Emsh-

willer's 1994 Wall Street Journal article pointed out, Jeremy Jacobs took over the parent company at a time that "investigators were probing the intensely private company for evidence of organized-crime ties." Later, the company became Delaware North.

In 1972, after Howard Hughes had bought Las Vegas's Frontier Hotel and Casino, a jury in Los Angeles federal court concluded that the casino's real ownership

had been illegally concealed. Among the actual owners had been Anthony J. Zerilli and Michael S. Polizzi, "two high-ranking members of the Detroit Mafia family," according to The Boardwalk Jungle by Ovid Demaris. Another owner was Emprise, which, according to the jury, had loaned a bundle of money to front men for the allegedly mob-related owners. According to Demaris, Emprise also jointly owned a Detroit racetrack with Zerilli and Polizzi

As a result of the Frontier case, some of the alleged mobsters went to prison; Emprise was fined \$10,000, according to both The Wall Street Journal and The Boardwalk Jungle. Lou Jacobs and his son, Max, were named as unindicted co-conspirators. "That same year [1972], Sports Illustrated put the late Lou Jacobs on its cover under the headline, 'The Godfather of Sports," wrote investigative reporter John R. Emshwiller in the Wall Street Journal's comprehensive 1994 piece on Delaware North and its predecessor, Emprise.

In that story, Emshwiller said that Jeremy Jacobs "doesn't deny that his father traveled in a rough-andtumble world. Lou Jacobs built the company by obtaining lucrative concession contracts at sports facilities and other locations in return for providing millions of dollars in upfront payments and loans to stadium and team owners."

Continued Emshwiller, "Some of those loans went to horse tracks, dog tracks, and jai alai arenas. Besides concessionaire, the company also became owner and operator of a number of such facilities. Mr. Jacobs says his father's forays into the gambling world unavoidably put the company into contact with questionable characters. 'It went with the territory,' he says."

In the year 2000, when a Delaware North subsidiary won the concessions contract at Yosemite National Park, the company's past hit the headlines. On August 27, 2000, Michael Doyle of the Fresno Bee wrote, "Before Delaware North entered Yosemite, competitors reminded regulators of the





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company's time as Emprise." Under Lou Jacobs, "Emprise had some dealings with organized crime figures. Congressional hearings revealed old company practices that included secret cash payments to politicians in the 1950s," as well as the Frontier Hotel and Casino fine.

Karen Liberatore, a Delaware North spokesperson, told the Bee, "Those are things that happened more than 40 years ago. A lot of time has passed, and the company is run entirely differently."

Many things happened decades ago. According to the Las Vegas Review-Journal, money from Emprise and the corruption-ridden Teamsters permitted Morris B. "Moe" Dalitz, whom the newspaper identified as a former Cleveland bootlegger and racketeer, to take over the Stardust casino from Jake "The Barber" Factor, a friend of Al Capone.

I first ran across Emprise when I was bureau chief in Cleveland for Business Week from 1966 to 1973. In fact, my first interest in investigative financial reporting came when I was anonymously sent a prospectus for a public offering for a slot-machine maker named Bally Manufacturing. The Securities and Exchange Commission held up the offering for months because of a principal's alleged longtime relationship with Gerardo "Jerry" Catena, whom Demaris calls a "Genovese family underboss" and close friend of Lucky Luciano.

deal was Sam Klein, a Clevelander with longtime ties to illegal gambling, according to Demaris. The best passage on Klein comes from Mobbed Up, the book by James Neff about the life of Teamster and mob boss Jackie Presser. Klein told the author that Bill Presser, Jackie's equally disreputable father, had come to him to talk about his son. "His old man was very unhappy with his performance and got me to beat the shit out of him in the early '60s," said Klein. "We are dear, dear friends."

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Neff's book also says that Jackie Presser had a girlfriend who was on the Sportservice payroll but didn't show up at work.

Said Emshwiller in his 1994 story, "In 1973, five years after Lou Jacobs's death, a report by the House Select Committee on Crime concluded that, 'Emprise knew, or should have known' that it was the financier or business associate for operations with alleged mob connections stretching from New England to Nevada."

Emprise got negative publicity over fallout from the 1976 assassination of Don Bolles, an investigative reporter for the Arizona Republic. Bolles had written a series of articles about Emprise activities in Chicago, Detroit, and particularly in Arizona, where it was in the racing business and had close ties with top political and business leaders. According to investigative reporter Michael Wendland, Bolles went to Washington, D.C., to tell a congressional committee about Emprise.

On the day of his death, Bolles had an appointment to meet with a racing-dog owner named John Adamson, who claimed he had more information on Emprise. But it was a trap. Adamson never showed up, and Bolles's car blew up. According to media reports, the critically wounded Bolles mumbled the name of Emprise, along with that of Adamson and the Mafia.

The drama played out for

years. Adamson admitted planting the bomb. Two other alleged co-conspirators were sentenced to death on Adamson's testimony. But the convictions were overturned. Adamson was prosecuted for first-degree murder and sentenced to death. But that was overturned, too. The three eventually did spend time in prison.

CITY LIGHTS

Emprise was not charged in any way after an investigation by Arizona politician Bruce Babbitt. But later there were widely publicized investigations into whether the company had been given favorable treatment by Babbitt, who, according to the Wall Street Journal, received thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the Jacobs family through the years. Babbitt has consistently denied that the contributions affected his decisions. "When Mr. Babbitt was attorney general and later governor of Arizona in the 1970s and early 1980s, he had helped work out arrangements allowing Delaware North to remain in the racetrack business there despite the 1972 [Frontier casino] conviction," wrote Emshwiller in 1994.

Questions about Babbitt's relationship with the firm continued as he went on to become secretary of the interior under President Bill Clinton. The charges didn't stick, but the publicity over Babbitt, as well as the alleged mobsters through the years, did not help Delaware North.

No dice

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ment. The fourth is we can give money to nonprofits. The fifth is to share revenues with tribal members. The perception that the tribes have is, 'We own our land communally. A collective general membership votes on all land decisions, and if we make money off of our land or through our business, we would like to be able to distribute the benefits back to our tribal members.'

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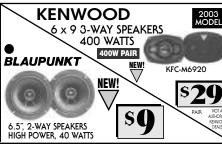
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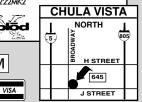
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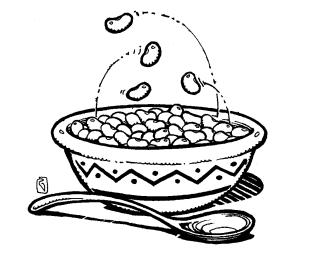
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Hey, Matt:

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I remember as a kid playing with Mexican jumping beans. What ever happened to them? And what made them jump in the first place?

— Speedy Gonzales, the net

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Matthew Alice:

June bugs. I hate them! Why do they fly right at you? Why June? How can I get rid of them?

I was spaced out the other night on the porch staring at nothing in particular and I noticed all the moths around the porch light. I got to wondering, why is a moth, a night-flying creature, attracted to light? You'd think it would fly the other way, since it must be more dangerous hanging out around a light. Or is this too trivial for your magnificent brain?

What is the point of mosquitoes? Who would miss them if they disappeared? Why are they still

— Bothered, the net

The number-one question category in the big M.A. archives over the past 50, 60 years we've been playing our little shell game. Beer questions come and go. Bugs last forever. We save them up. That June-bug question came last June.

So, MB, those Mexican seeds still jump. Kids are still underwhelmed by the bouncing beans. They don't have the wow factor they might have had back in the '50s, but back then they only had to compete with Yo-Yos and Howdy Doody. And it's not as if you can go to Beans R Us anytime you like and find a shelf full. They're seasonal. The beans are actually ripe seeds from a bush that grows in the deserts of northern Mexico. A local moth lays eggs in the flower buds, and the larvae become encased in the ripening seeds. When the seeds dry and fall, around July, they're harvested and sold. The larvae are still inside, FedExed around the country and spinning cocoons inside the seed. So remember, buying jumping beans is more like adopting a pet. Warmth makes the larvae move around, which makes the bean move. At least it's a pet that doesn't have to be walked. Lots of direct sunlight kills them. You need to spray them with a little water every couple of days, but dry them off so they don't mold 'cause that will kill them too. If you talk to them nicely and maybe name them and keep them away from birds and cats, they might jump for three or four months. Then, theoretically, a moth should emerge. If so, it will only live a couple of days, searching fruitlessly around your house for a mate. Unless you're willing to drive it in a hurry back to the Sonoran Desert, it will croak without producing more jumping beans. Let that be on your head.

If Mexican jumping beans are July bugs because they hit the ground then, June bugs are June bugs because that's when the big shiny green beetles hatch out of the ground and fly around looking for fruit. Their stubby, buzzy wings generate just barely enough lift to get those fat bodies off the ground, and they lack lots in the maneuverability department. When they look as if they're going to fly right into you, maybe you smell like a mango or you're standing between them and a cactus fruit. They know you're there; but it takes a while for them to engage all systems and apply a little right rudder to avoid you. They're also a menace because when they're feeding in trees and they're disturbed, they tend to topple out and hide on the ground to formulate a

And, no, Wonderer under the porch light, the moth-flame question isn't too trivial for my enormous brain; but according to Dr. Bug, the Alice staff entomologist, it's baffled the best of them. Moths are very positively phototropic (photo-, "light"; -tropic, "stimulated by"; by contrast, cockroaches are negatively phototropic). Night-fliers aren't looking for sex when they attack a light bulb. They might be looking for food, since moths are more sensitive to the UV spectrum than we are, and if your light is toward the blue end, it might look like lunch. The most common guess is that moths confuse your bulb with the moon or a star or something, since some moths and butterflies have light-sensitive navigation systems. So far, the moths aren't talking, so we'll just have to continue to ponder that one.

So, what's the point of mosquitoes? Aside from being a major hors d'oeuvre on the natural food-groups pyramid (for bats, birds, fish, etc.), they don't serve much purpose to us. But what if you were some ugly blood-borne disease. You'd think mosquitoes were the bomb. Malaria loves mosquitoes. And the elves and I are suddenly positively pizzatropic, so we're outta here.

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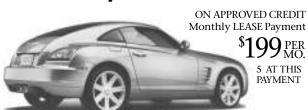
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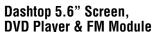
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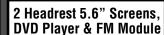
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he idea was to call San Diego ballet schools and talk to someone about baseball players. Since childhood, I've heard that ballet improves baseball/football/ boxing skills, but I've never understood, precisely, how ballet helps a pitcher throw a sinker or a lineman execute a pass block.

My first phone call was to the San Diego Ballet. According to their website, the outfit performs with the San Diego Symphony, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, and the San Diego Camarada. The company regularly tours, has a junior dancer program, summer program, and a school that accepts students from the age of three on up.

A pleasant-sounding woman inquires after my needs, asks for my phone number and email address, says someone will get back to me. What follows arrived in my inbox three hours later, minus a couple paragraphs that had to be cut due to space requirements.

Hello Pat,

My name is Javier Velasco and I am one of the artistic directors of the San Diego Ballet. I was told that you would be interested in the benefits that an athlete can expect to get by taking a ballet class and any anecdotal information.

I have insights to both, as well as my own thoughts.

I think it has almost become an "accepted," "little-known" fact that, "football players taking ballet classes" helps their game. I remember hearing this way back when I started dancing (in the '70s), although, truth be told, I never much cared for games that involved the catching or throwing of balls.

I think that the truth is that dance training for athletes needs to be dealt with very specifically. It must be dealt with like any other cross-training exercise. While certain types of athletes (and player positions) may benefit from dance/ballet, other individuals may find their specialization compromised.

You really have to look at this either in terms of dance/sports or ballet/sports. They are two different things.

Any type of dance/sport training is going to give the athlete an increased awareness of rhythm and timing. Most will also give an increased self awareness of the body and spatial awareness of others. Most dance forms will also give athletes an "increased" regimen of stretching. This is what most athletes are looking for in a dance class. However, it is the most problematic benefit.

Stretching in a dance class is not designed

to increase flexibility. It is a warm-up for dancing. The dancer is simply getting their muscles ready for what they can already do.

In order to really stretch a muscle, it must be warmed up first. Then whatever stretching position (split, hamstring stretch, etc) must be held for 30 seconds to a minute and a half. If this is done on a daily basis, flexibility increases. There is simply not enough time in a 90-minute class (the typical length) to warm up, stretch, strengthen, and dance. Anyone who wants to increase their flexibility should stretch at home for at least an hour a day or take a specifically designed stretch class or

Ballet is a very demanding, specific regimen. It builds long, slim, steely, flexible muscles. It is, however, primarily a theatrical discipline. Something that is very specific to ballet is that dancers are trained to "turn out." This is an outward rotation of the leg at the hip. Simply stated, ballet dancers turn out so that they can provide a more attractive "picture" to the audience. This is one of the reasons why a dancer jumping into the air will look "more attractive" than an athlete. His muscles are actually trained to look more

Here is the difficulty. A linebacker who has been trained to turn out is not necessarily more stable than one whose legs are parallel. Additionally, overly flexible legs are not as solid as legs that have bulky muscle. They may protect against certain kinds of injury, but they may be vulnerable to others.

There is a possibility that dance training may give an athlete too much of a range of motion, if he is not being trained how to use it properly in his athletic discipline. Likewise, if the dance training is not begun in a methodical way, it may actually disrupt an athlete's peak effectiveness in the short run.

Any kind of physical cross training demands a high level of self awareness from all those involved in order to attain peak effects. It may be that for a football team, the quarterback should take ballet classes, the linebackers should take hip hop classes, and the coaches should take Tahitian dance.

Of course, in the big scheme of things, any athlete should take any kind of dance class if it feeds something within them. Please e-mail me back if you have any other questions.

Javier Velasco Director, San Diego Ballet San Diego Ballet, 5304 Metro Street, Suite B, San Diego; 619-294-7378.

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Address: 13176 Mapleview Street, Lakeside, 619-443-6732

Year founded: 1959

Pastor: Reverend Ronald Thomas Congregation: 200 members **Staff:** 2 full-time, 5 part-time

Annual budget: \$330,000 Weekly giving: \$6500

Sunday school enrollment: 100

Singles program: yes

Diversity: white, African-American

Dress: casual

Services: Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

The Santee Drive-In marquee advertised Hellboy and Kill Bill Vol. 2. Traffic on Highway 67 slowed at Lakeside's Mapleview Street exit: people were heading to the 40th Annual Lakeside Rodeo. Beside the road, rodeo clowns passed out programs. I could smell hay and horses. Last Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m., the Lakeside sun was so hot that my steering wheel burned my hands.

Mapleview Baptist Church sat a few blocks from the rodeo. The original church, a white Quonset hut, rests beside the church's most recent incarnation, a wood and beige stucco structure built in the late 1960s, which has a high vaulted ceiling and stained-glass windows in red, white, and blue. I couldn't see a baptismal and when I asked about it a longtime Mapleview member said, "It's behind those big wooden panels in back of the podium. They're actually doors. There's a funny story

about that. "When the church was built, the baptismal was open. But a certain member of the church felt that the baptismal's rear wall was too plain. So this person painted a mural on it. I guess it was supposed to look like the River of Life flowing out of a dark cave. But it ended up looking like

an armadillo. For years we had to sit and look at that big armadillo. A couple of pastors tolerated it, but we finally got a pastor who couldn't take it. Without consulting anybody, he had those big wooden doors put up, covering the baptismal and the armadillo. It was quite a surprise. Some folks were happy about it. Some folks weren't."

Mapleview's senior pastor, Reverend Ronald Thomas, describes his church as "truly a product of people who lived through World War II. Who knows what they promised God during that experience. But they came out of it with a tremendous sense of loyalty to institutions, in particular to their local church. You have to respect that, especially when it comes

Reverend Thomas has attended Mapleview for 25 years and served as its pastor for 20. The change he speaks about refers to the church's style of worship, which, he told me, over the past three years has become more contemporary. Last Sunday morning, I could make out the traditional order of service that, according to Reverend Thomas, had characterized the church since 1959. Contemporary evangelical hymns, the ones you nowadays hear everywhere, punctuated announcements and prayer. Only one hymn — "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing," a very old one now sung routinely by exclusionist Brethren and conservative Calvinists gave me a sense of how Mapleview had once been.

Reverend Thomas has given the nod to PowerPoint lyrics instead of hymnals, to a "praise team" backed by a bass player and electronic drums instead of a choir, but his sermon lasted almost $45\,\mathrm{minutes}$. ("I could have gone on for another hour," he told me afterward.) He entitled his sermon "God's Utopia: Reflections on the Life of Adam and Eve.'

"You may not believe this," he told us, "but there are many churches that don't consider the Adam and Eve story to be literal. They don't believe Adam and Eve actually existed. They regard the entire story as a metaphor.

"How do you respond to that? Do we take the Resurrection literally? Of course we do."

Reverend Thomas told us that the authors of the Gospels, especially Luke, had regarded the Adam and Eve story as literal truth. Eden, according to Reverend Thomas, was a "perfect place" created by God to meet humanity's "physical, intellectual, spiritual, and social needs." Reverend Thomas never explained just why Adam and Eve upset the applecart, so to speak; whether it was a matter of choice or destiny.

After the service, I told Reverend Thomas that his fuzziness on Original Sin sounded typically Baptist. But Reverend Thomas wasn't much interested in theological issues.

"If you want to know what the really important deal is, it isn't theology. We're working with a very different generation now. The big deal is our 'small groups,' our home-meetings outside of church. To me, this is the interesting issue. For many

years, our Sunday- evening services were getting smaller and smaller. This was an important point for Baptists, a slippery slope. Good Baptists went to three church services a week. Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening. The thinking always was that if your Sunday-evening service dies, so goes the rest of the church.

We, of course, had a very loyal group of people, the World War II folks, who came to Sunday-evening services. But for most people, their lives were just too busy. We finally cancelled our Sunday-evening services, but only because we wanted to make time for the small-groups meeting on Sundays. And, frankly, there are people who have grown in those small groups who take care of individual people in a very serious, pastoral way. I don't know that the physical church, the actual buildings, have much to do with the long-term for evangelical Christianity. I've come to think that small groups are the future of the church."

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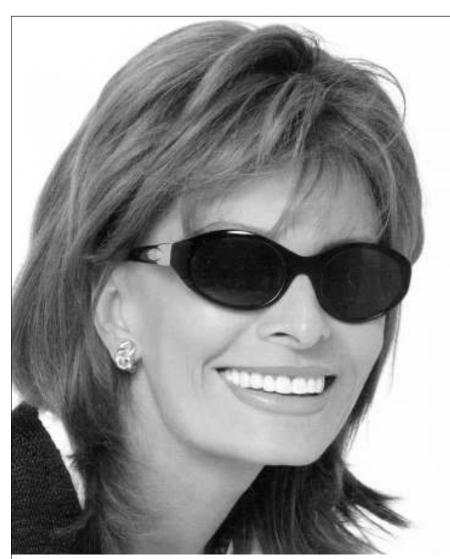
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My husband and I visited my sister and her husband in Tucson last weekend. I was disappointed to find out that my married sister (I'll call her "Ann") has been busy doing things with a male friend (I'll call "Mike") from work. She goes to auctions with him on some weekends, and has played golf with him, and spends every lunch hour with him, too. I asked her if her husband knows, and she says he does not. When we were ready to leave a day early due to an emergency back home, we found out ten minutes later on our way home that our emergency had been resolved. We arrived back at Ann's house to find out that she had invited Mike over. Of course. Ann's husband was out of town at the time. It was an uncomfortable situation for both my husband and I as we watched them drink at least six beers together. What was more frustrating was to hear Mike talk disrespectfully about Ann's husband — right in her husband's own home! My husband and I confronted Ann about this and told her we didn't like what was going on, especially with her husband not being aware of the situation. She said that her husband knows there are problems between the two of them, and even knows about Mike. I don't fully believe her, because she already told me she doesn't tell her husband about her weekend activities with Mike. Mike felt very uncomfortable around this conversation and decided to leave. On the way out, Mike started calling my husband names and tried to initiate a fistfight with him. Now the question is, should we mention anything to Ann's husband? My husband thinks we have an obligation to let him know. I don't want to ruin my relationship with my sister, though.

FRUSTRATED SISTER IN ESCONDIDO

Dear Frustrated,

There's a storm brewing in your sister's marriage, and I wouldn't want to be anywhere in the vicinity when it hits. First, let your sister know that you do not want to be party to any further deception. This means that if you visit again, you don't want to be confronted with her "boyfriends," and you don't want to hear about them. Second, stay out of this. You don't know what, exactly, your sister's relationship is with this "Mike" character, anyway. All indications are that your sister is not being honest with either you or her husband. And "Mike" seems like a combative guy, the kind of person to avoid. So steer clear of the whole coming brouhaha. I understand that you feel torn, which is natural enough, as your sister placed you and your husband in a very awkward position. But let Sis and her man deal with this mess in their own way, which will be muddy enough. You and your

husband don't need to get yourselves splattered.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I am a newlywed and my otherwise charming husband has a habit which drives me bats. "Bert" is in the habit of inviting male friends over on the spur of the moment. He is a spontaneous guy, and he'll be talking on the phone to a pal and suddenly suggest that they come over and watch a basketball game on TV or borrow a book they're talking about. The problem is that he never seems to be able to remember to tell me that we're about to have company. Since I'm not warned, I'm sometimes wandering around the house in my slip or otherwise not prepared for visitors when his friends come by. This is rather embarrassing. I've asked Bert to let me know when he's invited someone over so I can make myself presentable, but it seems to go in one ear and out the other. Last week he invited a friend over on Sunday morning, and the visitor caught me still in my pajamas. How can I get Bert to give me notice that a buddy of his is about to show up so I can get dressed?

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Dear Ms. Dishabille,

Impress upon your husband, by letting him know, nicely but emphatically, how much this habit of his really bugs you. He may not realize just how embarrassing his lack of notice about visitors is for you. Make sure he understands this. Then whenever he slips up and "forgets," keep letting him know how distressing this is for you and that all he has to do is say, "Hey, honey, I invited some of the guys over to eat pizza and discuss the Padres' pitching record" before the dudes show up. When he finally does give you fair warning, reward him with something he really likes, which I leave to you to determine.

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'Sorry, honey, no pizza English muffins today," I tell Patrick. "There's mold on the Pizza Onick sauce."

"Just scoop it off! It'll be fine!" I hate it when my husband says that. Mold scares me, penicillin or no penicillin. And if it scares me on pizza sauce, it's terrifying to think that it might be

in my walls, growing to enormity inside the warm, wet dark. Patrick's sinus has been giving him fits this year, and I'm wondering if our fixer-upper is to blame. The guest room in particular sets him off, and I remember the water stains

on the wall when the physical inspector first took us through. "This corner of the house is actually below ground level, which is odd," he noted. The water spot hasn't bled through our new coat of paint, but I'm still suspicious, especially since Patrick's started sneezing in the upstairs closet as well.

Before I started tearing down walls, I needed a more precise nose than Patrick's. I turned to Wishbone, a Jack Russell terrier I had heard about. Wishbone is a mold dog, trained to sniff out the exact location of hidden mold growth. He is owned by Robert Fennema, who is also owner of San Diego Mold Dog (619-464-4489, www.sandiegomolddog.com).

I met Fennema at his home, a ranch built in 1960. He didn't have mold trouble, and he explained why. "To grow, mold needs water, food, and a little bit of warmth. My house leaks air like a sieve it's hard to hold moisture in here. Since we're more worried about energy these days, we're making windows tighter, and keeping air and therefore, moisture — in our homes. People have more humidity in their homes.

Besides lacking moisture, Fennema's house offers little in the way of mold food, due to the building materials. "When this home was built, they hadn't invented things like particleboard, so I have plywood cabinets. Every time you take wood and process it, you end up putting more sugar in it. And the more you break it down,

the more digestible it is. A lot of cabinets now are made from medium density fiberboard, which is very attractive to mold growth." More processing, more sugar, more breakdown, more mold. Further, plaster has been replaced by ori-

ented strandboard, and linoleum by paper-backed vinyl — again, better food

Traditionally, said Fennema, finding mold has been a less-than-precision process. "Traditional methods involve air tests. In some cases, a sticky piece of tape is exposed and air is pulled over it. Then the collected spores are counted under a 400-power microscope. Since mold is everywhere, people take two samples indoors and one outdoors. Then they compare the spore count and look for certain species that occur only indoors or in problem areas.

"He's got to be able to

get the nose to the problem."

Or, if a mold occurs both indoors and out, but the indoor count is significantly amplified indoors, then you know you have mold in the room. But you don't know definitively where the mold is.

Enter Wishbone and company. "I think if you're really serious about finding mold, you need to use a dog. Other methods find mold, but I'm not sure they find it all. And they may put people through a relatively iterative remediation process." A person could end up ripping down an awful lot of drywall.

Or, they could call Fennema. "Our dogs are very precise tools. They're trained like bomb dogs — when they find mold, they go into passive alert, which means they sit down. You don't want a bomb dog to jump up and down; you want them to freeze. So that's what our dogs do. They stay in passive alert until we say, 'Show me.' Then they put their nose where the odor comes from. The air sample says there is mold in the room, and the mold company will start in a very likely place say, where there's been a roof leak. But the sample can't tell if there's mold in two places, or where exactly it is. The dog goes

and tells you, 'The mold starts here and stops here.'

"Our dogs even alert on mold coming out of ceilings. The spores are falling, and the dog alerts us through confusion. Our handler, Justin, knows how to watch the dog's body language to read if it's a good alert.

"Then, after the first dog goes in, we take in a second dog to verify the findings. They don't watch each other work. Wishbone usually goes in first — he works at 90 miles an hour. Then we send in Savannah, a beagle. She's our Southern belle; she works at a leisurely pace."

For this line of work, Fennema prefers smart, eager-to-please dogs "with long nosesthey have more olfactory glands." But smell isn't everything. "A bloodhound would be good, except bloodhounds are always drooling. I can't take a big old drooling dog into someone's home or office." Size matters as well. "You want the dog to be small enough to slip behind furniture. He's got to be able to get the nose to the problem.

A smaller dog also eats less, and that's a major factor for a mold dog, which must be handfed to maintain his training. A mold dog can cost \$12,500, but the training keeps the dog from being distracted by food or animal odors in the home. "They know they get rewarded with food only on mold odors." And because food is the reward, "there is no dog dish in our house — every bit of food is hand-fed. That's to reinforce the fact that they work for the food — there is no free lunch. It keeps them trained. We want dogs who are always interested in food, so they're always interested in working." At home, the dogs hunt for mold samples Fennema hides around the house, "but they don't go looking unless I tell

A mold dog inspection runs \$375 for the first hour and \$125 for each hour after that. Fennema says that \$500 is an average price.

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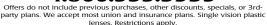
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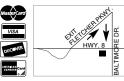
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

ANNOUNCING CHANGE IN LOCATION: The Simple Ease Libation Pharmacy, San Diego's only kidnap-proof Bar & Grille ("Imbibe Where You Can Hang Completely Loose") is moving from its former waterfront location to sumptuous quarters in the old, abandoned Mission Hills Forest Observatory in Pandora's Canyon which is now in the process of refurbishization or "sprucing up" as Bull Montana would have stated it.

— NOTICES, May 2, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

In the April 12 edition of the Reader, Matthew Alice ("Straight From the Hip") answered a letter concerning the effects of inhaling PAM, an aerosol cooking spray.

Eight years ago, in Kansas City, PAM was sprayed into plastic bags; the bags were put over the user's face; and the user got high. My younger brother's crowd was doing this, but one of his buddies didn't get high — he got

Whether the cooking spray was to blame, or the intelligent action of putting a plastic bag to his face killed him, doesn't much matter. There are certainly inherent dangers to this high. Readers might have been a bit cautioned by Matthew Alice's reply, but Rick Geary's illustration certainly won't discourage anyone. — LETTERS: "NOBODY'S BAG," Barbara Lysaught,

Twenty Years Ago

May 3, 1979

Such is life in the public eye that when alliances snap and friendships dissolve, all the squirmy spectacle is laid bare for the world to see - or hear, as is the case for Dave Dawson, radio talk show host on KSDO. His recent onair denouncement of his 600-member fan club, Fun Lovers and Truth Seekers, has left bitter feelings in its wake and a number of regular participants in his call-in show banned from the air.

The club was started by a call-in regular who identifies herself as Rosie the Rosicrucian Lady. When Dawson caught flak for denouncing Israel's bombing of an Iraqi reactor in June of 1981, shortly after his program began in San Diego, Rosie had rallied public support for Dawson by writing to community leaders.

The week of March 19 had been filled with private phone calls between Dawson and Rosie, with Dawson urging her to tone down the newsletter's increasingly anti-Israeli tone or else he would disassociate himself from the

— CITY LIGHTS: "DAWSON CUTS OFF ROSIE," Abe Opincar, May 3, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

Rollie Fingers is flat broke. The one-time Cy



Young Award-winning pitcher, the American League's Most Valuable Player in 1981, the million-dollar-plus-a-year man with the most saves in major league history at the time of his retirement from baseball in October 1985, is presently out a job as well as funds, according to bankruptcy filings. A Mercedes, along with his \$200,000 deferred salary from the Milwaukee Brewers, the last team he played for, went to ex-wife Danielle back in '85. He lost his house and now lives in a rented condominium in Rancho Bernardo. The pistachio orchard he invested in went down the tubes, and a couple of tough-talking Los Angeles house movers are not pleased about writing off about \$200,000 owed them for services rendered.

— CITY LIGHTS: "FINGERS BROKE," Matt Potter, May 4, 1989

Ten Years Ago

In San Diego, [opera] subscriptions, which had hit a peak of over 11,000 in March 1993, had tumbled to about 9,000, the worst figures since 1991. Campbell had hoped that Onégin would sell about 90 percent of its seats but had to settle for 79 percent. Even Rigoletto had slumped several points from an unexpected 98 percent. In such circumstances, taking chances on unknown works could be construed as foolhardy. But Campbell is a tough cookie who has been through far more perilous times than these.

— "WHEN THE FLOWERS CONTINUED TO MISBEHAVE," William Murray, April 28, 1994

Five Years Ago

Dad was a great sports dad, in part because he paid attention. I was a decent athlete in a town of 20,000, which meant I got occasional mentions in the paper, especially when reporters searched for good things to say about our woeful soccer team. When I graduated from high school, I received from my parents two scrapbooks documenting my life so far; included in one of them was every article that mentioned

— "DAD'S LITTLE PESSIMIST," Matthew Lickona, April 29, 1999

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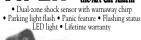
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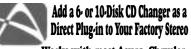
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- by "Papa" John Phillips

Since it's 2004 and not 1967, have the flowers tattooed on your body somewhere instead. Everyone at this party was covered in tats.

Becca was having a goingaway party, and I asked her why she was leaving sunny San Diego for the cold Bay Area. She said, "Oh, I'm originally from there. And I can make a lot more money there."

"What do you do?" I

"I'm a prostitute. And Bear Paw over there, he's my pimp." She laughed and continued, "No, I'm a waitress." Another girl came up and said, "Bear Paw is a pimp, though. A bunch of the girls at this party are his ho's."

I talked to Bear Paw, who was drinking booze out of a giant mixing bowl. I asked why he wasn't using a glass, and he explained, "I pour a bottle of champagne in here. Then I pour in orange juice and have a mimosa."

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down on my drinking a lot, though. My parents bought me some Breathalyzer kit recently. And when I saw how much I was drinking without it affecting me, I decided to cut down." About 15 minutes later, when some people were making a beer run, I heard him tell the couple to buy him another bottle of champagne.

He invited me to this party in Pacific Beach, and when I asked about his name, because Hulk Hogan weighed a few pounds less than that when he graduated from high school." I'm not sure how much heavier he is now, but he's a giant. And it turns out we went to the same high

It's the big guys who look as if they

he said, "It's been Bear Paw since high school. When I graduated, I weighed 278 pounds, and I remember thinking that was cool

school. We spent an hour talking about our favorite teachers.

A guy pulled up on his motorcycle as we were talk-

ing. He drove it right onto the

front lawn, left it there, and

went in for a beer. A guy in a

Ramones shirt who was drunk

(at 4:00 p.m.) stumbled onto

it and fell down. It would be

the first of four times I'd see

Riverside for this party, and

she kept bugging me about

everything I did. She wanted

to know why I was taking pic-

write — and she seemed con-

would see the photos and be

mad. One time she said to me.

tures, what I was going to

cerned that her boyfriend

"You missed that photo

One girl came down from

him hit the deck.

Top: Krista and quy in porn industry, middle; Bottom left: Bear Paw mixing a mimosa in bowl

asked if she could do it again, and she responded, "You There were fajitas on the table with other snacks. There

opportunity. I just licked this

other girl on the face." I

were two trays of brownies, and I grabbed one. Later, the brownies ended up on the front porch and a cat was sniffing them. One of the girls (they all appeared to be in their early 20s) was upset, thinking her cat ate one. Somebody else said, "Yeah, I heard that chocolate isn't good for animals." The concerned girl responded, "It's not the chocolate I'm worried about. These brownies have pot in them. I don't know how that will affect the cat. I sure hope he didn't eat one."

Along with this crowd having bodies covered in ink, one guy had large loops inside his earlobes. I asked if it hurt having them put in. He said, "No, because they gradually make the loop larger. When I had them put in two years ago, they were small. Each time I'd go back, we'd put in a larger one, so they would slowly stretch the lobe out."

One guy just recently got a tattoo. He lifted up his shirt, and I could see where

could crush anyone like a beer can who are always the nicest.







the hair was shaved on his stomach for the tattoo. It said "Diarrhea." I asked if that was a band he liked. and he said, "No, I just wanted to have the word tattooed." I heard another guy say to his friend, "Damn, why didn't I think of that? That's so funny." Another responded, "Now you need to have toilet paper tattooed around it."

I followed Bear Paw into the kitchen to watch him mix his concoction. I was laughing as he poured an entire bottle into his bowl, which he held like a king holding a giant goblet. Another guy was in the kitchen munching on a brownie. He said, "This is

my second one. These are good." Somebody said, "You know there's pot in them, right?" He started freaking out, saying, "Damn it! I could get in trouble at work. They do random drug tests."

I found out he was a carpenter. I asked how often they get tested, and he said, "Not that often. But if anyone gets hurt on the job, they automatically test every employee."

I was surprised to see one person at this party who was a UCSD student. These guvs looked like the Ramones, not UC students. He was telling me something about people being

forced to live off campus once they become juniors or seniors, because of a housing shortage.

Since this party was so close to the bar Scolari's Office, they were talking about going up there later. One person

passed out on the couch. And the guy who kept falling down was now walking with a limp. The cat looked fine. And Bear Paw was smiling, with a girl resting her head on his shoulders. I was thinking as I drove away how

The guy who kept falling down was now walking with a limp.

informed them that the place's cabaret license recently expired and they weren't having live music. As I left for my next party, they were discussing where else they could go. I glanced around, and one guy was

it's the big guys who look as if they could crush anyone like a beer can who are always the nicest.

And when I got to the next party, which was off **Crown Point in Pacific** Beach, my theory was confirmed about big guys.

There was a guy who was 6'4" sitting on the porch. He looked just like Jesse Ventura, and when I told him that later, he said he always hears that. He said in a deep voice, "Great, you brought flowers. That's going to make us all look bad." But since Krista was a friend of a friend who I had met a number of times at different parties, I had to show up with something.

Jim, the Ventura lookalike, was one of the most interesting people I've ever met. He knew so much on such a wide variety of topics. At one point he was explaining why cigars from Cuba were

better than other places (because of the soil). Another guy brought up steaks, and Jim was talking about different cuts of meat like a butcher. And he knew a lot about literature, old movies, and every other topic under the sun. He went to Helix High School and graduated a vear before Bill Walton. the Basketball Hall of Famer whose son now plays for the Lakers.

Jim kept bringing us shots of vodka that were in weird-looking shot glasses. They were really long, with a big base at the bottom. Someone said, "You go to parties all the time, and you've

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never seen shot glasses like this?" I could only handle three of these shots. They burned in my chest the second I downed them. Jim told his wife to throw it back, and she said, "I like to sip my shots." He laughed.

I met one guy who told me he used to work in the porn industry. He asked me six times in five minutes not to use his name. I told him this is the third party I've been to where I met somebody in that business. He didn't tell me anything I hadn't heard before, aside from some really decadent parties he went to — think Eyes Wide Shut. I laughed

when he told me they have an award ceremony called "the Grabbys."
When we were on the back patio, I asked if the few people standing there minded if I smoked a cigar. He responded, "Do you mind if I fart?" I said no and lit up.

The guy who worked in the porn industry was gay. And people were making fun of him about different things. He had a great sense of humor and was self-deprecating. At one point he said, "I need gay friends instead of all you straight guys."

One guy came into the back yard carrying a keg and Jim said, "Good, you brought some beer."
He replied, "Well, enough
for me, anyway."

One girl was passing out Jell-O shots. A girl with a thick accent grabbed a fork to eat one. I asked her why, and if, dark skinned and very pretty. I couldn't understand her completely, but I think she said she was born in India and raised in France.

Krista's boyfriend grabbed some spinach

He rolled up his sleeve as I tried my best to laugh naturally and wipe the flop sweat away.

when she gets a regular shot, she uses a straw to drink it. She said, "I'm not a slob. Where I'm from we eat with forks." She wanted me to guess where she was from, and I said Germany. She was

salad and was picking at it. He said, "I don't usually eat vegetables or fruits of any kind." He picked up a leaf and ate it. He said, "Hey, that's not that bad. But am I supposed to eat the mid-

dle part of the stem?"

Jim's wife brought a bunch of deviled eggs, and I asked Jim how many of those Paul Newman would be able to eat. Without missing a beat he said, "I think 84. Wasn't it 42 eggs he ate [in the movie Cool Hand Luke]?"

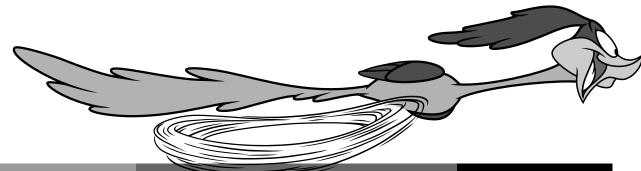
When I was getting ready to leave, somebody said, "Don't say that Krista turned 36. Why don't you say she was turning 26?" I saw Jim going in to grab a beer, and I told my friend who showed up late how Jim made an excuse not to arm wrestle me when I challenged him earlier. He stopped and took off his

jacket. I started getting a bit nervous, especially when I saw his muscular arms. He rolled up his sleeve as I tried my best to laugh naturally and wipe the flop sweat away. But when he rolled up his sleeve, he pointed to a giant scar that went up his arm to his shoulder. He explained how he'd had surgery on his rotator cuff.

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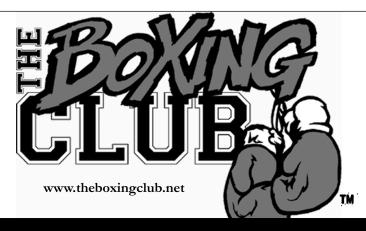
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BARBARELLA'S BLOGS

Barbarella began keeping a blog, or Web log, in 2000. The following are selections from her website, *http://barbylon.diaryland.com*.

2003-11-04

I AM Corybantic

The word of the day is "corybantic," defined by AWAD as "wild; frenzied; uncontrolled." Named after some psycho goddess who performed "ecstatic" dances. Okay, WHY am I just now learning this word? I could have used this when I lived in Los Angeles, you know, back in my corybantic days, when I would party corybantically all weekend. What a waste.

Well, at least I have a way to describe myself accurately in retrospect, in my memoirs perhaps. We all think we're so fucking interesting, don't we. I admit it. I find myself endlessly fascinating, which is one of the reasons I journal so much. It entertains me to document my interesting thoughts and poignant recollections. It makes me feel like I know myself. Knowing myself helps me figure out what I want and how I want to be.

I'm happy this morning because I am. That's all. Two little words. I am. Any words after those two, will be put there by me and me only. That is what I will believe, that is what I will become, and that is what will dictate my actions and my feelings.

What do YOU say after "I am?" Think about it. Because that's exactly what you are.

2003-04-15

2003-04-22

Impending Surprise and Me So Happy

Friday night, I'm taking my father out, something I can't write yet, because from time to time, I think he reads me, and I want to keep the surprise. Speaking of which, Dad, again, if you happen upon this, all this talk and poetry about sex and slaves, it's fantasy fodder for writing. RIGHT. Your daughters are clean and good and hardly naughty at all. Well, three of them are. But that doesn't mean the fourth is ME. We all remember the fruit-fly ratio, right? One out of four. Hee hee. So, special night out with Dad, and he's going to shit his pants when he sees where I'm taking him. That's a figure of speech, in case you thought my father had weak bowels or something.

Last night, I reached a point of extreme happiness. Warm inside, with the cool rain pattering on a sky light, tapping against large windows, comfortable, safe, with M.s.'s head on my leg, looking up at me and talking excitedly about the stock market. I was so overwhelmed with joy that my eyes watered. He didn't notice, which was good, because I didn't want to explain my predicament, I just wanted to experience it. I burned the moment into my brain, I tilted my head back against a pillow and smiled into myself, and I could feel the core of me smile back.

It's rare that I can release everything in the world and surrender to the moment. Happy moments are so much easier to get lost in, though, and yesterday, I was so lost in the moment that Sherlock himself could not have found me.

2002-10-25

A Ride to the Airport with Dad and Peter

This morning, before work, I took my father to the airport. I finished the last page of a novel just as he was making his way out of his room with all of that luggage. I've been wanting him to hear a particular song from Peter Gabriel's new album, "Up." The song is called, "I Grieve," and after listening to it MANY times, I was sure Dad would love it. Before he had the car door closed behind him, I put it on and asked him to start listening (short drive to the airport, long song). The song begins softly, and as Peter's voice filled the space in my car, a stolen glance at my father confirmed that he was already sucked in.

Down Washington Street, Peter lugubriously lamented, words of loss and anguish, depression and loneliness, anger and frustration. Helplessness. "So hard to move on. Still loving what's gone. They say life carries on." I repeated the words Dad didn't catch, driving home the point, that this is a song about the loss of a loved one, about the process we go through. Denial - "nothing yet has really sunk in" Anger - "final rattle rocks its empty cage, and I can't handle this" Grief - "Let it out and move on" and finally, after turning onto Pacific Highway, the healing began, when the beat picks up and Peter sings of the many ways in which life DOES carry on. And the last words, "Did I dream this belief? Or did I believe this dream? Now I will find relief. I grieve."

The song ended just as I was pulling up at the terminal, and I peripherally watched my father wipe the tears from his face, touch the cloth of his sleeve to his eyes to soak up any residual moisture that may be gathering. He mentioned wanting to share the song with his sister, all of our family back east, all who are drowning in grief, gasping for relief but every time it shows up, in one form or another, some choose to dip their heads back under the water. Something comforting in sadness, I guess. I can understand that, to a point. Sometimes, it feels so good to hurt, to touch raw emotion, whether it be overwhelming joy, or gut-wrenching pain.

I got out of the car to give Dad a proper hug, to hold love for a moment. He told me, as he always does, to tell my sisters that he loves them (he always wants that to be the last thing he says, should anything, God forbid, ever happen to him). Then, walking back to the car, I smiled as I called out, "oh, fuck off... What, don't you know that means — I love you and I'll miss you? But really... have a safe trip, Daddy," hopped in the car and drove away, leaving him to stack his many bags on his little-wheely-carry thing. I'm going to miss him while he's gone.

2002-10-16

Coffee Talk

Someone found my site here by typing, "I have a wedgie" into their search engine. Gotta love it.

Okay, this is the deal — the water cooler/coffee station is outside my office. Not close enough for anyone standing near it to be right by my door, but close enough so that sitting between my two desks, I can HEAR EVERYTHING that is said in the coffee corner. Sometimes, like this morning, for example, I arrive very early to the office, in hopes of organizing my To Do's, settling in slowly into my work mindset, catching up on emails, writing this, etc. Not many people come in early. So, not thinking anyone is



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around, the things that these catty, smallminded ladies say at that coffee spot are outrageously petty, and I get to listen to all of it.

I always thought that age, where a woman is concerned, is just about synonymous with "grace." Holy shit, are these people bad examples of that. Psst! Psst! MEOW! No wonder

they call their half of the upstairs floor the Cat Box. I must say, though, I can't help but be amused, and I tend to stop typing, fuck, stop BREATHING, when they're out there. I listen to it all.

2003-04-28

The Surprise of a Lifetime!

I pulled off the surprise

of a lifetime! Cut to Friday night: My father and I sat in the front row at Copley Symphony Hall. Spanish music played on the speakers, the room was filling up with a mixed crowd, the show was about to start. I said, "Turn around, Dad. Look at all those people. Sold out show. And here you are, in the front row,

the only fucker in this

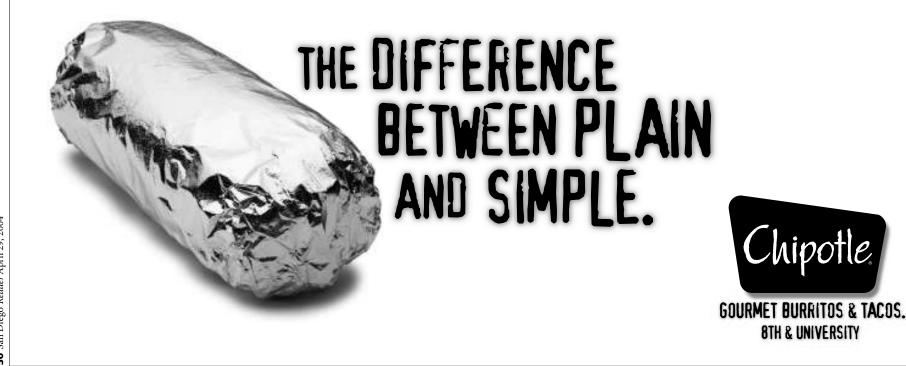
BUILDING who does not know who he's here to see." Let me backtrack a bit, before you draw the conclusion that my father is "slow," because he's not. This venue is nice, upscale, there is no marquee. After a lovely dinner, we headed downtown, scored a parking spot that was closer than the venue lot, and entered the building. I told the ushers not to mention her name, this is a surprise for my Dad, I said, and they were excited to help me.

They said, "Just don't let him look over there." In one spot, there was a picture of her. Nothing else in the building indicated who was singing. The screen on stage read, "Solo 2003" and that's it. The

Spanish music was misleading, and my father had no clue. Then, they came out, the back-up singers, the musicians, and the stage became backlit, as right in front of us, an androgynous creature emerged. The face was a black silhouette, the lights behind too bright, and then, she sang her first note, and right as the lights illuminated her from the front, a matter of maybe ten feet in front of us, my father exclaimed, "ANNIE LENNOX!? I LOVE Annie Lennox!" That's right. Not until the diva sang her first note, did my father figure out who I was taking him to see. What a GREAT show it was, what a WONDERFUL time we had, what a PERFECT surprise.







2004-03-15

Zsa Zsa and More!

My weekend was MOST eventful! Ah, it's been a long time since I've packed a weekend so tight with wonderful people and events. Friday night, I dined with Honey, and boy did we DINE! Indulgence was the word of the evening, from chocolatinis to chocolate cream crepes, delectability was palpable in the air. It was wonderful to spend time with Honey, catching up and sharing stories. As we received the check, I was told dessert was on the house due to my

V.I.P. status. Hmm? V.I.P.? I grilled the waitress on just how I obtained this status. She said the woman who took my reservation on the phone wrote my status by my name, and then she made reference to her knowledge that I was involved in a neighborhood business. Probably the gallery, I told her. She introduced herself, shook my hand, said it was a pleasure to meet me and skittered off to other tables. I, of course, was glowing. I do not pretend that I do not totally get off on being very important, in ANY

situation. I constantly maintain my intrinsic self-importance to prepare for situations just like this.

Ah, but part of me is kidding (can you guess which part?) I arrived at M.s.'s just in time to say goodnight to his mother and whisk him away to a gathering in honor of Evan. That's right, Mr. Bluetech was kicking off his European tour at Fizgig's Palace, and friends were gathering to wish him well. We stopped in briefly, and I received more shit than I needed for leaving so early. This is the deal —

I don't have time for all the parties, and I'm beginning to find them boring.

Saturday was wonderful and full, and M.s.'s cousins came down to join us for an evening of art and dining. From Ray at Night, to Parallel 33, to Extraordinary Desserts, our evening was full and decadent. Great friends appeared, great hugs were exchanged, a beautiful necklace was purchased (and is on my neck right now), and great laughs were had. What fun!

Sunday we had dim

sum and then hit up the Farmer's Market in Hillcrest! Sunshine, people all about, and wonderful colors and things to look at! I love it all. A relaxing afternoon, and then dinner at El Zarape. Quick, in-and-out, and yet plenty of time for my car to be towed. That's right, my car was towed. I should have paid attention to the signs, so I was only pissed at myself when I discovered another car in the spot where I had parked mine.

Yes, deus ex machina! Another towtruck appeared to tow the car that took my spot, and I talked the young man into giving me a lift to the tow yard. He helped me save a LOT of hassle. M.s. and his mother walked to get coffee while I went about my adventure of the evening. As tow-man #2 was filling out my paperwork (another blessing, because tow-man #1 called him and asked him to stay and wait for our arrival), I couldn't help but balk at the charges. My voice was slightly raised, but more in incredulity than anger. He felt bad, and I realized it's just his job,





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Shit happens, and I learned an expensive lesson. But all is not lost! We finished up the night with a funny movie, and overall, I think My love's mother had a fabulous visit. And, I think she likes me. But really, people... how could she not?

2003-03-19

Reptilian Desires

I want to walk barefoot on the grass.

I want to press my cheek against the warm concrete of a sidewalk, just as the sun begins to disappear over the horizon.

I want to lay back, smile and sigh. I think I might just do that... right now.

But it's going to be hard to pull off the sidewalk thing, what with people all around... why do I care? I'm going to do it. The last time I felt warm concrete on my face I was a child, lying in the driveway of my house, loving the heat that the man-made rock-ground gave to my goose-bumpy arms. I remember wishing I could have every part of me touch it at the same

I guess that's the dragon in me.

2002-11-26 2002-11-27

Word Processing and Sex Toys

Shit, I just made the mistake of glancing to my right — glimpse of dictator, just waiting for my thumb to slide the knob into the perfect red circle so that it can hold my

voice, answering silly and redundant questions in legalese, just long enough to play back for the lovely woman who will type my words. You know, I insist on doing the typing, I ENJOY the typing. But, because it's so much faster for everyone else to dictate, it's assumed that this would also be the best method for me. It's a damned good thing I like the sound of my own voice, and an even better thing that our lovely word processor doesn't mind my ridiculous anecdotes between memos and letters. I do it for the knowing look in her eyes when my finished documents are delivered. Ah, the simple things in life.

The sex-toy party was cozy, intimate. You

do NOT understand the restraint I showed by not walking out with some phallic-buzzing-item stashed in my purse. I'm such an exemplary citizen and sex-toy party participant. But now I know where she lives, and I know where those toys are. And I just can't make any promises that I won't be back there, sneaking around and trying the door handles (to see which one is OPEN, you pervert, not for anything else, I mean, a door handle is a FAR cry from a parking meter).

2003-09-11

Remembering **Jeffrey**

A few weeks ago, my grandmother died. I hardly batted an eyelash, and even the one batted

was more for the guilt I felt for being happy about it. Here we are, though, exactly two years from the day I woke up to find out that Jeffrey was one of the firemen that was in the building that collapsed, and the slightest reminder brings tears to my eyes. Of all the things I feel like I control, I never pretended to believe that I could control my emotions.

Some of my family is at Ground Zero today, paying respects, remembering, reliving, mourning. Like so many other innocent people, doing their jobs in the building, Jeffrey died while doing his. His body wasn't found at first. My cousins searched Ground Zero every day, finding unspeakable

things, pieces of people, fragments of life in the rubble. They didn't wear masks. They didn't miss a day. They were exhausted, but driven to find him. Candles were lit, prayers were recited, and finally, a month later, a funeral was held. After the funeral, his body was found, crushed, along with a handful of other firemen and a few civilians. Closure.

I wrote about it then, and as I write about it now, I see the story hasn't changed. The family is torn apart. People are angry, devastated, stuck. Unable to heal or let go, but how can you blame them? I'm distraught with the pain and the memory of the entire tragedy, the loss of a cousin I loved,

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the pain of going back to see where it happened, the sadness of the ceremonies. I'm able to move on and let go. Things might be different if he had been MY son, if it was one of MY sisters. So I can't urge them to "move on." I can never understand that level of suffering. Though mine is true and real, I would never think to compare it with the vast depth of torment that my aunt is experiencing. That my cousins are experiencing. I can't imagine the trauma. I feel for my family. I want for them to continue to

live and laugh as if Jeffrey were still here.

But he was the one who always made everyone laugh. I don't have any answers. I know that thinking about it makes me cry. I know that I feel pain and loss and sadness. I know that nothing can bring him back. I know that he liked to see us laugh. I know I wish to see my aunt laughing again, to see the family together in laughter and love, which is how I grew up knowing them.

I know I need to stop typing about it, stop thinking about it, because I'll never get any work done today if I continue to cry like this.

2003-04-24

You're GAY! Why, Thank You.

Speaking of gay, have you noticed that the definition of the word, "gay" is morphing? Yes, yes it is. Before, if you called someone "gay," especially on the east coast, it was synonymous with "stupid," "dorky," etc. But recently, I am seeing "gay" used as a complimentary word. For example, the "gayest heterosexual." My straight

male friends take it as the highest compliment when others think they are gay (in the homosexual sense). Why? Because now, being gay is associated with having style, looking good, feeling good, being outrageous and free, and being surrounded by that rare breed of women who are not only beautiful, but also FUN. See what I mean? You KNOW it's true.

Soon, you'll hear, "Hey Bob! Looking mighty *gay* today, have you lost weight?" And the ladies will say, "Wow, have you seen Albert? How *gay* is he, right? YUMMY!" Trust me, vou'll see.

Alright, what do we have here? People to annoy me, check. Hot tea, check. An attitude that will either have me being worshipped or murdered by the end of the day... CHEEYECK. Let's get started.

2002-12-20

Oysters Are Yucky

"Sometimes I think we're alone in the universe, and sometimes I think we're not. In either case, the idea is quite staggering."

— Arthur C. Clarke, science fiction writer

Must be a Brit. No, I'm not planning on jumping into any heavy subjects here — the only reason I wanted to share this quote is that I love the way the Brits talk (e.g., "quite staggering"). Who uses the word, "staggering?" Lovely.

Last night was fun and relaxing, with My snobby s sharing oysters with us. M.s. got those oysters from friends in Martha's Vineyard and had Spider Monkey & OH over to share in the tasty enjoyment of them. I took their word for it, as the idea alone of the snotty ocean slime that







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fills those gorgeous shells makes me go "Ew." I was quite proud of the cheese log I brought, and content with my array of fruit, bread, cheeses and dips. Plenty of flavors kept me occupied as my friends and lover slurped away on these muchtraveled oysters.

The entire while, I chanted in my head, "The time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things..." the scene in Alice in Wonderland when the Walrus and the Carpenter trick all the little oysters into being their dinner. I like that scene.

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who inherit the future. The learned usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists."

— Eric Hoffer

Headline: "Love Canal Declared Clean, Ending Toxic Horror." Clean canal, eh? No dirty toxins to fear? Hmm. This is the best headline all week.

So things are smoothing out at the office, we had a nice little meeting yesterday to air the dirty laundry (stinky stuff) and suggest solutions. Personally, I feel a lot better. I'm still trying to detach from negative emotions, especially those of guilt or regret. Sometimes, it is the act of taking care of yourself that teaches others how to take care of you. If I say through my actions "It's okay for you to treat me like shit and talk to me the way you do," I have no right to be upset. In the past, despite my upsets or hurt feelings, I would continue to put myself in the path of their source. I'm sick of getting run over, so I am leaving this path until I sense the road is clear.

My Irish father

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spent the green holiday in an Asian country. His Irish daughter (moi) forgot to wear green. Shh, don't tell.

Why do I care so MUCH what people think about my intentions? Why do I get SO upset when I'm not understood? Huh? Why do I stress over such silly little things that no one else seems to care about? I agonize over tiny decisions that involve any type of interaction with others in my life. Agonize. Worry. Stress. Why? Yes, because I care, but can I care TOO much? When I care so much I don't sleep at night because it distresses me so much to be misunderstood, I wonder if other people bat a lash at this kind of thing. I honestly believe I'd rather care too much than not at all. But man, it's really starting to wear me down. I need to find a happy medium. I need to stop worrying how someone is going to react to my honesty. The truth hurts sometimes, you know. But it also helps, if you're interested in being helped of

For those who don't

course.

want to change - it just hurts, and for those who don't want to listen and try to understand, those wounds never heal. On a brighter note, things are always wonderful with my love. He makes me so very happy. Everything that is already wonderful and amazing, he makes even better.

2002-11-18 Seminars and Slaves

So, I went to LA for a seminar on Mass Tort Litigation (and learned that "mass tort" means "big wrong"... poignant).

I'd have to say that the highlight of my two days up there was a brief interaction I had with a coworker — allow me to try and capture it in dialogue format for you:

Me: Fumbling around in my makeup bag for lipstick during one of our little breaks.

Coworker: Looking into my bag as I dig, "God, girl! What are all those keys for?"

Me: "Oh, these?" I hold up a ring of little keys, and nonchalantly reply "I've got a slave shackled in my room

upstairs." Back to digging.

Coworker: Laughing HARD "God, Barb, you are SO funny!!!"

Me: Not having the energy to explain to her that I'm telling the truth, "Yup! You know me... ahh! Here it is..." I apply lipstick as the speaker returns to the podium, my coworker still giggling at my "hilarious improvisational skills," as I smile dreamily to myself and take up my pen for notes... end of scene.

2002-09-24

Thoughts on Religion

"If the secret sorrows of everyone could be read on their forehead, how many who now cause envy would suddenly become the objects of pity."

— Italian proverb.

I'm in a constant conscious battle to make sure that my choices are based on what I want, and not what I think will be approved or disapproved on a general level. Separate, as church from state, your mind from society. It CAN be done, it's just... really, really hard.

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I really need to be more accepting of other people's religions. It was so hard for me to keep my mouth closed when in casual conversation, I discovered a coworker to be Mormon. But you know what? If it's not pushed in my face, why should my ideas and beliefs be pushed in theirs? As strong as a bible-thumper's conviction that he is right, is as sure as I am that he is wrong. So, it's good for me not to get in those little discussions. Ah! Coffee on the new outfit! I'm sure on some universal level, that bitch of a "god" just cracked a joke, with me as the punch line. Ooh, wiping off without a trace. Good one, Lordette. You almost had me there.

2002-10-04 **Man-Blood**

I feel GREAT this morning. I've been gradually feeling better, from the beginning of the week to the end, and here it is -Friday. I have this *just*try-and-fuck-with-me attitude on today, I think that's the result of the accumulation of being fucked with all week. The attitude has caused me to groom myself into a severe look. Slicked back hair, tiny specks instead of my funky glasses — black pant outfit, black boots. Light, glossy lips instead of my signature red. Two people asked me if I got a facial. Let 'em wonder.

On the phone with Spider Monkey yester eve, we agreed that it



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would be wonderful if every man, just for one day, could experience the full throes of menstruation. No, we wouldn't require that they go through it every month for the bulk of their lives, we wouldn't even require a full week (not even counting before and after, pre and post, my friends, no, not even that), just one, simple day. A day of excruciating cramps, seemingly non-stop blood flow from your "special purpose" (reference The Jerk), odd food cravings, being pensive, emotional, tears for no reason, anger for seemingly naught. Yes, we are in agreement. And not because we wish for our counter-gender to suffer, no, not that. Just to UNDERSTAND. We believe that one day, with all symptoms, would achieve this for womankind. And that, my congregation, is the word of the Barb.

Alright, onto your weekend, you! Go! Do with it what I would do — you know, live it up. Because I just may be taking mine down a notch and finishing another book. I trust that whatever I do, it will be wonderful. I hope for you the same, inevitable results. Inevitable, because we expect no less than wonderful. And good or bad, we ALWAYS get what we expect, whether we think so or not.

2002-12-24

Growing Pains

"Depend upon it that if a

man talks of his misfortunes there is something in them that is not disagreeable to him." — Samuel Johnson

I can see that, Mr. Johnson. Great name, by the way. There are some people I know who seem to only talk of hardships. Granted, we all have them now and then, interspersed with "easyships" (Barbarism), but our hardships are just so much easier to point out and talk about, aren't they? As if we only have real news if something tragic or difficult is occurring. Which reminds me of another Mr. Johnson quote, "Adversity has ever been considered the state in which a man most easily becomes acquainted with himself." I used to think that one could ONLY grow from the pain and difficulties of life. Sure, they are necessary, and because of this I have greatly appreciated on some level ALL of my pain and sorrow.

But I'm noticing, at this point in my life, that there are other ways to grow as well. Those are the ones I'm working on now.

2002-10-31

Halloween in the Office

Okay, I succumbed to the ultimate Halloween copout — I dressed as a Fetish Monster to work today. C'mon, give a girl a break, I needed something QUICK! And it's not like these people know any better. Although, something

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very interesting happened just now by the coffee machine. A female coworker, the same one I'm practicing "domination in the office" on, was unbelievably and hyperbolically FREAKED OUT by me. In a squirmy, can'thandle-it sort of way.

But her reaction was

strange for someone

merely freaked out.

She looked at me and she literally backed into a corner. She said, "This is too much, this is too much, why couldn't you dress as something innocent?" Then, she asked where I got the jewelry and accessories, and when I told her, she almost hyperventilated. There's NOTHING odd about where I got the things I have (which for information's sake were a string of innocuously named stores in L.A.). It was the fact that I already had them that freaked her out the most, and I must say, the more she backed away, the more I stepped toward her. She was in

between two file cabinets and when I asked her if she wanted me to tether her there, if she would feel safer, in a calm and even tone of voice, she grabbed her coffee cup, removed the pot while it was still brewing and streaming out, filled her cup, put the pot back on the burn from where the liquid just dripped, went into her office giggling hysterically and closed the door. Odd.

2002-10-28

Divas & Delectables

For your randomvoyeurism-of-my-personal-experiences pleasure, I offer you the following tidbits and peeks into some recent Barbarella interactions:

The 4 Points of Diva-dom (or, four necessary steps to being a Diva) as Cited by Gino:

1. Learn to accept compliments — say, "Thank you." And leave it. No explanations, no stories, no arguments. My, you look lovely today. THANK YOU.

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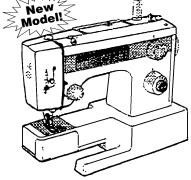




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2. Accept gifts with grace — same basic principles as above. No, "you shouldn't have," no worrying about what you need to give, just accept what's been given to you; and accept it graciously.

3. Do NOT care what ANYONE has to say about you. Positive or negative. If you know there was talk, you are NOT curious about the subject. You do NOT care. It does NOT affect who you are, or the Diva you will be.

4. Never, EVER, point out your self-perceived flaws. No, "I wish this mole wasn't here," no, "I hate my thighs," NOTHING negative about yourself. You are a Diva, and Divas don't have "flaws." All you do is call attention to your insecurity, thereby giving others no choice but to see you as a pathetic girl, with possible potential once said-flaw is eliminated. Divas do NOT wait for perceived flaws to magically "disappear" before allowing themselves to be Divas. They

just ARE.

After citing the Points, Gino properly dropped to the ground and genuflected, announced that he was "worshipping me properly," and then got up, gave me a hug and flittered back to the dance floor. Good times, good times. Hee hee. Like I wasn't going to put THAT in.

2003-01-08

Dental Prep

"When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you." — Lao-Tzu

I made an appointment with the Dentist for Friday. You don't want to know how long it's been since my teeth have seen a doctor. I can't remember the last time I was this nervous for anything! I told them on the phone, though, I told them that lecturing me is not an option. "I'm already turning myself in, I know I don't take care of my teeth, so don't rub my nose in it." I indicated that I would

walk out at the first sign of a lecture, and I mean it! He took it well, said, "Sure, we look forward to seeing you again!" I wonder if they realize I'm an adult now. I haven't been to this office since the last time I got my fake front teeth fixed.

That would be the 6th or 7th time I had gotten my fake front teeth fixed. Then, a dentist in Beverly Hills a few years back for some SERIOUS DEEP cleanings, and I never went in to get those cavities filled. Shit. Cavities.
ARGH! Wait a tick...
Nitrous. I just have to
focus on the nitrous and
I'll be FINE. I wonder if
I should bring my own
cracker & balloon, no,
they have those masks,
don't they...

2003-03-10 2003-03-25

Update and Mortality

I needed these last few days like a nun needs a vibrator. Whew! I feel the exact polar opposite of how I felt on Friday, thank Fucking Christ

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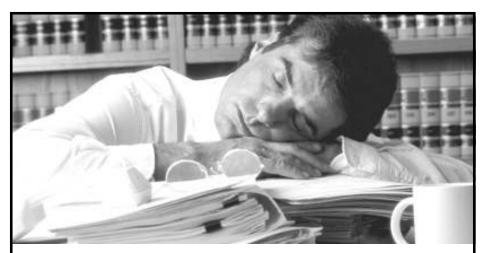
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I rallied in a big way, and went to see Bunky at Scolari's Office. After a few cocktails and some warm-up bands, I was relaxed and ready to boogie. Ollie, Ronaldo, and M.s. were a wonderful crew to kick it with, and we had MUCH entertainment outside of the music.

There was this rocka-billy kid trying VERY hard, and getting phone numbers from giggling girls with short black bangs. A LOT of numbers, for someone who Ron quickly dubbed as a "poser." This kid was hysterical, and it was fun to catch snippets of his pick-up lines and watch him fidget and fix his holster (that's right, the boy had a freakin' gun holster around his rocka-billy tight pants), mess with his hair and put his hat on, take it off, put it on, take it off... it was hypnotic, and satisfied my people-watching desire to the fullest.

On another note, this morning I thought of what I would do if I knew this was my last day to be alive. Not a good thought for some-

one as introspective as myself to have, you know. I thought, "I know what I'd do... I'd cry. For the entire day. I'd stress and worry and watch the clock." So basically, what I'm saying here, is if you ever find out that I'm about to die for any reason, just don't tell me, I'd rather not know, because I know myself too well. It's an interesting thing to ponder, though, because I strive to have no regrets. Thinking about the finitity (Barbarism) of life keeps me in the mindset of wanting to go out with no regrets, which leads to me taking care of more shit than I would otherwise. It's an exceptional mind-fuck, and I am constantly masturbating in this way.

2003-04-25

Nerve Racking 101

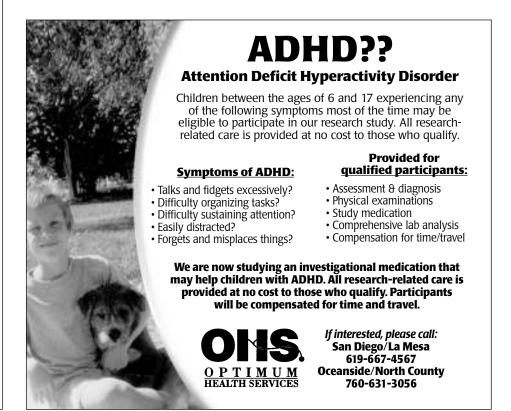
The definition of "nerve racking," as defined by situations occurring this morning — when a lawyer walks into the office late and says, "Look through these files! I have a hearing that I have to leave for in 15 minutes and though I pored over these files ALL night, I can't find what I need!" It's your

job to keep the files organized. Everything should be in its place, but its possible that something could have been removed and not replaced. You say, "I'll find it!" and begin searching furiously through the files. The lawyer says, "Do you REMEMBER having seen it? I can't work like this! Why isn't everything in its place! I can't ask the judge for dates when they should be in my own file! How could this happen? If you took it out of the file, why wouldn't you make a copy and keep the original IN the file???"

You are frazzled, your heart is beating fast, pounding with the strength of indignation and the energy of fear... did you see it? You say, "I can't recall. I just don't know," because if you say that you did see it, you're responsible for where it is. If you say that you didn't see it, when it's found, you're fucked. Lawyer makes a call... looks like they never sent it. All this drama for nothing.

TWO MINUTES later, call from another lawyer... judge kicked a case out, do this, do that, write this, call this per-

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son, then prepare this paper, email this, call this court, send this out, oh, and while you're doing all of that, could you stand on your head and hum the soundtrack to *The Firm?* Great.

AT THE SAME FUCKING TIME that you're on the phone with this second lawyer, your call is interrupted by the local court why isn't a lawyer there? Opposing counsel is there... someone in the office (or a handful of people, it doesn't matter now), made a clerical error and no one is left to cover a hearing. You get off the phone, you run around, you find the file, you call lawyers on their cell phones, you find one to take care of it, they're just ready to leave and then... the guy on the phone says, "you know, don't worry about it, we'll continue this until the 9th." Big, heavy

THAT'S nerve racking. I feel traumatized.

2003-09-25

Warm Fuzzies on My First Anniversary

After our first date, everyone I knew heard about this "unreal guy" who put raspberries in my champagne and showed me a fetish collection worth drooling over. Everyone I knew heard about every little, tiny wonderful thing he did or said to me. I talked about my obedient new slave as though he was this temporary toy, and a part of me believed he was. I never kept any for very long. But then...

Enter LOVE, stage left. My slave became my boyfriend, my boyfriend became my BEST friend, and then my best friend became my very "significant" other. And yet, he is still all of those things, in every way. Sigh. I never said I wasn't sentimental. I didn't want to leave the bed this morning, relishing a moment of bliss, embracing M.s. beneath the soft blanket. Mmm, I'm in a dreamy mood this morning.

I'm a very happy girl.

2003-11-24

Girls and Science It's a GIRL!!! IT'S A

GIRL! Isabella Maria was born to my sister Janemarie early this morning. I haven't been able to see her yet, but after work I'm heading straight over to the hospital to take a peek at my first niece!!

Psst.. between you and me, I was really hoping she'd have a girl. Now I have a niece and a nephew! Just in case little Liam turns out to be a heterosexual, I now have someone to teach the art of makeup to! Whew! Unless, of course, little Isabella is a lesbian. Gee, that would be quite the quandary. But I trust my uncanny wit to figure out a master plan that will ensure my entertainment throughout the raising process of my sisters' children. That's right.

Monday, no work! I love having things to look forward to.
According to an article I read yesterday, knowing that there will be fun and/or joy in your future is good for you on many levels scientifically. I pretty much already knew that, though it's always nice to have scientific back-up.

2004-02-18

The Locked Box

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professional life at this time. No matter how hard I work each day, there is always more to do, and something done was done improperly, according to at least one person at any given time. M.s. told me, "just keep swimming, just keep swimming," echoing Dory, our favorite fish from Finding Nemo.

Frustration can be debilitating. Lack of control chips away at my motivation. Stress has become a fixture on the wall in my office. School is going great. I've received a perfect score on every presentation and every paper in this class. The last comment on my last paper was, "where do we go from here?" This is what happens when you are a better writer than your instructors. I caught a few mistakes and grammatical twists after rereading my "perfect paper." Hmm. Some of it just has to do with preference, I guess. I'm sure they read more for content than style anyway.

It's like two fucking extremes here. At school, I can do no wrong, and every assignment I complete is literally the "best" that these teachers have seen, and I've actu-

ally been told that by more than one of them. Then, there is work. Everything I do here is inept, incomplete, needs to be reworded, re-written, re-packaged, redone. I can do nothing right, and every day I am lectured on the importance of whateverfuckup-the-day-hasbrought-to-us. Anywhere where you have employees who have been around for over 10 years, you are bound to have people settled into their ways and resistant to change.

Here I come, new ideas, new concepts, varied experience, and I can't apply it anywhere. I would settle for getting through a day with the feeling, the recognition, of having done something well. Something is amiss on one side of this extreme. If I am such a stellar student, how is it possible to be such a poor employee? Either I am being graded way too easy at school, or expectations at the office are painfully unrealistic.

I'd be happy with a middle ground for now. Until I figure out where I'm going and what the hell I'll be doing, I'm stuck with what I'm doing NOW, and I need

to make the best of it before I can move on to any other place in life.

Today, I will sit in my locked box and continue to attempt to carve a key from the wood around me with the tools I have at my disposal.

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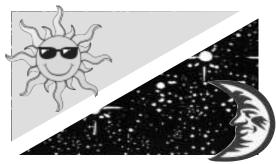
My Good Life

Okay, I need to stop reading the news. An article about a burglary, where they actually wrote, "... carried a shiny handgun," has me stumped. Is the word, "shiny," necessary here? It just seems so misplaced, so incongruous with the article's content. The evil, sneaky burglar had a shiny gun and beady little eyes that glistened in the darkness. Is this the news or an elaborate short story? I'm having a massive multiple brain-fart... no more news for me this morning.

I was in a meeting the other night (you know, the big meeting in which we aired our dirty laundry?) and at one point, my boss said, "We all want better lives, so we all need to work together so that we can have them." This is when

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I interrupted her -"Actually, I have a pretty good life," I said quietly with a smile. She replied, "Well not everyone can have a perfect boyfriend and a wonderful life, BARB, so fuck off for this part, the rest of us need better lives." She was kidding, of course, and we all laughed. But I wasn't kidding. I have a pretty good life, and better yet — I know it.

2004-03-24

My GOD, You People!

"Life is like a library owned by an author. In it are a few books which he wrote himself, but most of them were written for him." — Harry Emerson Fosdick

What a name, Fosdick, what a name. Alright, America... what is it you are so afraid of? That if we take the word God out of the pledge of allegiance, we will all become heathens? Do you worry that the other countries will think we've strayed from the flock? "Almost nine in 10 people said the reference to God belongs in the pledge despite constitutional questions about the separation of church and state,

according to an Associated Press poll," is what the article reads. Yes, but nine in 10 people (how consistent we are to MLA, sweet Tribune) are ignorant and narrowminded.

Don't you see the contradiction? They embrace the idea but cannot accept the reality. Yes, separation of church and state is a wonderful idea! What? You're going to CHANGE things? What will happen? Who will we become? But isn't this supposed to be GOOD? Good-GOD, I simply don't know what to do because I'm a narrow-minded traditionalist with absolutely no adaptability! Help, Supreme Court! HELP!

This will be interesting. If we follow the rules to the letter, we will find that it is, in fact, not constitutional to keep the word in our pledge. It is no surprise that more college graduates agree that the word is inappropriate given America's conviction that it is the melting pot of the world. And it doesn't surprise me either to find that bornagain Christians are the most up-in-arms over the word's removal.

Did I tell you I recently read The Life of Pi, by Yann Martel? Fascinating read, really. One of my favorite passages was about the strong belief by most who practice religion that other religions are somehow wrong. We know nothing of tolerance. We know nothing of acceptance.

Removing one religious symbol after another from our legal proceedings and from our schools is merely a step towards becoming who we think we already are. For all of you who balk and resist, for fear of the slippery slope, I must say the following: you know nothing of God, and you have no right to decide his language or her people.

2002-10-01

Friendship and Love

I'm very happy with my friendships lately, on very many levels. Recently, I overheard someone say that she couldn't find many "quality people" in San Diego. I say, you have to BE a quality person in order to find one. And seeing as I'm surrounded by so many wonderful, fabulous,

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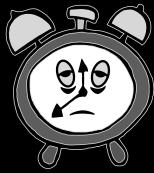
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So I leave you with this on a dreary Tuesday morning (that I'm almost desperately hoping will turn into a rainy Tuesday afternoon): Consider the people around you, wherever you are, whatever you do, and if your considerations keep turning up negative traits, ways they are not meeting standards, ways they just don't understand, areas in which you find them "unfit," this means you have much work to do

in this life yet, and much loving and accepting of vourself to learn. On the contrary side of things, if your considerations reveal happiness and love, talent and appreciation, and yes, I'll go out on a limb here and say I fit in this latter category, then it is my opinion that you are on the right track. And you know what? Even if you're NOT, and I'm wrong in my little conclusion, I'd still rather be in the latter category. It's just so much more peaceful.

Think about it. Tell someone you love them today, and more importantly, MEAN IT. Trust me, it feels good.

2002-09-20

Loving Me

I've got to go to a client's house in a bit here. I'm a little concerned, because these people don't speak and/or understand English that well. Hmm. Should

prove interesting, to say the least. Yesterday I went to a lovely old couple's home, and though the meeting started off a little rocky (with a complaint for the way a case was handled), it ended with a thorough tour of their home, complete with pictures of family and then I was loaded with homemade strudel and reluctantly sent on my way. You know, it's one thing to joke around and say that I'm a people-person, that everyone loves me, that I can put a smile on the dourest of faces... but when something like yesterday happens, I can only be reassured that my statements, however they may sound, are mostly true. Do I believe other-

wise? That I can be strongly disliked, that I can put a frown on someone's face, that I can be misanthropic and even... evil at times? Sure. Just not as much. And we all like to focus on the positive, don't we? Great. I love you too.

Note to readers: if you don't actually love me, then replace "I love you too" with "I am apathetic to your life and its happenings, your feelings and thoughts, your opinions and everything else about you also." Then sit back and realize that you're still reading. Which means, c'mon, you gotta like me just a little. ■

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eventeen-year-old Mallory Andrews, a 12th-grader at Torrey Pines High, intends to "study something biology-oriented" after high school. She's been a cheerleader for three years.

Was your mom a cheerleader in high school? "Yes."

Do you recall what inspired you to try out for cheerleading? "Yeah, my mom. She was a big influence. I wouldn't have done it otherwise. She pretty much told me to."

What is your specialty on the squad? "I am a base; so when you throw girls, I am on the bottom. I also really like doing all the dance and gymnastic

stuff in routines."

Have you ever been injured while doing a cheer?"No."

What's the most embarrassing moment you had while doing a cheer? "I don't know."

What's the most embarrassing moment you've seen another cheer-leader have? "Freshman year, we had ladders that we stood on for a routine, and we were facing the game. There was a golf cart behind one girl's ladder, and



Mallory Andrews

when she got off the ladder backwards, she ran into the golf cart."

What sacrifices have you made in order to be a cheer-leader? "I've cut down significantly on my dance. I used to dance a lot, for many hours."

What is the most difficult aspect of being a cheerleader?

"The most difficult aspect would probably be getting stuff organized with the amount of girls we have, to get things done and get people to do work."

What is the best part about being on the squad? "I've made a lot of lasting friendships and just the whole performance aspect of it."

What is the worst part about being on the squad? "The amount of time it takes up. It takes up so much time and it is so much work that it is hard to do anything else."

Recall the typical foods that you eat on the day of a game. "Nothing."

How many hours before a game do you stop eating? "No such thing."

Has the weight of a cheerleader you've known ever been too much or too little? "No."

Have you ever had a boyfriend on the football team? "No."

What kind of gossip most often circulates among cheerleaders? "None. We're not stereotypical like that."

Would you like to be a cheerleader for a professional football team? "No."

Do you feel that there is a negative stereotype aimed at high school cheer-leaders? "My freshman year, there was a negative stereotype. We were looked at really badly. We weren't organized. People didn't take us seriously. Other stereotypes about cheerleaders being dumb and ditzy completely come from those teen movies. They aren't true."

arah Danielsen, a 17-year-old senior at Torrey Pines High, wants to be an elementary school teacher. Danielsen began cheerleading when she was 13.

Was your mom a cheerleader in high school? "No."

Do you recall what inspired you to try out for cheerleading? "I think I tried out because of my friends. A lot of my friends were trying out, so I figured it would be fun." What is your specialty on the squad? "I do everything, but I am mostly a flier."

Have you ever been injured while doing a cheer? "I haven't really been hurt, but one time I was dropped on my head. The guy didn't really catch me, but I wasn't hurt from that or anything."

What's the most embarrassing moment you had while doing a cheer? "Maybe falling or something."

What's the most embarrassing moment you've seen another cheerleader have? "Maybe doing the wrong cheer compared to everyone else."

What sacrifices have you made in order to be a cheerleader? "Time commitment."

What is the most difficult aspect of being a cheerleader? "The time commitment. Also, staying in shape the whole year..."

What is the best part about being on the squad? "Making friends."

What is the worst part about being on the squad? "Time commitment."

Recall the typical foods that you eat on the day of a game. "None."

How many hours before a game do you stop eating?"None."

Has the weight of a cheerleader you've known ever been too much or too little? "I don't think so."

Have you ever had a boyfriend on the football team? "Yes.... The bad part is the whole stereotypical cheerleader—football player couple thing. The good part is you actually know someone you're cheering for."

Have you ever faced criticism from other cheerleaders because of who you chose for a boyfriend? "No."

What kind of gossip most often circulates among cheerleaders? "Probably gossip about each other; talking behind people's backs."

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Do you feel that there is a negative stereotype aimed at high school cheerleaders? "It's getting better over the years. People used to think that cheerleaders were ditzy, slutty, and easy."

oway High sophomore Caroline Lopez, 15, would like to be an interior designer one day. She started cheerleading two years ago with the California All Stars

Was your mom a cheerleader in high school?"No."

Do you recall what



Caroline Lopez

inspired you to try out for cheerleading?"One of my friends was a cheerleader and he wanted me to try out."

What is your specialty on the squad?"I fly and I tumble."

Have you ever been injured while doing a cheer?"Yeah, last week I broke my knuckle. It got smashed in a toss."

What's the most embarrassing moment you had while doing a cheer? "Probably when we forget a cheer at games."

What's the most embarrassing moment you've seen another cheerleader have? "At a competition, there was a guy tumbling and his pants fell down to his ankles.'

What sacrifices have you made in order to be a cheerleader?"I had to quit both gymnastics teams I was on, and it's a big time commitment. I don't get to spend as much time with my friends."

What is the most difficult aspect of being a cheerleader?"The whole thing is really hard. You have to have strength and endurance."

What is the best part about being on the squad?"The sensation of winning. It's a cool feeling when we win at competitions."

What is the worst part about being on the squad?"The hours it takes and the things you don't get to do because

Recall the typical foods that you eat on the day of a game. "Red Bull."

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before a game do you stop eating? "We eat right up until the game."

Has the weight of a cheerleader you've known ever been too much or too little? "Sometimes. You can't have a flier that's too big."

Have you ever had a boyfriend on the football team? "Yeah. It's really fun to be able to cheer for him. It's bad because he might be able to see you mess up or do embarrassing things."

Have you ever faced criticism from other cheerleaders because of who you chose for a boyfriend? "No, definitely not."

What kind of gossip most often circulates among cheerleaders? "Probably talk about other cheerleaders."

Would you like to be a cheerleader for a professional football team? "No, I wouldn't, but I would want to cheer in college."

Do you feel that there is a negative stereotype aimed at high school cheerleaders? "Yeah. Everybody thinks they are dumb and ditzy."

pril Bacuetes, in 12th grade at Poway High, is 17. She hasn't yet decided on a profession after she's done with school. She's been cheerleading for six

Was your mom a cheerleader in high school?"No."

Do you recall what



April Bacuet

inspired you to try out for cheerleading? "All my friends were doing it, and I had just gotten out of gymnastics, so I had nothing to do with my time, really."

What is your specialty on the squad? "I am a flier."

Have you ever been injured while doing a cheer? "No, but a lot of close calls, though."

What's the most embarrassing moment you had while doing a cheer? "At the homecoming game, we did a back-tuck basket. I had just learned to do it. I did it wrong, and I ended up falling through their arms and onto the track. The whole crowd was silent and staring at me."

What's the most embarrassing moment you've seen another cheerleader have? "At camp, this one girl was trying out for all-star cheer, and she just could not remember the cheer for five minutes. She just kept forgetting."

What sacrifices have you made in order to be a cheerleader? "Life. I can't have a job. It takes up a lot of time."

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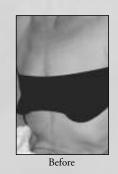
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cheerleader? "The fact that you have to work with so many different personalities. We are together for so many months, and there gets to be so much fighting."

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What is the best part about being on the squad? "The experience to look back on."

ficult aspect of being a

What is the worst part about being on the squad? "I really don't know. Probably the gossiping of the girls."

Recall the typical foods that you eat on the day of a game. "None, really."

How many hours before a game do you stop eating? "We don't stop eating."

Has the weight of a cheerleader you've known ever been too much or too little? "On our squad, it has never been an issue."

Have you ever had a boyfriend on the football team? "Yes; nothing is really good or bad about it; it's just normal."

Have you ever faced criticism from other cheerleaders because of who you chose for a boyfriend? "No, not really."

What kind of gossip most often circulates among cheerleaders? "Just normal girl gossip."

Would you like to be a cheerleader for a professional football team? "I'm still thinking about it. I may try out for the Chargers."

Do you feel that there is a negative stereotype aimed at high school cheerleaders? "Yes and no. It depends on what school you go to. Our school likes us."

senior Mario
Bialostozky, 18,
intends to be a doctor
one day. He's been on
the cheerleading squad
for a year.

Was your mom a cheerleader in high school? "No."

Do you recall what



Mario Bialostozki

inspired you to try out for cheerleading?"Well, my friend wanted to try out, and I was against it because I didn't want my friend to be a cheerleader. I challenged her and said that if she tried out, then I would try out as well, so she decided against it then. But then some people encouraged me to try out when I was just playing around and doing some jumps...."

What is your specialty on the squad? "I do the stunts, which is holding up people; and I tumble, like doing back flips and front flips."

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sports, and during that time, I also had track practice and I had to manage that with cheer."

What is the most difficult aspect of being a cheerleader? "Especially at our school, especially at basketball games, the crowd doesn't get into it. You are supposed to be cheering and the crowd doesn't respond, but you have to keep cheering and it gets

annoying."

What is the best part about being on the squad? "I don't know. Everything."

What is the worst part about being on the squad? "Probably that you have to cheer for the basketball games. They are boring and we don't do anything. We just stand."

Recall the typical foods that you eat on the day of a game. "None."

How many hours before a game do you stop eating? "We don't stop eating."

Has the weight of a cheerleader you've known ever been too much or too little? "Yeah. Well, a lot of fliers, they weigh so little, weigh too little for their size."

What kind of gossip most often circulates among cheerleaders? "Probably about their own boyfriends or girlfriends and about other people on the squad."

Would you like to be a cheerleader for a professional football team? "Probably not."

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CHAPTER 30 Fish Eye

Charlie Ryan, who charters his shoreboat to fishing parties, has built a fishpool of his own in his backyard, and that is just one more of the things I do not understand about him.

He said he built the fishpool for his little girl, which is true enough. But he hangs around the rim more than she does, although after all these years of going to sea for fish I should think that by now he would be pretty sick of looking at any more.

But he built the pool all in one night. His little girl had been to a party where there was a fishpool in the patio. On returning home she told her father all about it and asked him for one. He said: "All right, then." He just had time to reach the lumber yard before it closed, and he bought two sacks of cement and seven sacks of sand. He dug for two hours making the pit, and the rest of the night he spent mixing the cement and plastering it over the sides and the bottom, three inches thick. He cemented a yard of pipe through the side for a drain, and when morning came there was the fishpool. He said he was almost as surprised as anybody to see it there.

Later he put in a lot of large stones, making tunnels and caves underwater, and he put in some water lilies, the kind which float around on bulbs and do not need to be planted on the bottom in cans.

When he took me to his home to look at the pool I first protested about going. I am not interested in fishpools or in fish either, and told him so. But he answered that I would be interested in these. He said they were not the ordinary kind. But what he really meant, I discovered, was that they were so ordinary as to be unordinary. They were not goldfish. They were trout, ordinary trout. And I am sure that if the pond had been filled with salt water instead of fresh water he would have had everyday mackerel inside there, the same kind which sports fishermen do not bother bringing home, but throw back into the ocean dead.

"But, Charlie, what's the idea? People don't keep trout in pools as fancy as this."

He explained that he had intended to be practical, that he would like fresh-water fish around whenever he wanted them as a change to what he caught at sea. He wanted fresh trout as a surprise whenever he had company.

"I'm company," I smiled, not expecting him to answer me seriously.

"No, I'm not ready to eat them vet. Maybe later. We've talked it over." "Who's talked it over?"

"That's just a joke. I meant the fish and me. Listen." He knelt down at the pool so closely that his chin almost rested on one of the stones. Two of the four trout stared out at him from beneath a cave. Their tails waved slowly behind them and they exchanged looks with him look for

"Am I to be eaten today, Charlie?" said Charlie in a diminutive and twisted tone.

"No, not today," said Charlie to the fish.

"Thank you, Charlie. But how about tomorrow?"

"Well, that's something else again. We'll see how you behave."

"We'll behave all right." That tiny

"Then see that you do."

"We'll see. And thank you. Thank you very much. And maybe the day after the day after tomorrow you'll not eat us either. What do you think?"

"I think the four of you are trying to get promises from me you don't deserve. You're trying to work me, but we'll see."

With that he arose, grinned, and



studied me:

"Damn it all, but do you know I get a lot of fun being silly around them like that."

"Not silly at all." For I could see he was embarrassed. "There's sometimes a lot of fun in things besides eat-

"No, I think my mind's finally on the skids. Too much fishing. It gets us all in time, you know. Yet it seems odd as hell that this is the first time I ever paid attention to fish. They've always been just slabs of wood to me. No nerves, no desire to

They do have expressions, an expression of immense and sudden suffering.

live, no nothing. Just food floating around the same as apples grow on trees."

This simile, I admit, puzzled me,

as never before had I ever heard fish described as apples on trees. We walked away from the pool, then, and went inside the house for a pitcher of Dago red. I did think, though, that I understood what he had in mind. For often I, too, have been astonished at the indifference with which the lives of fish are handled, no romance whatsoever being attached to their suffocating deaths. But this was the first time, the very first time, I ever had seen an inkling of a similar opinion in another. I never have had the nerve to express my own fleet thought out

> loud as it made me feel a bit foolish, even thinking of it to myself.

> But on fishermen's wharf day after day I see the fish, stiff with ice, hauled aloft and loaded into hand trucks for the wholesale markets across the street. And at the

canneries the same thing happens, only there the fish are placed on endless chains for the last ride. And dead fish do have expressions. This expres-

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sion is frozen right into them, for so quickly are they alive one moment and in ice the next. They do have expressions, an expression of immense and sudden suffering, and surprise, too, all frozen in the eye. But so many of them are killed at once that, like soldiers left on a battlefield, they could not possibly have suffered individual pain, and I feel sheepish even to have given it a moment's thought.

But still the eye of a fish is a beautiful thing, yet to say so would produce only laughter, although nobody of my acquaintance could make one. And so I know at times that I am a bit off, all right, and poor Charlie must have felt he was becoming the same way, neither of us understanding how a person who would be indifferent to a pack could become attached to individuals segregated from the pack. He did not understand either, apparvessel did this, twice a week for ten years, five months, and four days. Then it happened, and now the double bottom of the liner is held by sharp rocks and a shoal of sand. Before daylight this morning the liner cut too close to shore in a fog. Not a heavy fog, but enough to hide the lighthouse on the point.

All day I have been working on the story. The Navy radio operator telephoned me at five.

'You better get to your office," he said. "You might want to put out an extra."

I waited for him to explain, but a little of the actor is in him and he was waiting for the proper suspense. He was waiting for me to ask what had happened, and this I did ask.

He told me then, quickly, all he knew. I hurried and dressed, and as I dressed, the newspapermania in me said: "What a story." And another part

Dragging the cat backwards along the deck, the monkey would gallop as fast as possible forward and aft.

ently, because after awhile he returned to the front room from the kitchen. He asked me to stay for supper. He urged me to stay. And as though to redeem himself for his afternoon's display of weakness we had fish. Without my knowing what he was doing he had asked his wife to prepare them. And there they were on the table, the four trout, one for him, one for his wife, one for his little girl, and an extra one for whoever wanted it.

CHAPTER 31 Unfriendly Companions

Someday something would happen to the liner, we all knew, because she was so regular. Such regularity as hers did not belong to the sea. Her regularity belonged to trains or to subways, but not to tides and currents, wind and fog.

The liner arrived at eight in the evening and departed at nine in the morning. Twice a week the of me said: "It isn't true, of course."

Even after all these months of expecting the thing would happen, the actuality was too surprising to believe. For this liner was no ordinary coastal liner. Her sides were of such clean white that they dazzle when struck by the sun. The liner has operated out of here for so long that it is part of the harbor, the same as the sand bar, the same as the channel beacons.

The liner itself will not really be missed until next week. We will start to miss the vessel then, for its familiar berth on the south side of the main pier will be vacant. On Tuesdays and Fridays we will look for the liner, but it will not be there.

The vessel belonged to the Navy for awhile and had for mascots a cat and a monkey. The two would have gotten along all right together except for the monkey. It would wait until the cat was asleep on the

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deck, then the monkey would sneak up and with its tail grab the tail of the cat. Dragging the cat backwards along the deck, the monkey would gallop as fast as possible forward and aft. Sparks would fly from the cat's claws whenever they crossed steel, and whoever was around would try to put a stop to the affair. But the monkey was too fast, and would not release the cat until near a ladder. Then the monkey would let go and scamper up into the rigging.

The cat, its dignity hurt beyond words, would sit below the rigging and wait for the monkey to come down, which the monkey would not do. That is, until after the cat pretended to go off into hiding. Then the monkey would screech a tremendous screech and dash down to within a yard of the deck, but no further. For as sure as anything there would be the cat waiting. It had leaped out from its hiding, as the monkey knew the cat would do.

This game would last to unendurable lengths. But once the cat did not dash out from hiding. And the monkey, bewildered at the absence, dared for once to come all the way down on deck. The cat, coming from nowhere, dove at the monkey then and would have caught it, but the monkey leaped down a hatch into the engine room.

The monkey was not used to the engine room and was frightened of the moving crankshaft and flywheel, and ran into a cubbyhole and hid. For two days and two nights the monkey hid there without food or water, and did not come out until the vessel reached port and the engines were brought to a stop. This was the cat's revenge, though whether it was fully satisfied none of us know.

Until today I almost had forgotten this incident. But in doing the rush work on the wreck I was amazed how often the episode of the cat and the monkey returned to me, though of course I could not use the episode in my news copy. The old affairs between a cat and a monkey do not insert themselves well into a story involving the rescue of five hundred passen-

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gers, or to be exact, four hundred and ninety-six passengers. But the history of the liner (and the history I had to write today too) is hardly complete without the two unfriendly companions. I must record them somewhere, if merely for myself like this.

CHAPTER 32 She Made Him What He Was

The shoreboat from which we distributed Johnny Lafferty's ashes is No. 34. He owned the boat. His wife thought nothing would be more appropriate, then, than to have the ashes distributed to sea from there.

She made an occasion of it, for the shoreboat is large, almost as large as a cruiser. Enough room was aboard for members of the women's auxiliary of his lodge, and also for as many men members of the lodge as could get away in the

satisfied. She had him change his fisherman's clothes for a white uniform and a white cap, and she had shoreboat No. 34 refitted into an excursion boat for taking tourists around the bay.

Johnny in his white suit would stand at the wheel and answer their questions. He would describe the harbor's "principal points of interest," and usually Mrs. Lafferty would make the sight-seeing trips with him to see that he was speaking his pieces rightly. She had him join a lodge too, for she was a hard worker and believed in causes and fellowship.

In place of an ordinary canvas top, she had the excursion boat decked with a striped awning trimmed with tassels. It was quite conspicuous and quite gay, and whatever objections Johnny may have had to his new life he con-

In place of an ordinary canvas top, she had the excursion boat decked with a striped awning and trimmed with tassels.

morning.

"You were quite a friend of John's," she said to me. "Why don't you come along and write it up for the paper." I tried to get out of it, as the affair was hardly news, and the trip outside and back would take two hours. But Mrs. Lafferty is Mrs. Lafferty, and with her the best way is to accept with eagerness and to hope to get out of it later by having something unavoidable happen, such as a ship explosion. For Mrs. Lafferty is a woman about whom may be used the word "determined."

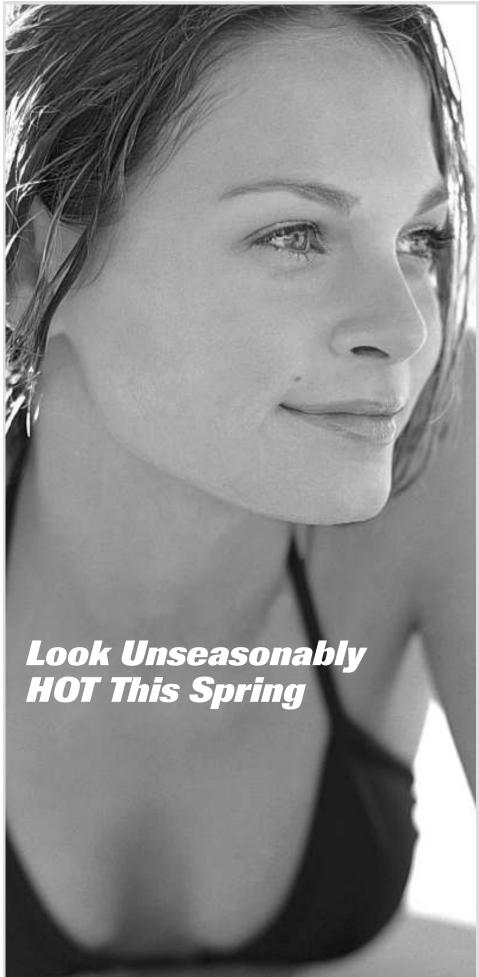
She is broad-shouldered and has the gait of a man. She married Johnny five years ago when he was only a lobster-fisherman. She made him what he was. She brought him in from the sea and had him trade his lobster-boat for shoreboat No. 34. In this he carried passengers for awhile out to the warships. But Mrs. Lafferty still was not

cealed pretty well from us. This perhaps was wise of him, for Mrs. Lafferty is not much given to being contradicted.

"Oh, Johnny," we would say, when she was not around. "Don't forget it's lodge-meeting night tonight." Or sometimes we would address him as Captain Lafferty because of the brass lettering she had placed on his cap.

And then one morning he was found stiff and smiling in his tiny engine room forward. He had died of fume-poisoning, supposedly while preparing the motor. But the forward portholes were closed and so was the hatch from the inside, closed and fastened with a hook. A monkey wrench was in his hand, he was curled over the flywheel as though working, and because of these facts the coroner gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Mrs. Lafferty arranged the funeral, first the cre-



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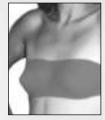


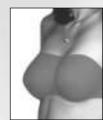
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AMERICAN EXPRESS mation, then the scattering of the ashes at sea. That his ashes be scattered on the sea, the same sea which he had deserted, was at his own written request. And Mrs. Lafferty graciously conceded him the favor.

She asked me to bring a news photographer on the trip, but to this I had to draw the line. The story was not worth it, and so I had to tell her that all the photographers were busy at a trial in the courthouse. She did not believe me, of course, but a commercial photographer did come along, one she hired herself.

When shoreboat No. 34 reached a point several miles beyond the bar, the engine was stopped. The photographer set up his camera, and Mrs. Lafferty with the small urn of ashes took her position on the starboard. Somebody dared tell her that a widow really should let others attend to the actual scattering.

"I was his wife," she answered with a tone to which there could be no reply.

The camera was ready, so was she. But meanwhile the boat, not being under headway, had swung around a little with the wind. Both the pilot and I wanted to shout to her to get on the leeward. We started to shout, but knowing her the way we did, we held our voices. She flung the ashes as though they were grass seed, and like grass seed they were blown back into the boat, and poor Johnny Lafferty went over everybody.

During the awful silence on the way back to port the pilot whispered to me: "She messed him up even to the very end, didn't she?"

But Mrs. Lafferty had her own interpretation. Cornering me before we reached the pier she said: "Now, there's a point you can use in your article, young man. How right up to the last minute John didn't want to leave the boat he loved so well."

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Aftermath of 2003 Ramona fire

"I dreamed that we had a fountain on our roof," she said. "We'd just push this button and out would come this spray of water, pssssssht, far up into the air and all over the house."

We both laughed at the idea. We were acclimating to the Southern California weather after relocating from the cool dampness of northern Europe and were experiencing the punishing heat of August to October. Ramona is a hot place, and for some reason our home's little microclimate is a bit hotter still. We've seen 100 degrees in February and had highs in the 100s for a week straight. Our local record is 117 degrees. It was not surprising that my wife, Diane Conklin, would dream of cool fountains. Having one on the roof, well, that was a bit odd.

We knew that we were moving into fire country. Joe, the builder and former resident of our house, was forthright about the fires that had raged through the area. He'd taken precautions, though. Our house was built on a large pad that he'd planned to be "large enough for a fire truck to turn around in." He'd done some clearing. We were concerned about the rows of eucalyptus surrounding the house. I'd seen an Australian documentary in which people described how eucs would explode during a fire. Some of ours were within 30 feet of the house. "If you're worried about that, cut 'em down," Joe the builder told us.

Our house overlooks thousands of acres of Coastal Range wildland. Staring at this every day, particularly during the arid heat of late summer and autumn, Diane began to plan for fire. We were strangers to Southern California and needed to know what we were up against. She called the California Department of Forestry (CDF), and Fire Captain Ron Sarrabia was kind enough to come out to our place to assess our fire risk. We are perched on a ridge between the oak-lined canyon of Mussey Grade Road and the deeper, rocky Kimball Valley. Looking across the valley to the wall

facing us, Sarrabia told us that it held a 30-year load — 30 years since the last fire. Load to a fire professional means fuel, which in this region of California means life itself. That which

Sarrabia didn't think so.

Over time, we cleared the land. We are sensitive to the need to clear with care so that the environment we chose to live in is not destroyed by our

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grows here burns. Fire in the California backcountry is an inevitability. Thirty years of fuel meant that when something happened, it was going to be big. He recommended more clearing. Diane asked about whether we should cut down our eucalyptus.

choice to be here. What is known in some circles as brush-clearing is known in others as habitat loss. We moved out into nature to enjoy it, not to destroy it. But here is the bitter fact about living in natural places: you must kill nature in order to live in it.

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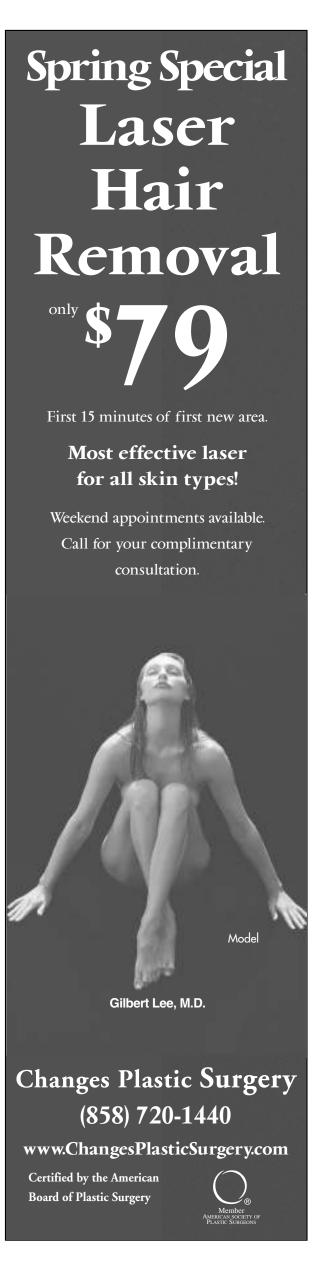
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After some heated arguments about what to clear, we came to the following compromise: I would go around the borders of our land and mark what was to be kept. The rest would be cleared. Chamise is the most common chaparral plant in our area, and also the most flammable. For this reason it is also called greasewood. It had to go. We thinned the sumac, scrub oak, and coastal sage (Artemisia californica). We kept our stand of mountain mahogany, our ceanothus (the native lilac), and monkey-flower. We paid particular attention to eliminating fire-ladders: paths by which flames could climb from bush to tree limb to crown.

In February of 2002 fires ravaged the town of Fallbrook. Forty-two homes were lost. A friend videotaped the news coverage. We repeatedly watched film shot from a news helicopter of houses burning on a ridge very much like ours. There did not seem to be much of a difference between the homes that were lost and the homes that were saved. Not only that, we noticed that the houses burned while the trees next to them including eucalyptus did not. Only the houses burned. Diane drove to Fallbrook and talked to some of the neighbors. She learned that some houses were saved because of the extraordinary efforts of firefighters and those who stayed behind to fight the fire themselves.

We also learned from a tape released by the CDF dealing with home protection in wildfire-prone areas. In addition to clearing, which creates what in their lingo is known as "defensible space," they recommended other measures, such as blocking vents during a fire and boxing in eaves. Embers, it was claimed, would creep up into the eaves and start a fire. They also recommended tacking a sprinkler on the roof if there was time to do so.



We made a list of the tapes' suggestions and laid out our plan. We would box in our eaves, put a door over our attic vent, and put a sprayer on the roof. We were going to get our fountain on the roof, after all. Diane arranged with Lars Mitchell (no relation), a local contractor, to mount one up there. Well, I thought, it wouldn't cost all that much. But then, thinking about it, I realized it wouldn't work.

San Diego County had recently been hit by the Viejas and Fallbrook fires. In each, the fire had been driven by the Santa Ana winds, which whipped the flames forward at up to 40 to 50 miles per hour. With winds like that, any spray from a sprinkler on the roof would simply be blown off of the roof and downwind. Likewise, any under-the-eaves conven-

hope for any structure caught in one of those. However, many homes are burned by flying embers. The structure is showered with burning embers, and it only takes one to land in a combustible spot. Then, fanned by the wind, it starts its own fire within the house and the house is consumed.

We had cleared. We had defensible space. Our house, despite being a ridge home, was in fact sited quite well. Joe had put the house and pad on top of a large granite outcrop, which would help to deflect the hot air and flames rising from the floor of the valley below us. Yet our house was all wood, and it would only take one stray ember to burn it down. Embers have been seen to burn homes up to half a mile from the fire front under the proper wind

We live on what is known in fire-fighting parlance as a "chimney" — a funnel-shaped gouge that cuts into the canyon wall.

tional sprinkler system would simply have its water splashed up against the house over a much smaller area than it would in the absence of wind. I told Diane my belief that sprayers would not work in realistic conditions. "Fine," she said, "then you figure out what to put up there!"

I consulted with Art Bale, a recently retired CDF fire captain in our neighborhood, and we had a couple of long and very productive talks about wildfires and how and when structures burn. He affirmed one key point, which, if anything, should be the main point of this article: most structures that burn in wildfires burn during high-wind conditions. Some are caught in the rolling firestorms — whole areas that spontaneously combust. There is not much

conditions. Our chaparral is considerably closer than that

Embers, though, are easy to put out, and they can only burn dry materials. I thought we were safe on direct flame and heat, so long as our trees did not burn. All we would have to do is find a way to protect the house from embers.

So how to wet down a house in a hard wind? The answer is simple: spray water into the wind and let it blow back on the structure. I ran it by Art, and he thought it would work: Install water jets directed outward under the eaves, and activate this spray as a fire approaches. The winds would blow the spray back onto the house on the side that the embers are arriving from. And what if there is no wind? Well, then it doesn't work — but on the other hand, if there

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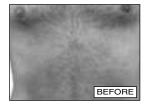
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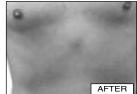
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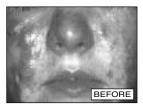
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is no wind, where are the embers going to come from?

I explained the concept to Lars, our contractor, and had him build a small prototype with a variety of sprinkler head spacings. Lars found a number of irrigation nozzles to try. The ridge on which our home sits is one of the windiest places I've encountered in San Diego, and it wasn't long before nature provided a realistic situation for me to test the concept. Lars found some nice, adjustable 45-degree irrigation sprayers. I found that at around one gallon per minute per nozzle and a 45-degree spray, if the nozzles were around eight feet apart, I'd get complete surface coverage in a 20- to 30-mile-per-hour wind. Adjustability is important, since we would wnt to balance the spray from all of the nozzles as well as to adjust for the structure's geometry. I investigated nozzles used in fire systems, but these require an excessively high water-flow rate. They are designed for fire suppression, whereas our system was only designed to extinguish incoming embers. Putting out a fire requires a lot of water. Putting out a match — even a lot of matches — does not.

Now the idea was that, in a fire situation, we'd turn on our system, get in the car, drive away, and let the house defend itself. But wait: where would the water come from? We already had a pressurized system and small storage tank to counter the inadequate water pressure we had from our city water line. We called Steve Grasilli of Ramona Pump and Supply, our plumbing contractor, and asked him for a 5000-gallon tank and a much more robust pump to handle the needs of our fire system. He installed a two-horsepower Flint & Walling pump and the water tank. Meanwhile, Lars and his colleague Andy set about installing our under-the-eaves sprinkler system and boxing in the

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eaves in one operation. The system consisted of two main lines of copper pipe going up the side of the house to the roof, then converting to 1" PVC piping under the eaves. Our roof structure is complex, and there were a couple of branch points in each line. The sprayers, as stated, were eight feet apart. After installation, Lars and Andy adjusted each sprinkler head individually to get an even spray around the house. Each sprinkler head protrudes from 1" to 3" out from beneath the eaves, so that the blow-back spray would cover the roof. When

we first tested it, I marveled that it actually worked, and in a strong breeze the house siding became thoroughly wet, as would the roof and under the now-blocked eaves. At full spray, the full system put out something less than 30 gallons of water per minute. That would give our tank a lifetime of three to four hours before our water supply would be exhausted. I couldn't help wondering, though, if the whole thing was a little stupid.

We had the system in place while the Pines Fire ravaged the backcountry near Julian in 2002. We were still very nervous. Our sprinkler system had an Achilles' heel, and we knew it. In an emergency, the power company would typically cut the electricity so that live power lines would not be falling to the ground in a fire, making a dire situation slightly more dire. No electricity, no pump — and no pump, no sprayers. Our system would only work up to the point that the power was cut, and after that the house would last only up to the point where the desiccating wind sucked up the last ounce of water from the

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"I'll give it a good test this weekend," I told Reinhard, "and let you know how it goes."

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up the canyon wall. We live on what is known in firefighting parlance as a "chimney" — a funnelshaped gouge that cuts into the canyon wall. At one side of the funnel live Joseph and Marcia. At its apex live Shawn and Holly, who rent the modular home there. On the other side, perched on our boulder, is our house. Our driveway skirts the edge of the funnel before intersecting Kimball Valley Road our escape route. In a fire, the flames would shoot up the chimney, sealing off our escape if we dallied too long.

"Don't expect CDF to help you," warned Art, the former fire captain. We didn't. We'd butted heads with CDF on safety issues before. Diane is a local activist, and we'd highlighted the dangers of packing more density into our heavily forested, singleescape-route neighborhood. The CDF bureaucracy had been less than helpful.

We live near the end of a heavily wooded box canyon, a couple of miles from where the old stagecoach road dives into San Vicente reservoir. When, on occasion, we met a fire official and told them where we lived, we'd get an odd look. There would be a slight roll of the eyes, or a shake of the head, or a softening of gaze. Nothing would be said, but the message was clear: Man, you don't know what you are in for. But they were wrong. We did know. We'd seen it, in our nightmares, in our dark imaginings.

On Saturday I tested the system. After running for about five minutes or so, the Generac began to backfire slightly. I'd have to call Reinhard about this on Monday, I thought. Diane had been out and arrived back at around 6:30 p.m. She called me out onto the driveway to look at a thin column of smoke out in the distance, to the northeast. Santa Ana winds were predicted to start soon. This was not good. "Where are the bombers?" she asked

The fire burned as so many had before. The potential for a Santa Ana, though, had us on edge. Nevertheless, it was far away. I went to sleep at 10:00 p.m. Diane said she would join me shortly.

The phone rang at

midnight when 911 returned Diane's call. The winds had whipped up at 11:00 p.m., and the fire had begun to move. San Diego Country Estates, a development east of Ramona, was being evacuated. Almost 10,000 people live in Country Estates. We drove out there to assess the situation, and as we approached, the occasional car became a continuous line of traffic. The entire development was being evacuated. Never in our five years of residence had we seen a full-scale evacuation. We turned around before we became stuck in the traffic. I was getting nervous. The wind was

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blowing in from the northeast. After Country Estates, we'd be next.

We arrived back home to find Kimball Valley filled with dark smoke. For me, this was the most frightening moment. Fire and flame I could deal with, so long as I could see how far off it was, judge its position and speed, estimate the risks. Hidden behind the dark veil of smoke, there was a hidden threat, a threat that could engulf us at a moment's notice or perhaps not for many hours. Fortunately the wind shifted a short time later, affording us a clear view of the approaching conflagration.

I began to pack the cars. Diane began to telephone and to join me in packing as well. We had a little time. We could judge what things were worth keeping and what could easily be replaced. We worked efficiently, and even the dog was calm.

At Diane's suggestion, we began operating the system intermittently, wetting the house while city water was still flowing. We took the furniture off the porch, removed the

propane tank from the grill, put out ladders, disabled the propane tank line to the house and the garage-door opener, shut the attic door, to Muth Valley and beyond.
We thought that the firefighters would try to hold the line at Wildcat Canyon Road and at

Thirty miles of flame stretched before us and marched toward us. It was terrible and beautiful at the same time.

and made sure all doors and windows were closed. To the east, the fire raced along the horizon, past Barona reservation, down

Barona Casino, to the east of the ridge above Kimball Valley. If that line failed, there would be nothing to protect us. We saw the flames rise and descend on the ridge behind Barona. After that there was only a red glow. Then, flames appeared on the ridge between us and Barona. The fire was coming.

On the far rim of Kimball Valley, the flames rose 100 feet into the air. I watched the fire devils spiral and dance on the ridge, a ridge not unlike our own. We both saw this and knew that our preparations were paltry in comparison with this immense force of nature. Thirty miles of flame stretched before us and marched toward us.

It was terrible and beautiful at the same time. All of the gorgeous life surrounding us was being consumed, and in its final moment it was burning with a brightness and poignancy that confounded us with wonder. Our house was doomed, that was obvious. All that we knew was being burned away. We finished packing, made final phone calls. The fire was a third of the way down into our valley, and we thought it would be much faster coming up than going down. At 4:00 a.m. it was time for us to leave our

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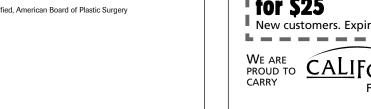
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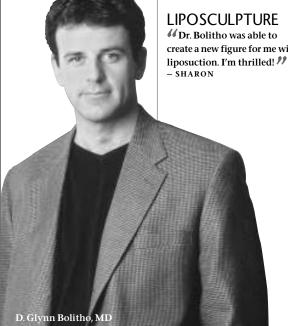
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world behind. We turned on the sprayers, left them hissing into the wind they had been designed for, and left

Over an hour or so later, we sat in the local Denny's. Diane teared up for a minute. "Joe," she said, "it's gone. It burned." I hoped not, but I knew that my hopes were probably futile. Still, we'd taken every step we could to give our house a fighting chance. And, if by some odd chance a firefighter had been brave or foolhardy enough to try to save our home, he or she would have a better chance of survival at our house than at any other place in the vicinity. I wondered how our house had met its end. Probably the damned latticework on the balcony, I thought... The sprayers hadn't quite reached that far. Or perhaps the eucalyptus had torched, had fallen on the house or onto the propane tank. I wondered how much time all of our preparations had bought it. In the hour before dawn, the house had fought a desperate and valiant battle and had fallen.

We retreated to the home of some friends. They live above the Ramona airport, and from here we could see that there were only two small bombers flying against what was rapidly becoming a historically large fire. We learned its name now — Cedar. One horizon was a solid wall of smoke from one side to the other, and now, behind us, the Paradise fire had begun to burn Valley Center. In my mind I tried to model the motion of the fire fronts. Too large to handle without an army of firefighters, it would race forward along the winds, a flying wedge pushing itself to the west. It would then slowly expand upon all fronts as the winds shifted or stilled, and the wedge would become a block. Firefighters could protect small areas, but for the most part the fire would spread at the natural progression rate for fire in bone-dry chaparral. The lines would grow until all the fuel was consumed. I asked our friend, an engineer, if I was missing something, if I was just being paranoid. "What is there

to the desert.

The Borrego Valley Inn was a most accommodating find, even though the power to the town had been cut. It was a peaceful place to come to grips with our shock and loss. The desert air was cool and the sky clear and blue while the Santa Anas were blowing. Two other couples stay-

Our house was standing, as were our tall eucalyptus, some with wilted leaves, but many others fully green.

that will stop it?" I asked him. He just shook his head with a haunted look. "I don't know."

Rather than be chased from place to place, living in constant fear of entrapment, I talked Diane into going to where there was no fuel. Skirting the edges of the fire, we traveled off ing at the Inn had put the pieces together the same way we had and had fled to where the fires could not come. All of us believed we'd lost our homes.

A fire line represents many things, among them a news barrier. To get news out from where the fire has burned one has to cross

a fire line, a dangerous prospect. Ramona disappeared from the news reports, replaced by Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta. Fire lines surrounded it on three sides, and only one road remained open. In Borrego Springs, cellphone reception was spotty and land lines nonexistent. For two days we all tried to make contact with those who'd gone back into the fire zones. We wanted to know about our friends and neighbors. What was sad, to us, was not so much the loss of the house, but the loss of our beautiful green surroundings, our oakcanopied road, and our close-knit neighborhood.

Late on the second day, there was a frantic knock on our door. Gordon, our new friend and fellow refugee, was out there with his wife's cell phone. "Joe," he said, "you've got a house. It's still standing." I choked up.

A friend of one of the guests had gone into our neighborhood to check on our house. He told us that it was standing. The generator was still running, and the 5000-gallon tank was empty. The roses around the house were still blooming. No other houses were standing nearby. It was "like the moon." It would turn out that all of our little group in the Inn would go back to standing houses.

It was Thursday before the roads were safe enough to end-run the fire and get back to our homes. Our house was standing, as were our tall eucalyptus, some with wilted leaves, but many others fully green. Not so our neighborhood. Not one adjacent neighbor had their home standing, and the little Fernbrook neighborhood below us had been badly damaged. Many of our friends had lost their homes. None had lost their lives. People had managed

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to get out. There had been no fire trucks, no bombers, no help for us. Our neighborhood had been sacrificed. Many homes were spared through sheer bravery of the occupants and neighbors. A 70-year-old friend of ours with a heart condition, working with his teenage son, had managed to save his house. I can't imagine what would have happened had they been trapped on their hill. I didn't know whether to hug him or whup him upside the head.

Isn't it better to have a home that can fight for itself? Bravery is one thing, common sense another. Most fire officials say to leave, that the house is not worth your life. Yet, it is human nature to try to save what is ours. Is it possible that our idea offers a compromise?

Weeds

Now that it had been vindicated, it needed a name.

After struggling a bit I came up with WEEDS: Wind-Enabled Ember-Dousing System. It's not a very nice name, but it will have to do. Got chaparral? Get WEEDS!

As a physicist, I know that one uncontrolled event does not make a rule. It could have been one of our other protection measures that had been more responsible for saving us: our defensible space, our sealed eaves, our good siting, or just good luck. Driving around our neighborhood and town, one can see many "miracle" houses, not just ours. Talking to our neighbors, though, and seeing what got saved and what did not leads me to believe that our sprayer system was critical to saving our home. One family, for instance, having lived through fire before, was fanatical about clearing, would not plant a shrub or tree in the acres around their home. They were in a valley, not on a ridge as we are. Yet their home burned. Another neighbor fought the blaze around his home for as long as he could and seemed to be winning. Then the fire roared up from a rock wall, perhaps 200 to 300 feet away and upwind, and suddenly his home was show-

conditions, to actually use the wind to protect the home by distributing the spray over the surfaces the embers are most likely to fall upon. Embers are small and not hard to extinguish. The light spray and wetting provided by a WEEDS should be sufficient to do this. It is possible to build

Fire is capricious — we don't know which way the winds will blow or where the fire devils will dance.

ered with "thousands of burning cigarettes and matches." He had run out of water. His home soon burned.

No conventional sprayer system is designed to work in high-wind conditions, and this is when most homes are lost in a wildland fire. WEEDS is designed for high-wind

an ember-proof house. Unfortunately, we do not live in one. I think that our WEEDS system covered this final gap and saved our home.

We are grateful to Joe, who sited the house so well, built it solidly, gave us ice plant and a large pad. Lars Mitchell helped turn the idea for WEEDS into a prototype and then into a working system. His and Andy's fine carpentry finally protected our eaves and attic vent. Steve Grasilli, the plumber, provided the tank and Flint & Walling water pump, a pump that apparently ran dry for two days before being turned off and which still works just fine. Reinhard Brennheis and Guardian/Generac sealed the final gap in our system and made it self-sufficient.

Still, good fortune played a role. Our generator was not in place and working until the day before the fire. There are gaps in spray coverage that I know well: the latticework on our porch, which I should get around to fixing someday. Our upper attic vents, too, are too high to have closable doors. Our house could have burned, and for two days we had little hope that it hadn't.

How many homes burned needlessly? Against a raging firestorm, there is little that can be done. Such a force is currently beyond human control. Fire is capricious — we don't know which way the winds will blow or where the fire devils will dance. Yet many homes burned not because they were in the direct path of a firestorm and took direct flame, but because they were ignited by embers. These can — and should be — saved. To help, I am placing the WEEDS concept into the public domain. There have been too many tragedies, and too many have lost their homes and possessions. To compound this tragedy, we can now foresee the drive to remove all brush all habitat — from the human domain, to scrape, pave, and Round-Up from sea to desert. WEEDS may offer a compromise, a way that we can continue to live with a nature that burns.

— Joseph Mitchell

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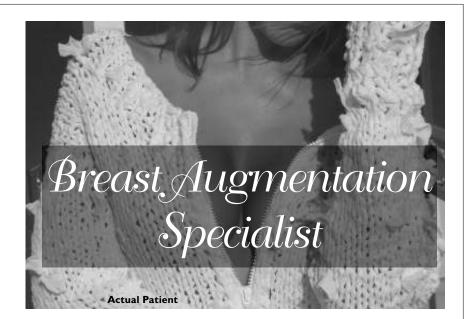
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It's frightening how many people's lives are ruined when inept and/or crooked experts who employ false forensics go under oath in murder trials. But with the people's adoration of shows like CSI spotlighting our cuttingedge forensic technology, we're misled into thinking that experts can't make mistakes or even lie through their teeth anymore. I'm not saying it happens every time, but it definitely happens.

Fred Caldwell Leucadia

Strong Opinion

As always, Mr. Bauder presented a very interesting article, "Does Big Money Doubt Murphy?" ("City Lights," April 22). I, too, ask myself why at this time is there a big push to get a "strong mayor" proposal on the November ballot and why do some pooh-pooh the idea of a charter review commission? After all, it was okay to form a Chargers' task force, so why would it not be okay to have public hearings to analyze a change in our form of government?

Last question, why has Mayor Murphy not appointed Councilwoman Frye as chair of any committee? I have lots of questions, but a strong opinion that a strong mayor would recognize Ms. Frye's ability and desire to look out for the interest of the public, ask questions and expect answers, spend countless hours of research to be able to do a thorough job, make people accountable, not be beholden to special interests but rather make decisions on the facts, etc.

Mr. Mayor, you have passed over the best and the brightest, and that's a disservice to our city. I ask you to acknowledge what so many people in San Diego believe. Donna Frye is good for this city. It's time you acknowledged her accomplishments and dedication and, oh, yes, please try and get her name correct during council meetings.

> Debora Greene via e-mail

Inaccurate Chauffeur

Re "Don't Puke in My Limo" ("City Lights," April 1).

In no way does Greg Boss represent the thoughts and opinions of professional chauffeurs in San Diego County! There are many inaccuracies in this story.

I am quite surprised that Joe Deegan would write and print this story as fact without researching the data given by Greg Boss with other longtime professional chauffeurs and companies named in this article.

There is no credibility in grapevines and rumor mills.

It is interesting to note that Greg Boss has been a short-term employee of many

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Great Limo Danger

In the letter "Unlawful Owners" (April 15), Name Withheld says, "We enjoyed your recent article entitled 'Don't Puke in My Limo.' This person then asks, "Where is the outrage? Where are the arrest warrants?"

The one place you will not get a straight answer, or any type of answer, is the Criminal Division of the San Diego City Attorney's Office. Even though the deputy attorney involved

has had two individuals in court eight times in the last seven months, and even though the two individuals are under a court order and the PUC not to operate their limo service, up to two weeks ago, they were still running an illegal service. The city attorney's office, by not taking action on these two individuals, is putting the general public, and especially children, in great danger.

It is the opinion of this

writer that San Diego taxpayers and several attorneys have spent a good deal of time and money without any results.

> Mario J. Mazzara Point Loma

CORRECTION

The sailfish on page 58 of last week's Reader was misidentified as a swordfish.

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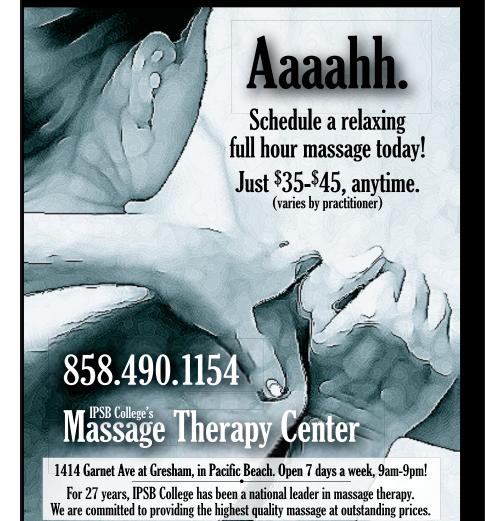
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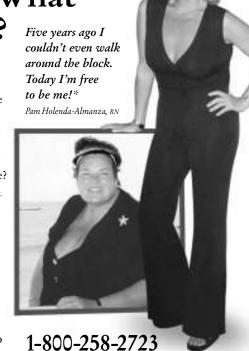
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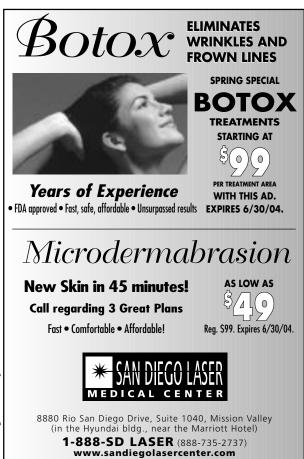
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Sorcerer Jesus

This is in response to Ms. Bates's letter, "Ultra Crucifixion" (April 22).

The Passion of the Christ movie of Mel Gibson may have been flawed in the better Messianic theology, but the four perceptions showed by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Iohn are the same events. There were at least 19 recorded antagonistic writings attesting to the historicity of the New Covenant. The New Covenant states, several hundred people saw Jesus alive with the rigor mortis and limb scars after the Resurrection. It stated the ma-

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jority of them were still alive at that writing. Translations of the Jews in modern languages were written in the Greek, the Judeans, the local people, the leadership. The leadership plotted secretly at night because Jesus was loved and popular with the Jewish people. The research shows the New Covenant made with Israel is a Jewish book and neither contradictory nor anti-Semitic if seen in conjunction with the Old Testament. Myriad of first-century Jewish followers knew Jesus did not start a new religion; it fulfilled the Jewish scriptures. The Talmud admits the miracles, but the rabbis called Jesus a sorcerer. Traditional Jews, Christians, and Muslims all need to do more research.

Name Withheld La Mesa

I am puzzled by Alisa

Shimanek's statement (Let-

ters, February 19) of "scar-

ing off" the rescue groups.

If indeed more dogs are be-

ing killed than should be, I

would think that would

prompt more rescue groups,

In response to Alisa Shi-

manek's letter (Febru-

rescued a very frightened

shepherd-mix dog from a

pound where he was sched-

uled to be killed. The em-

ployees could not handle

him, as he would bite if they

At home, we gave him

plenty of space and lots of

TLC. He never offered to

bite during his 12-year life

with us. He was very loyal,

and it was apparent he was

most grateful for the kind-

ness and love which we be-

he had been poorly treated

by his first owners. And

when he landed in the

pound, he was prepared for

more inhumane treatment.

Thank you for running Derf's cartoons ("The City"). His take on modern urban life in

America is both refreshing

and hilarious. He makes me

stop and think, which is a rar-

ity in today's cartoon world.

Thanks again!

Favors Desi

He was the most loving

Ben Calhoun

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We have to presume that

stowed on him.

dog we ever had.

Hilarious Derf

tried to touch him.

Years ago my wife and I

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not fewer!

ary 19).

Letters Tell Who

Reader's readers.

So I place myself at considerable jeopardy in submitting yet another letter. Let me inform Mr., or is it Ms., M. Moore of North Park (Letters, April 1) that the Bible's historical accuracy has been attested to even by atheistic historians.

Lastly, Mr. Jonathan Saville went bonkers over Bartoli ("Classical Music Review," April 1). I wonder if Mr. Saville's hearing has become defective.

Name Withheld

More Rescue Groups

My family recently moved to San Diego. For five years, I volunteered at a shelter



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duces garbage-wrapper material. Or if you are desperate for toilet paper, it serves a utilitarian purpose. However, the letters often indicate the general run of the

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I like Jay Sanford's "Famous Former Neighbors." I think the first one, Desi Arnaz, was one of my faves. Also liked Mojo Nixon, as I had met him once. George Harrison was very cool too. Just wanted to tell him, very entertaining and visual.

Ed via e-mail

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Lalendar

No Punches

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alerie Gotay admits that judo is difficult for American spectators to understand: "For one thing, all the referee calls are in Japanese." But a few years ago the scoring, at least, was simplified. It used to be expressed in Japanese fractions: koka, yuko, waza-ari, ippon. Now the scores are in Arabic numerals. "People can look up at the scoreboard and see 10 to 100 and figure out who's ahead."

Gotay competes this weekend at the 2004 Senior National Judo Championships. She has just returned home to Temecula with a silver medal

LOCAL **EVENTS** from the British Open Judo Championships. Her win, in the 57 kg category,

expense of a Norwegian, two French women, and a German; she lost in the final match to a Belgian.

A native San Diegan, Gotay is the daughter of Gerald Lafon, head coach at Judo America in Mira Mesa. On the afternoon of her return to the States, Lafon thought his daughter might show up at evening practice. Gotay sat it out. "My body's a little bit beat up. I'm not injured, but — I needed to take that night off and spend some time with my kids.

The mother of two, Gotay is 30, which she characterizes as "up there" for a competitor. The senior division is for age 14 and older; beyond that, it's divided by weight, not age. Most of them will be in their 20s, says assistant tournament director Walter Dean of Carlsbad.

"My original goal was to fight just at the national [tournament]," Gotay says, sounding sleepy on this morning after her return flight. "I went there just to see if I could get a couple of fights before [this weekend]. I didn't expect to go that far there. I've only been training for three months. This has made me reassess everything. After I see what happens at the national, I'll decide if I want to go all the way with this."

She means Athens, with a stop first in San Jose, where the Olympic trials in judo are being held. Because of her win in Britain, Gotay, who is a 1992 Olympian, is virtually assured an invitation to those trials on June 5.

Other than the Japanese, what other nationalities do well in this sport? "Japan used to take every division, gold medal. In Japan all the high schools have teams; all the universities do, too. Children at four have to choose to take either judo or kendo, the sword fighting." (Age four is, as it happens, when Gotay herself took up the sport.) "But people are catching up to them. France, Germany, Portugal, Korea,

China. The medals are scattered everywhere now." And the United States? How do we measure up, without a national program or even much awareness of the sport? "We're at the bottom. Yeah, we're terrible."

In addition to the seniors, masters will compete this weekend as well. That division is for age 30 and older; unlike the senior division, it's divided by both age and weight.

There is also a *kata* category. Assistant tournament director Dean explains: "That's prearranged movements. It's the pure judo. All the moves are done in a formal sequence. It's almost like choreography." It sounds like figure skating. "Yes, as opposed to speed skating, which is brute strength."

Who opts for *kata*? "Some people say, 'Hey, I'm getting too old for this bashing and crashing,' and they wind up going into kata," says Dean, who estimates that about 20 percent of the 800 to 900 competitors at this weekend's event will be in kata.

Four other locals besides Gotay will be in the regular senior competition, called shiai. They are all men: Josh Ramirez (60 kg); Justin Flores (66 kg); Justin's brother, Jake (81 kg); and Charles Graves (90 kg). That works out to a 20-80 percent femalemale ratio, which is what it is nationally, says Dean. Although both boys and girls compete as juniors, many more girls than boys drop out at puberty, when sweat seems a minus in the style points column. Girls may also not be as keen on contact sports as their male counterparts, although judo is more forgiving than other martial arts, Dean claims.

"Unlike karate or tae kwon do, judo has no punches and kicks," he says. "You don't have anybody getting busted noses. In judo, there are throws, where we throw a person to the mat, and so you learn how to fall. Part of it is learning how to hit the mat a certain way so that you're not injured. I have had doctors calling me, 'We had one of your students in here who went over the handlebars of his bike. He should have had a broken neck. All he did was bruise his hand. And he said something about doing a break fall. Break fall — what is that?'

— Ieanne Schinto

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BAJA

Contemporary Dance showcased by companies from Costa Rica, Spain, United States, México during festival continuing through Sunday, May 2, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and

Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Araniuez Concert presented by Orchestra of Baja California on Friday, April 30, 7 p.m., at Teatro UABC, Mesa de Otay. Tickets: \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-684-0908. (TIJUANA)

"Dance in Mexico" is topic for lecture by Josefina Martínez Lavalle on Friday, April 30, 6 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687

Gerardo Pablo performs in concert on Friday, April 30, 9 p.m., at Antigua Bodega de Papel (Calle 11 and Avenida Revolución). 011-52-664-633-9174. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana-La Presa-Tijuana Bike Ride, this 38k starts at Unidad CREA, Zona Río, on Sunday, May 2, at 9 a.m. Registration: \$10

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Celebrate Día del Niño in Ensenada during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, May 1, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mexican party with piñata, food, blowhole at La Bufadora, walk along Malecón. Fee: \$79 for adults, \$69 for children, includes transportation, meal, snacks, activities. Registration:

619-255-0203. (ENSENADA)

G E T A W A Y S



Il Più Bel Giorno Della Mia Vita at Italian Community Center, April 30 (see Film)

OUTDOORS

A Dry Rainfall Season this year, on top of less than normal precipitation for nearly all of the past several years, is resulting in ever-lower water levels in the county's reservoirs. Some now hold less than ten percent of capacity. The water in Lake Hodges has withdrawn to a point far west of the I-15 bridge in Escondido, while Lake Morena is shrinking to what looks like a puddle. Some fishing enthusiasts seem happy, though. In some of the reservoirs less water means more fish in a smaller pond, and that makes for easier catches.

Blue-Blossoming Jacaranda Trees have already produced a

first wave of color along the streets of San Diego. By early or mid-May, warm weather permitting, this Brazilian import could put on a dazzling show. The larger jacarandas, which in full bloom are leafless, or nearly so, display myriad delicate, trumpet-shaped blossoms — a lavender haze as seen from afar. Jacarandas are commonly used as landscaping in parks and on many college campuses. A nice row of jacarandas graces Ash Street downtown.

Fremont Cottonwoods along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are showing their best iridescent green foliage this month. The Old Mission Dam parking area on Father Junípero Serra Trail, off Mission Gorge Road (west of Santee), is a good place

to begin a stroll on trails along the riverbed. Be careful when exploring - rattlesnakes may be out and about this time of year.

Mission Beach Meander led by Walkabout on Friday, April 30, starting at 9:45 a.m. at Santa Clara Point Recreation Center (1008 Santa Clara Point), Moderate walk, Free, 619-231-7463, (MISSION

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, May 1, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, water, Free, Find the center at 2202 South Coast 760-439-2473. Highway;

A Volksmarch is defined as "a noncompetitive walk along a pre-marked route." San Diego County Rockhoppers host three walks in Carlsbad on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. There are 5k and 10k routes along beach, at Batiquitos Lagoon, and in agricultural areas. Starts: anytime between 7 a.m. and noon at Holiday Inn (850 Palomar Airport Road). Free. Volksport patch and credit: \$5. 760-746-0897. (CARLSBAD)

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours offered Saturdays (10 a.m.) and Tuesdays (6 p.m.). Tour guide Gino Lizardi weaves stories from past with developments of future.

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History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m., visitors' center. Free, 619-235-1121, (BALBOA PARK)

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Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, May 1 and 2. Saturday: 8 a.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

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More Walk, Less Talk, naturalist Simone Green leads 3.5-mile moderate walk on Boulder Loop trail in Daley Ranch, Sunday, May 2, 9 a.m. Free. Meet group in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

The Moon Is Full on the evening of Tuesday, May 4, and (with an absence of marine-layer clouds) will make its first appearance low in the eastern sky some 20 minutes after the sun sets. Some names for the full moons of May include "Merry Moon," "Hare Moon," and "Bright Moon."

Open Days, tour 19 local, private gardens created in a wide variety of styles during Garden Conservancy's 2004 Open Days programs on May 8 and May 15. Admission to each garden: \$5. Locations and information: 888-842-2442. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Hollywood Was Here, go on location of films and commercials shot in Anza-Borrego as Fred Jee shares history, stories, and photos for program "Hollywood Revisits the Desert: From the War Years to the X-Files," Sunday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wear sunscreen, hat and comfortable walking shoes; bring water and lunch. Meet at conference room at District Headquarters (200 Palm Canyon Drive). Required reservations: 760-767-0446. \$45. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

DANCE

La Costa Canvon High School Spring Dance Concerts, Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30, 7 p.m., in Thompson Performing Arts Center at La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). Tickets: 760-436-6136. (LA COSTA)

Spring Dance Concert presented by Grossmont College Dance department, Thursday through Saturday, April 29-May 1, 7:30 p.m. each night, at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Variety of dance styles showcased. \$12 general. 619-644-7766. (ROLANDO)

Ragtime-Era Steps featured during vintage ballroom dance class on Friday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Beginner friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Cinco de Mayo Party with "favorite Mexican dances from years past" planned on Saturday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). \$6. Bring goodies to share. 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Bellydancing Fusion," Urban Tribal Dance Company performs Saturday, May 1, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., at Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Cover: \$5. 619-234-1344. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Danza Azteca Xochipilli performs for First Wednesday series, May 5, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), Admission is free, available on a first-come, first-served basis; doors open at 3 p.m. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

"The Short List," evening of short films including The Man Without a Head (2003 Cannes Film Festival award winner), Isle of Flowers, Moonlight Cocktail, others. Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$8. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Il Più Bel Giorno Della Mia Vita" by Cristina Comencini screens in Italian with English subtitles on Friday, April 30, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). 619-237-0601. \$2. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Field of Dreams" screens on Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m., at Santee Trolley Square's outdoor amphitheater (at Mission Gorge Road and Cuvamaca). Free. (SANTEE)

The Splashy Romantic Comedy Which Way, Por Favor? screens for Sunday Matinee on May 2, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

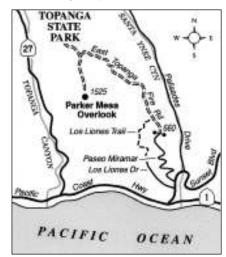
First Monday Films, series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" continues with Siddhartha on May 3, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4328.

An Award Winner at Sundance in 2000, Two Family House screens for Film Forum on Monday, May 3, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). It's described as Raymond de Felitta's "flinty, blue-

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From the shore of the Pacific Ocean, just west of Santa Monica, the fluted slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains rise like rumpled bedsheets after a night of tossing and turning. From a vantage point known as Parker Mesa Overlook, slightly more than a horizontal mile from the beach and 1500 feet higher, you get a bird's-eye view of surfers off Topanga Beach, the crescent shoreline of Santa Monica Bay, L.A.'s westside cityscape — and much, much more if the air is really transparent.



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Sunset over the Santa Monica Mountains

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collar ode to the American dream.' 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Out of the Ashes, an evening of architectural films on Antonio Gaudi and Santiago Calatrava and a presentation by James Hubbell promised on Thursday, May 6, 6:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Hubbell's home and art studios in Santa Ysabel were destroyed during autumn wildfires. \$10 general. 760-632-5565. (LA JOLLA)

SDSU Spring 2004 Film Festival is Thursday, May 6, in Don Powell

ated short films, videos, 3-D animation. Juried segment: 7 p.m., followed by "freeplay" segment at 9 p.m. \$10 ticket includes barbecue. 619-594-6884. (SDSU)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Top Speed, Australia: Land Beyond Time, Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk, Coral Reef Adventure, Young Black Stallion. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Los Angeles-Based Artist Doug Aitken presents annual MCASD/UCSD Russell Lecture on Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum

of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Artists from La Traviata participate in Artists' Round Table - an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, April 29, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$5. 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Robotic Exploration of Mars, Nagin Cox, deputy team chief of Spacecraft/Rover engineering flight team for JPL Mars 2003 Exploration Rover mission, speaks at San Diego Aerospace Museum (2001 Pan American Plaza). Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. \$15. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

In Celebration of Chávez, seminar series continues with "The (Re)Generation of Chicana/o Art" presented by Tomás Ybarra Frausto of Rockefeller Foundation on Friday, April 30, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in Women's Center at UCSD. Free. 858-534-6862. Series concludes April 30. (LA JOLLA)

"Minding Their Manners: Italian Late Renaissance" is subject when SDSU professor emeritus of classics and humanities E. Nicholas Genovese speaks for docent guest lecture series at San Diego Museum of Art, Friday, April 30, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Santee Resident and Author Margie Annett leads a cooking class with recipes from her book Cooking with the Real McCoys on Saturday, May 1, noon, at Tabloid Coffee (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard #27). Fee: \$5 for class, \$12 for cookbook. Registration: 619-562-1240. (SANTEE)

"Revisiting San Diego's Asian Community of the 1930s" is theme for second annual "Asian Pacific Islander Forum," slated for Saturday, May 1, 1 to 4 p.m., at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). Donations accepted. 619-338-9888.

"Perennials and Grasses" discussed on Saturday, May 1, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832

Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including May 1, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Tree Care Workshop: The **Do's** and the Don'ts" divulged when San Diego Regional Energy Office hosts workshop on Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Lake Poway Recreation Area (14644 Lake Poway Road). Learn about basic tree selection, planting, maintenance, Free, Registration: 858-244-1177. (POWAY)

Examine Verdi's La Traviata during opera preview addressing the music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Speaker: pianist and composer Nicolas Reveles, education director at San Diego Opera. \$8. 858-454-5872, (LA JOLLA)

Learn About La Traviata when Ron Shaheen discusses Verdi's opera during multimedia program Monday, May 3, 7 p.m., in Bard Hall at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). \$2,25, 619-232-7636, (HILLCREST)

"Art and Music of the Renaissance" explored by Konrad Overhuber and Musica Pro Arte Ensemble in series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), Concert/lecture series illuminates important moments in European cultural development of the Renaissance.

Series begins with look at period of 1400-1450 on Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. Fee: \$75 for fivetalk series, \$17 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Emotion, Social Behavior, and Spinoza: The Brain Perspective" examined by Antonio Damasio on Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Damasio is professor of neurology at University of Iowa College of Medicine. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Latin Jazz: La Combinación Perfecta" presented by UC Irvine social sciences professor Raúl Fernández, Wednesday, May 5, 4:30 p.m., in room 111-A of UCSD University Center. Free. 858-534-8698. (LA JOLLA)

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Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 5. After show, view real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"The New Terra Firma: The Technological Environment" is subject when Santa Fe filmmaker Godfrey Reggio speaks on Wednesday, May 5, 7 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Reggio "creates films characterized by a fluid interplay between original music, vivid imagery, and un-usual visual editing." Free. 858-822-2780. (LA JOLLA)

Open Panel Discussion and Critique of selected artwork by artists participating in "The 47th Annual International Awards Exhibition" at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) on Wednesday, May 5, 6 p.m. Moderated by Stephen C. Wagner, panelists Jens Herrmann, Catherine Gleason, Diana Withee. \$3, 619-236-0011.



The Amazing Johnathan at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theater, May 6

"Sultans and Sufis." curator Kelsev Bostwick tours current installation of South Asian paintings for Insight Gallery series at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, May 6, 6 p.m. Included in regular admission, 619-696-1966, Repeats on May 9, 2 p.m. (BALBOA PARK)

"International Trafficking in Sex Slaves" discussed by Professor Susan Tiefenbrun for North County chapter of World Affairs Council, Thursday, May 6, 10 a.m., at Remington Club phase 2 (16916 Hierba Place), Free, 858-487-1776. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Brighton Press Gallery Talk, Bill Kelly and Michele Burgess discuss their work and "Brighton Press: The Art of the Book" exhibit at Ocean-

side Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way), Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m. \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

IN PERSON

Literary Arts Festival at Grossmont College continues with reading by Lidia Yuknavitch from Real to Real, Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., at Griffin Gate at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Free. 619-644-7523. (EL CAJON)

Author Mark Z. Danielewski discusses and signs his book House of Leaves, Thursday, April 29, 5 p.m., at San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

The Ten-Piece Progressive-**Hop Futuristic Club** jazz band Perfektomat presents "a night of urban groove," Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta Project (1544 Broadway). \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

"700 Sundays... Billy Crystal... A Life In Progress," written and performed by Billy Crystal, at La Jolla Playhouse with performances at UCSD's Mandell Weiss Theatre through Sunday, May 2. Showtime is 8 p.m. nightly except Sunday (7 p.m.). 858-550-1010. \$35 to \$500 (VIP). (LA JOLLA)

U.S. Poet Laureate 2001-2003 Billy Collins reads from his work, Friday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., in gymnasium at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). \$8 general. Reservations: 760-795-6677. (OCEANSIDE)

Beyond Chimpanzees, Jane Goodall is awarded the 2004 Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest on Friday, April 30, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Ceremony followed by presentation by Goodall. Aquarium admission is not included with event. 858-534-3624.

"England's Premiere Hypnotist" Barry Jones performs on Friday, April 30, at 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). He'll be joined by comedians CTP, Ray Combs Jr., David Lee. Tickets: \$10, \$15. 619-231-4343.

Ho-Asogli, the SDSU African ensemble, performs in concert on Friday, April 30, 8 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Guest performers: Zadonu African Music and Dance Company. \$10 general. 619-594-7452. (SDSU)

"Famous Lovers from the Bible" signed by authors B.J. and Doug Jensen, Friday, April 30, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Life's Not Fair," comedic sketches performed at Vaudeville & Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard), Fridays and Saturdays, April 30 through May 8. \$13. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Sound Pioneer Richard Rudis presents concert with "huge 38-inch earth gong" "tuned to the vibrational signature of aum," Friday, April 30, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). \$20. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

Music Alive Spring Concert, Encinitas School District's Independent Band, the Jazz Band, and Capri School Bands perform, Friday, April 30, 6:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free, 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

"50th and Broadway," mix of '50s music and current Broadway tunes presented by San Diego Men's Chorus, May 1 and 2, at the Center (3909 Centre Street). Concerts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. \$20. 619-296-7664. (HILLCREST)

He Learned to Sing Old Calland-Answer Songs while tagging along with field workers and gandy dancers as a child, and autoharpist Bryan Bowers performs in concert for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15, 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)



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Self-Syndicated Humor columnist Sheila Buska signs Time Outs for Grownups: Five-Minute Smile-Breaks, Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Tiffany's Flowers and Gifts (590 Broadway). Free. 619-442-9004. (EL CAJON)

Southern California Crime Author Terrill Lee Lankford signs Earthquake Weather, Saturday, May 1, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Local Photographer Bill Wechter signs San Diego Impressions, Saturday, May 1, 1 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Clean Comedy Night with performances by Paul Aldrich, Steve Verret, Saturday, May 1, 7 p.m., in Daybreak auditorium (6515 Ambrosia Lane). Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 for kids 6-12. 760-931-7773 x100, (CARLSBAD)

"Mainstream" Comedy show Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Adams Avenue Roots Festival boasting over 35 national and local artists performing in a variety of musical styles — is May 1 and 2, on Adams Avenue (from 34th to 35th Streets). Festival opens at 10 a.m. both days, ending at 9 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Food for sale, arts and crafts vendors, music workshops, country games, carnival rides. Free, 619-282-7329. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

World Music Folk Festival on Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Performances by George Svoboda and Fred Benedetti, Celticana, David Maldonado, Camarada Tango Ensemble, Friends of Czech and Slovak Family Choir, Reiko Obata, An Carraig. Activities for children. Tickets include lunch: \$15 for adults, \$5 for those 5-12. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

World Music Night is Saturday, May 1, 7 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). \$5 general. 760-757-2121. (OCEANSIDE)

Poet. Cultural Activist, Producer Alison de la Cruz reads from her monologues entitled Sungka and Naturally Graceful, Sunday, May 2, 5 p.m., in Price Center Theater at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3362. (LA JOLLA)

Humorous Mystery Author Bill Fitzhugh visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign Radio Activity, Sunday, May 2, 2 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa



Poet Billy Collins at MiraCosta College, April 30 (see In Person)

Boulevard. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Haru No Matsuri, spring musical celebration with Sakura Quartet on Sunday, May 2, 4:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Performers include Hiroko Yoshinaga, Naomi Okumura, Reiko Obata, Jon Crick. \$25 fee includes Japanese bento dinner. Required reservations: 619-232-2721, (BALBOA PARK)

An Evening of Jewish Music is promised when San Diego Master Chorale and guest soloist cantor Leon Natker perform secular and religious tunes Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m., at Congregation Dor Hadash (4858 Ronson Court). Program includes songs from 17th Century to present in Hebrew, Ladino, Yiddish. \$20. 858-268-3674. (KEARNY MESA)

The Kinsey Sicks "dragapella beauty-shop quartet" performs Sunday, May 2, 8 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church

(4190 Front Street). Donation: \$25 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 for those under 18, 619-584-3593, (HILLCREST)

Ralph Carmichael Big Band and chorus perform for Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. for concert series hosted by La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). 858-729-5531. Offering. (LA JOLLA)

"The Naked Gershwin" presented by pianist Cecil Lytle and actor Arthur Wagner, Sunday, May 2, 5 p.m., in Robinson Amphitheater on campus of Preuss School at UCSD. Concert includes music and words of George and Ira Gershwin. \$35. 858-534-1957. (LA JOLLA)

Vocal and Instrumental Jazz Standards, both sacred and secular, on program when Point Loma Nazarene University's Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo perform Sunday, May 2, 3 p.m., for concert series at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502

Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

First Monday at City Wok, poetry series convenes with performances by Una Nichols Hynum and Karen Stromberg, May 3, 8 p.m., at City Wok (718 West Washington Street). Open readings follow. Free. 619-220-8888. (HILLCREST)

Creative Writing Program at Grossmont College presents "A Celebration of World Literature" with readings of international poetry and prose on Monday, May 3. Student readings of original poetry, prose, and drama works planned on Wednesday, May 5. Both programs are free, commence at 7:30 p.m. in Griffin Gate; find campus at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. 619-644-7486. (EL CAJON)

Spend an Evening with a California Writer when poet and author Gary Soto speaks at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, at Institute of the Americas at UCSD. Soto has published more than 30 books of poetry, essays, fiction. Free, 858-534-4002, (LA JOLLA)

Third Word, "socially conscious" open-mike performances of poetry/spoken word, music, every other Monday, beginning May 3, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Free. 619-230-1869. (FAST VILLAGE)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when Tom Leech signs the book he co-authored with Jack Farnan, Outdoors San Diego, at UCSD Bookstore on Tuesday, May 4, 4 p.m. Find store in Price Center, UCSD. Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Mariachi Real de San Diego presents Cinco de Mayo celebration on Tuesday, May 4, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway).

Waltzes and polkas, songs about love and rancho life may be heard when Los Californios perform music of early California at the library on Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m. Both performances are free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Fifth Book in the Ladies' Detective Agency Series, The Full Cupboard of Life, is discussed and signed by author Alexander Mc-Call Smith, Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Eve Surgeon, Scientist, Academic, author Dr. Steven E. Wilson speaks and signs his novel Winter in Kandahar, Tuesday, May 4, noon, at UCSD Bookstore. Free. The bookstore is found in Price Center at UCSD; 858-534-3149. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Vocal Jazz Celebration on tap when Madeline Eastman Quartet and Ruby Blue perform for Jazz in the Park concert series, Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. Reservations: 619-696-1966, (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Concert for Palomar College Jazz Ensemble and Repertory Jazz Ensemble includes participation by guest saxophonist Charles McPherson, Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Essays by Backpackers and Adventurers are gathered in Europe from a Backpack: Real Stories from Young Travelers Abroad. Backpacker and editor Mark Pearson reads some of the tales on Wednesday, May 5, noon, at UCSD Bookstore (in Price Center). 858-534-3149. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry Unlimited convenes for evening with featured poet Megan Webster, musicians Rob Atesalp and Francis Teller, on Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

Former Marine and CEO Nick Williams signs Behind the Mountain, describing his experiences surviving a blizzard in 1998, on Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760, (ESCONDIDO)

Comic and Magician the Amazing Johnathan performs Thursday. May 6, 7 and 9 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$35. 619-445-6002. (DEHESA)

"1928: A Very Good Year" presented in period attire by William Doyle - in the guise of businessman and philanthropist George Marston — for "History Alive at Lee" series, Thursday, May 6, hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society. Program starts at 1 p.m. in H. Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Works in Progress may be heard when members of Sisters in Crime meet to read from their works, Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

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Spring Reverb, a multistage festival of original music, dance, and art presented by Tummerflora Collective for Thursday Night Thing (TNT), at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard), Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m. Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats present their art form at California Center for the Arts (340 North Escondido Boulevard) on Saturday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. \$24 to \$34. 800-988-4253; tickets also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-

Always Worth Reading and hearing from, William Langewiesche visits Warwick's Bookstore to sign and discuss his new book,

TIXS). (ESCONDIDO)

The Outlaw Sea: A World of Chaos Freedom, and Crime, Friday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Del Mar National Horse Show, 59th annual three-week show of competitions, instruction, and displays continues with dressage events. Derived from a French word meaning "to train," dressage is generally regarded as most intricate form of partnership in equine competition. Dressage events, April 29-May 2. Hunter Jumper Week: May 4-9.

Evening of Dressage Musical Freestyle," Saturday, May 1, 7 p.m. The \$25,000 Surfside Grand Prix: Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m. The \$25,000 Show Circuit Open Equitation Championship: Friday, May 7, 7 p.m. The \$75,000 HBO Grand Prix of Del Mar is Saturday,



William Doyle as George Marston at H. Lee House, May 6 (see In Person)

May 8, 7 p.m. Tickets through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

All events are held in Del Mar Arena at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. Free weekday admission, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations and information: 858-792-4252. (DEL MAR)

The Boys of Spring, San Diego Padres host Montreal Expos on Thursday, April 29, at 7:05 p.m. The New York Mets arrive for a series April 30-May 2, with games at

7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

The Pads hit the road for series against Braves in Atlanta, May 4-6, at 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday, 4:05 p.m. on Wednesday, 10:05 a.m. on Thursday.

Tickets: 877-374-2784. Games broadcast on radio station XEPRS-AM (1090), television channel 4. (EAST VILLAGE)

The 2004 Senior National Judo Championships, April 30

through May 1 in Jenny Craig Pavilion at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Friday begins with kata competition: 2 p.m., opening at 6 p.m. with honors to 1964 Olympians.

On Saturday, competition starts at 10 a.m., continuing until final medal matches at 7 p.m. Spectator fee: \$10 per day, \$18 for both. 619-682-3436. (LINDA VISTA)

Barrio Logan Grand Prix Bicycle Race, Saturday, May 1, with starts from 7:30 a.m. to 4:33 p.m. with categories for those from three years old to adult. Racing is visible along closed 0.8-mile "figure eight" course, located "immediately upon exiting southbound I-5 at César Chávez Parkway." Free for spectators. 619-239-4321. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Run or Walk, Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk, Saturday, May 1. Four-mile outing starts 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue, lasts one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability welcome. 619-276-2216.

Baja Fresh Outrigger Challenge is Saturday, May 1, with instruc-tion at 7:30 a.m. and racing at 8 a.m., at Bahia Point. Doubleelimination event. Ability to swim is required. Five-person teams; steersperson and experienced paddler provided as sixth member on race day. \$200 fee per team. Regis-

NSSA Open Season #10, surf competition runs 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, at Oceanside Harbor south jetty. Free for spectators. 714-536-0445. (OCEANSIDE)

tration: 619-283-5808. (MISSION BAY)

Heavy (Foot) Traffic on 163, the 2004 Union-Tribune Race for Literacy 8k run/walk boasts course along Highway 163. Events start at Pan American Road in Balboa Park at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, May 2, finishes at Pantoia Park (on G Street), 858-792-2900. (BALBOA PARK, DOWNTOWN)

Spring Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon, Sunday, May 2, starting at 7 a.m. at South Shores Park (on south side of Mission Bay). Triathlon includes one-quartermile swim, nine-mile bike ride,

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Swim a Mile for Mom, noncompetitive fundraising event for swimmers of all ages and abilities Each swimmer allotted one hour to swim; swimmers may be adorned with fins, water buovs, snorkels. Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Mount Carmel High School pool (9550 Carmel Mountain Road). \$25. 760-839-1491. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Tennis Fest, Sunday, May 2, noon to 4 p.m., at Balboa Tennis Club (2221 Morley Field Drive). Exhibition courts with clinics, pros demonstrating skills, playing tips, skills workouts and drills. Free. Registration: 619-299-8647. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Ready to Golf. Karen Adams Y-Me San Diego Golf Marathon is Monday, May 3, 7:45 a.m., at Twin Oaks Golf Course (1425 Twin Oaks Valley Road). Participants seek pledge money based on number of holes played; minimum of 66 holes of golf (three rounds) up to maximum of 110 holes. \$25. Registration: 760-839-1491. (SAN MARCOS)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing has resumed at San Diego Velodrome, including May 4. Racing: 6:20 to 8:30 p.m. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

Tour Six Carlsbad Gardens during event hosted by Carlsbad Newcomers, April 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$15 ticket includes light lunch. Space availability: 760-431-6833. (CARLSBAD)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, April 30, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street), Dogfriendly trainers offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

"TreeFest: A Celebration of Trees" offered in observance of National Arbor Day, Friday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at City of San Diego's Ridgehaven "Green Building" (9601 Ridgehaven Court). People for Trees on hand (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to discuss free urban refor-



Barrio Logan Grand Prix Bicycle Race, May 1 (see Sports)

estation in your neighborhood; tree tours (11 a.m., 1 p.m.), information. Free. 858-573-1213. (KEARNY MESA)

Manzanita High-Mountain Rendezvous, with costumed characters from period spanning French and Indian War through North American fur trade era, runs Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1 (and May 6-8), 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Demonstrations of "primitive skills," tomahawk and knife throwing, tipis, target shooting,

Tickets: \$3 general, free for those ten and younger. To reach encampment, follow Red Buffalo signs from Highway 79 at Mesa Grande Road; site is 2.5 miles up Mesa Grande Road, 760-745-2927, (SANTA YSABEL)

Spring Gardens on Tour, 16th annual installment of this tour of gardens in Poway and Escondido hosted by Lake Hodges Native Plant Club, Friday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10. Ticket purchase locations: 760-480-4750. (ESCONDIDO, POWAY)

Maytime Band Review Parade. showcasing marching bands from ju-

nior and senior high schools throughout the state, starts at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 1. Parade proceeds on Highland Avenue between 28th and 16th Streets. Free for spectators. 619-477-9339 or 619-475-6124. (NATIONAL CITY)

Thousands of Live Butterflies will drift through a large, walk-through butterfly enclosure, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, at CHIRP Habitat Hut (2514 Alpine Boulevard). You're invited to join butterflies while strolling through habitat exhibit, which includes host and nectar plants. Free. 619-445-7675. (ALPINE)

O: What Does Cinco de Mayo Celebrate? Many gringos think it's Mexican Independence Day - impress your amigos with the knowledge that the fiesta commemorates victory of a very small band of Mexican soldiers and townspeople over much larger French forces on May 5,

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Cinco de Mavo Festival and "Every Day Is Earth Day" celebration. Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Main Street (near Santa Fe and Vista Village Drive). Live music, piñata bashing, children's events, carnival, dancing, and more. Free. 760-806-8980. (VISTA)

Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre (200 North the Strand) is site for Latino music festival, with food, music, entertainment, Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 760-761-1140. (OCEANSIDE)

Third annual Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festival, Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at San Diego County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Highway). Parade starts at 10 a.m. at West Harbor Drive and Broadway. Cultural music, dance, food. 619-283-9624 x243. (DOWNTOWN)

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and street fair, Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on 3rd Avenue (E to G Streets). Salsa contest, dancing, entertainment, refreshments. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Seventh annual Cinco in the Gaslamp Block Party, 5 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday, May 5. Music, ballet folklorico, dancing, food, Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Find fiesta on Island Avenue (between Fifth and Seventh Avenues) and Sixth Avenue (between Island Avenue and I Street), 619-233-5008, (GASLAMP OUARTER)

Mariachi music, folklorico dancing, food, are all promised during Cinco de Mayo celebrations on Wednesday, May 5, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Diane Powers' Bazaar del Mundo (2754 Calhoun Street). Admission is free, 619-296-3161, (OLD TOWN)

Venture into 15 Private Gardens during Clairemont Town Council's eighth annual garden tour, Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets for self-guided tour: \$8.50. Locations: 858-278-7788. (CLAIREMONT)

Cupa Days Celebrations, with Native American dancing, hand games, arts, crafts, jewelry, food. Hours: 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, May 1; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 2. Pala Indian Reservation, seven miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. Free. 760-742-1590. (PALA)

Encinitas Wine Festival, Saturday, May 1, 5 to 8 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). International wines, local microbrews, cuisine, Tickets: \$50. 760-942-1868. (ENCINITAS)

George Bernard Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra is subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group convenes Saturday, May 1,



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2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Fallbrook's Original One-Room School benefits from Reche Craft, Art, Plant Fair, Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment by Craig Heesch, Robert Resto; puppeteer Millie Patterson presents Rumplestiltskin. Admission is free. Find school at 1319 South Live Oak Park Road (just off Reche Road). 760-723-3162. (FALLBROOK)

Book Sale at San Carlos branch library, Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive: 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

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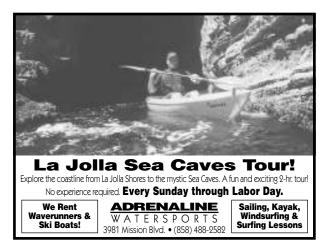
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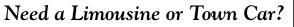


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artists Von Schroeder and Bonny Waters, May 1 and 2, at Spirals Gallery (7906 Girard Avenue). Demonstrations on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 858-551-8199. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Beach to Brewery Music Fest and Bike Cruise, Karl Strauss Brewery hosts events on Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., including live entertainment by local bands, six-mile beach bike cruise, clean-up of areas along Santa Fe Street, Rose Creek, Rose Canyon areas. Festival starts at P.B. Bar and Grill at 11 a.m. with bike ride finishing at Karl Strauss Brewing Company (5985 Santa Fe Street). \$10. 858-273-2739 x335. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Iris Show hosted by Iris Society, Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Two to Win Equality by Law: Brown v. Board at 50" is theme for Law Day, an event in praise of "the presence and value of law in our government." Education law and student's rights examined on Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at San Diego County Public Law Library (1105 Front Street). Free. Related activities on May 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (call for details). 619-531-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Law Week 2004 is commemorated when "entertainment law" section of San Diego County Bar Association hosts law tables staffed by attorneys ready to answer questions for the "creative crowd."

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and Sunday, May 1 and 2, noon to 4 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue; 619-702-7420). Questions will also be answered on Sunday, May 2, noon to 4 p.m., at Guitar Center (8825 Murray Drive; 619-668-8400). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER, LA MESA)

La Mesa Beautiful hosts 25th annual plant sale May 1 and 2, at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church (4816 Glen Street). All manner of plants on offer. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. 619-465-2391. (LA MESA)

"Red, White, and Pugs!" Time for 13th annual pug rescue party, Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Del Mar Fairgrounds. Cupcake chomp, pug wet T-shirt contest, pug/owner dress-alike contest, best female and male contest, more. \$8. 619-685-3580. (DEL MAR)

Model Railroad Swap Meet, Saturday, May 1, 7 to 11 a.m., at San Diego Model Railroad Museum. Toys, model kits, magazines, for rail fans and serious collectors. Admission: \$2 for buyers, \$5 for sellers. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Classic Homes Tour offered by College Neighborhoods Foundation — showcasing seven homes in El Cerrito and College Park neighborhoods — is Saturday, May 1. Historian Jim Newland reveals history of each property. Tours start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon. \$15. Reservations: 619-265-8545. (EL CERRITO, COLLEGE PARK)

"Through the Garden Gates," four residential gardens in Rancho Santa Fe, Leucadia, Olivenhain featured on eighth annual tour hosted by American Association of University Women, Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m.



TreeFest: A Celebration of Trees" at Ridgehaven Green Building, April 30" (see Special)

to 2 p.m. \$25. Registration: 760-942-1850. (NORTH COUNTY)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Carlsbad Village Faire, Sunday, May 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with 850 arts and crafts booths, antiques, a pancake breakfast, food for sale, children's rides. Find fair on Grand Avenue, between Carlsbad Boulevard and Jefferson Street. Free. 760-434-8887. (CARLSBAD)

House of Poland presents lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, May 2, 2 p.m. Free. Polish food for sale. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Festival (celebrating Israel's Independence Day), Sunday, May 2, noon to 4:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Music, food, community showcases, children's games, sports, entertainment, art. 858-571-3444. (LA JOLLA)

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, May 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201.

Talmadge Art Show, over 35 artists exhibit work Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue). Free admission. 858-578-8133. (HILLCREST)

Bowling for the Animals, sixth annual fundraiser benefiting four animal organizations, Sunday, May 2, noon, at Sunset Bowl (3093 Clairemont Drive). Fee: \$7 per bowler covers shoes, three games, munchies.

760-942-3365 or 619-561-8653. (CLAIREMONT)

Fiesta de los Peñasquitos, martial arts demonstrations, fun zone, arts and crafts, community booths, food, kids' activities, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 2, on Black Mountain Road (between Twin Trails Drive and Carmel Mountain Road). Free. 858-484-2800. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Psychic and Healing Arts Fair, Sunday, May 2, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Readings, lectures, vendors by psychics and vendors from all over world. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$5, two for \$8, seniors and teens \$3, free for those under 12. 800-722-7330. (ESCONDIDO)

Spring Tea and Garden Party hosted by Carlsbad Historical Society, Sunday, May 2, 2 to 4 p.m., at Magee House (258 Beech Street). New historical displays throughout Magee House highlighted. Free. 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Egyptian-Style Drumming and Bellydance Classes on Monday, May 3, at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Frank Lazzaro leads drumming at 6 p.m.; Angell instructs in bellydance with live drumming at 7 p.m. Fee: \$10 per class. 760-942-1326. (BALBOA PARK)

"Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era" are on view from Monday, May 3, through Friday, May 28, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibition "invites viewers to put aside 21st-Century assumptions and look at events through the eyes of people living in an era when racism was deeply ingrained in American life." Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Dare to Reuse," local artists have turned trash into art for fourth annual display of paintings, sculpture, lighting fixtures created from found objects. Exhibition is on view at San Diego Natural History Museum through Sunday, May 16. \$8 general. 858-492-5009. (BALBOA PARK)

The Flower Fields boasting 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 9. Stroll pathways through fields from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 general, \$6 seniors, \$4 for children. Exit I-5 at Palomar Airport Road, head east for two blocks, turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Solar Homes Tour 2004. visit over 25 homes powered by the sun all over county featuring solar electric power (photovoltaics), solar water heating, solar pool heating on Saturday, May 15. Self-guided tours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. RSVP: 858-244-1195. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"Alice in Circusland," Fern Street Circus returns to Balboa Park for 14th annual show, Friday through Sunday, May 21-30. Multiple aerial artists, comedy balancing, magic, juggling, tumbling, clowns, high wire, knife spinning, more.

Find the open-air circus at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Seating: bleachers and grass. Performances at 8 p.m. on May 21 and 28; 1, 4, and 8 p.m. on May 22 and 29; and at 1 and 4 p.m. on May 23 and 30. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. 619-235-9756. (BALBOA PARK)

"Answering the Call: The Military Nurses of World War," an exhibit honoring the service of military nurses in World War II, continues through Wednesday, June 9, at Vet-



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erans Museum (in former Navy chapel, 2115 Park Boulevard). Includes historical uniforms, photographs, artifacts. Requested donation: \$5. 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Nature's Shadows" explored when Big Joe Productions perform through Sunday, May 2, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Ritzv Rosev and Bitsv Blossom Turn Over a New Leaf by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, May 5-9.

Showtimes: 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990.

The Hills Are Alive with The Sound of Music, as San Diego Junior Theatre presents the play at Casa del Prado Theater through Sunday, May 2.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA

The Musical My Fair Lady performed by Coast Kids Theatre, April 30 through May 7, at Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway). Actors 8 to 18 are featured in the production.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$12 general, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 for those 12 and vounger. 760-944-0116. (OCEANSIDE)

Kids' Magic Mile, 2004 Union-Tribune Race for Literacy is Saturday, May 1. One-miler starts 8 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. 760-792-2900, (BALBOA PARK)

Skatepark Exhibition and Festi-

val for youths and teens on Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at skate park in Tidelands Park (2000 Mullinex Drive). Pro-am skater exhibition, food, booths, activities (climbing wall, air jump, gyro ball). \$10 fee for skate competition, everything else is free, 619-522-7316. (CORONADO)

Tidepool Crafts class for children five and six years old, Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Activities include exploration in aquarium classroom and construction of a tidepool diorama. Fee: \$25 per child/adult pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Smokey Bear talks about fire, fire prevention, and environment on Saturday, May 1, 2 p.m., in Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). 760-745-4379. Day-use: \$2. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Youth Rugby Camp offered by several local rugby teams, Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Oualcomm Stadium, \$20 fee includes lunch, T-shirt, rugby insurance, registration fee. 619-640-6899 or

Family Portraits, artist Yvonne Venegas is known for her candid photographs of family and friends. Work with Venegas to create a unique family portrait during Freefor-All-Family Day activities on Sunday, May 2, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"A Tapestry of European Cultures" explored during family festival hosted by San Diego Museum of Art, Sunday, May 2, noon to 4 p.m. Art-making activities, artist demonstrations, live entertainment, gallery tours in Spanish and English. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Dive into the "World of Water" when Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, May 2, 11:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Included in regular museum admission, 619-232-3821 x203, (BAL-

Take a Ride on the 1914 Pilot boat when Maritime Museum hosts family day activities Sunday, May 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey sing-alongs, activities based on Antarctic exploration exploration.

Children must be accompanied by an adult to enter for free. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

"K Is for Kitten" by Niki Clark Leopold is featured during pajamarama story time, Monday, May 3, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760.

Quail Trail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. Meet at visitors' center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done, The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won, The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting, While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;

But O heart! heart! heart! O the bleeding drops of red, Where on the deck my Captain lies, Fallen cold and dead.

O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells; Rise up— for you the flag is flung — for you the bugle trills, For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths — for you the shores crowding,

For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning; Here, Captain! dear father!

This arm beneath your head! It is some dream that on the deck, You've fallen cold and dead.

My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still, My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will, The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done, From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;

Exult, O shores! and ring, O bells! But I, with mournful tread, Walk the deck my Captain lies, Fallen cold and dead.

— Walt Whitman (1819–1892)

(originally entitled "Memories of President Lincoln")

MUSEUMS

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

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

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.

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, "Chinese Tea: From Picking to Ceremony" examines this indispensable commodity of Chinese life. Through Friday, July 30.

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. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at I Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth. organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, jet, and pearls are showcased in "All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals," on view through April. Exhibit includes a mastadon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of

gem material, is also on display. Continues through April.

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

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



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Lincoln's Last Months



William C. Harris

The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2004; 303 pages; \$27.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Lincoln Prize winner William C. Harris turns to the last months of Abraham Lincoln's life in an attempt to penetrate this central figure of the Civil War, and arguably America's greatest president. Beginning with the presidential campaign of 1864 and ending with his assassination, Lincoln's ability to master the affairs of state during the final nine months of his life proved critical

to his apotheosis as savior and saint of the nation.

In the fall of 1864, an exhausted president pursued the seemingly intractable end of the Civil War. After four years at the helm,

Lincoln was struggling to save his presidency in an election that he almost lost because of military stalemate and his commitment to restore the Union without slavery. Lincoln's victory in the election not only ensured the success of his agenda but led to his transformation from a cautious, often hesitant president into a distinguished statesman. He moved quickly to defuse destructive partisan divisions and to secure the adoption of the 13th Amendment. And he skillfully advanced peace terms that did not involve the unconditional surrender of Confederate armies. Throughout this period of great trials, he managed to resist political pressure from Democrats and radical Republicans and from those seeking patronage and profit. By expanding the context of Lincoln's last months beyond the battlefield, Harris shows how the events of 1864–65 tested the president's life and leadership and how he ultimately emerged victorious, and became Father Abraham to a nation.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Harris, professor of history at North Carolina State University, does a generally workmanlike job of narrating Abraham Lincoln's final months, from the election campaign of 1864 through his assassination in the spring of 1865. Harris is astute at describing and analyzing Lincoln's shrewd politicking for the 13th Amendment and his subtle consolidation of peace terms designed to end the war while at the same time dealing out a minimum of humiliation for Confederate soldiers.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Professor Harris was born in 1933 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1965. He

taught history at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, from 1963 to 1968. He joined the North Carolina State University History Department in 1969 as an associate professor. In 1976 he was promoted to full professor. His major teaching and research field is the American Civil War and Reconstruction. He is author of six books, editor of one, and contributor to four other books.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: I opened my talk with Professor Harris by saying how intrigued I was by his choice to write about Lincoln's last months.

In his rich Southern accent, he answered, saying, "A lot of drama sometimes is missing in Civil War studies. Of course, I'm not the only one that had found this kind of drama. But his last months, there's been sort of a gap in the studies of the period. Especially after his election and even his election itself, I found a few new things to say about them and about that last campaign. Most historians assume that everything was going to be okay now, and after his election there's a certain inevitability about things."

"They rush to the assassination."

"That's right, that's right. With some reference to the Second Inaugural Address. I did not start out to write much about the election campaign. But then the more I got involved in it, the more I thought, 'You know, there are still some things that can be said about it, and bringing things together and analysis and so forth that the reader might find interesting or a scholar or just someone interested in the Civil War.' I found the whole story of those last months of the war and of Lincoln's life to be interesting, and so I just pro-

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Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts,

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, "Founding Parents: From the Kumeyaay to the Lee House" traces community history from the late Stone Age (12,000 B.C.) when the Kumeyaay first inhabited the area, to 1928 and the building of the H. Lee House. Exhibit includes murals, century-old woven baskets and pottery, fossils, pictographs, more. Continues through June.

Concurrently, see "A Sea of Lemon Trees," showcasing the city's agricultural heyday, when millions of tons of fruit were harvested and shipped to the Midwest and Eastern U.S. Ongoing exhibits include "Gorgeous Bounty: Fruit Labels of the Golden State," "The Story of Lemon Grove," "The Parson's Study." Find the museum at 3185

Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Cen-

ter, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

"Busytown" is a hands-on, bilingual exhibit based on Richard Scarry's books and TV series. Exhibit includes a grocery store, factory, shipyard, power plant, and construction area for visitors aged 2 through 6 to explore, play, and learn, through Sunday, May 9. Tips and strategies offered on parent-child interaction to encourage children's learning.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of handson exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, wave-

forms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BAL-

San Diego Archaeological Cen-

ter, "Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History," on view through April, features artifacts from the area. The center — located at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road — is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "The Evolution of Porsche" is traced in exhibit on view through Monday, May 24. Show features nearly 20 Porsche automobiles examining the evolution of this marque.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886.

San Diego Hall of Champions, current exhibits include one built around photographs from *Sports Il*-

lustrated magazine, featuring 35 San Diegans who made the cover; "San Diego Ground Zero," "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight." The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society

Museum, through costumes and ephemera, the "Wedding Belles: Traditions and Attire" exhibition chronicles San Diego wedding fashions from the 1850s through the mid-20th Century. "Belles" showcases examples of the evolution and style and of "proper attire." Show includes an 1848 Viennese wedding dress to a tulle and lace garment from the 1950s. Through Tuesday, September 7.

"From Blueprints to Buildings," an exhibit of San Diego architecture, traces this region's architectural history from early Indian bark houses to modern and postmodern buildings. The exhibit showcases the most significant examples of various architectural styles and types of structures. See the historical artifacts, photographs, and ephemera through December.

Also on view: "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot," through Thursday, December 9. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, visit the H.M.S. Surprise while the ship used in film Master and Commander is on exhibit through Tuesday, November 30. See artifacts,

costumes, props used in making of

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

search library.

The museum is located at 1306
North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North
Harbor Drive and Ash Street;
619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man,

"The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest," on display through April, focuses on historical, social, cultural, and economic implications of the age-old stone. Turquoise jewelry-making techniques documented, and pieces from the museum's extensive collections exhibited.

"Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun," continuing through April, brings to life the *iliqqusiq* or "ways and habits" of the Inuit (previously known as Eskimo). Artifacts include tools for hunting and sewing, handmade games, clothing, masks, and kayaks, offering an in-depth look at aspects of modern and ancient Inuit culture.

"Efe: Archers of the Congo" ex-

planet. The Efe are one of about 12 pygmy tribes living in African rainforest. The more than 200 items include bows, arrows, quivers, wrist guards, hunting nets, musical instruments, utensils, and bark cloth paintings. Through summer.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evo-

amines one of the most enigmatic

and little-known groups on the

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum,

the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 setler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)





ceeded to research and write

In his last months, and earlier, President Lincoln was in correspondence with a significant number of the liberal Eastern Protestants, preachers like abolitionist Henry Ward Beecher. Professor Harris quotes from a statement by Beecher:

'The triumph of the Union Party, Beecher declared, should be a lesson for European governments, 'for it shows that we, under a Republican form of government, have made immense advances in civilization' and become a shining example for other nations.

Professor Harris goes on to note that "Protestant leaders and editors, who had vigorously supported Lincoln during the campaign, saw the election results as a marvelous victory for God's purposes in the war.... Beecher, from his Brooklyn pulpit, exclaimed that the Republican success meant 'the triumph of pure moral forces' against the Devil as represented by the Republican party."

Professor Harris said of statements like Beecher's, "This was probably as close as America has come to having a civil religion in which religion is so powerful a force in politics. There's a specific type of religion in this case. The Protestant religious denominations of the North.

They became rather overpowering in that election. Of course, the fact that Lincoln was antislavery — and over a period of time, before the Civil War, the Protestant churches had moved in that direction and had become quite hostile to the pro-slavery churches of the South - made them more involved in the election. And that, too, fit into their tremendous demand for an end to slavery. The Protestant religious denominations of the North were ahead of Lincoln on this.

"They were way ahead, weren't they?'

"Right. They were, but he had to consider other things like the border slave states. He also had to consider the Northern Democrats who were just waiting for him to make mistakes, especially on the issue of blacks and slavery.'

"You write that Lincoln became more open to religion during the Civil War."

Yes. Lincoln was caught up in a religious kind of sentiment during the war. 'How do you justify this carnage?' Early in life he had been a deist and a skeptic, but by the time he got to Washington, he was moving away from that. He was getting older

"And his child, a son, died." "And the child, yes. And of course the fact that the war because he was a very sensitive person, he had to justify this. He was a gentle person. All throughout his life he hated to see things killed or hurt, and yet here he was leading armies that were

killing people. He was hurting. He told himself, this war was God's purpose and all. He was an instrument of God. That was the one thing that struck me in all this. I didn't realize that he went that far by saying that. He didn't ever belong to a church, and he was certainly open-minded. He was

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somewhere.

It was right here."

not doctrinated in any way, and that's very different from the Protestant leaders in the North.'

The Democratic Party. then, was so divided and contained so many subsets of belief."

'That's right. That was brought out in that 1864 election when things didn't go well on the battlefield — expectations were high that the war would soon be ended and the carnage would end. But it did not. When the war stalemated, the critics certainly tend to attack Lincoln, even within his own

"But of course the Democrats and the peace movement had an old history in the North. It went back to 1862 when McClellan's [George B. McClellan, Lincoln's Democratic Party election opponent] campaign sparked it. And it depended upon the military situation, the strength and intensity of the peace movement did. And then there were the socalled Copperheads [a Northern Democrat who sympathized with the South during the Civil War] — that's what the Republicans called them.'

"The Republicans and many Northern Democrats really hated those Copperheads, didn't they?"

'Yes, and it's amazing that people like Salmon P. Chase [chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1864-1873)] and some of the others thought there would be a Civil War in the North. This whole idea that the North was united always in this war, I'm not the first to say, is not true.'

I was amazed, I said, at the editorials of the period, which read almost like letters to Lincoln.

"Lincoln said he didn't pay any attention to the critical editorials. But within his own party and among conservatives who were not of the Copperhead persuasion, he did, I think, pay some attention. He had good political instincts about him even before you had Gallup polls and so forth. He had some sense of how the forces were balanced in America. In the North as well as the border states. It's that quality of leadership about Lincoln. I hope that people will have a better appreciation of it after reading this book. The very idea of integrity, standing by your promises, humanness.

"He was magnanimous toward the South and its leaders."

'That's something that's very difficult for any political leader, or anybody for that matter, to have during intense times of war like this, particularly a civil war being fought at home. This war wasn't off in Iraq or somewhere. It was right here.'

"And it was being fought by people in the North and the South, people whom you knew.'

'That's right. And within the community. And there were all kinds of rumors too. There was no opportunity to go on television and try to disabuse people of some of these rumors. It seemed to be always there. It's remarkable how the Republic survived. I had two greatgrandfathers that fought in the Confederate Army. You can respect the suffering they went through. One died in Confederate service. But be that as it may, the war was a lot closer."

"Than it is now," I said. "Right. Professor James McPherson, in his almost nowclassic Battle Cry of Freedom: the Civil War Era, points it out in several places, that the war could have gone the other way. My point is that it could have gone the other way, in the summer and fall of 1864, if that war had continued to be

stalemated."

Lincoln was a great fan of books of adult humor. He was known at cabinet meetings to read bits from the works of the so-called Petroleum V. Nashv and others. Professor Harris writes: "Lincoln's fondness for quaint humor afforded a brief escape from his burdens.... The Nasby Papers became the president's favorite light reading. This publication was a serial work of rustic satire, supposedly written by an uneducated and dissolute country preacher."

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Harris, "Nasby's humor would not go over too well. It employed plays on words. Lincoln enjoyed that kind of ridiculous, ridiculous humor.'

"Was this humor a sort of 'lower' Mark Twain?"

"Yes, it was lower Mark Twain. But it came out of a tradition. And probably Mark Twain built on this tradition.

> "Sort of outhouse humor?" "It was, And Lincoln, even

before the Civil War, enjoyed reading it. He was a pretty competent guy, but it didn't cross his mind, I think, that some of these people in his cabinet or visiting his office might not appreciate that kind of humor. Charles Sumner being one of them [Harvard-educated Sumner was one of the two senators from Massachusetts]. I can't imagine anyone sitting down and reading something like that to Charles Sumner.

"But all of these guys respected him. And that was true of Gideon Welles, secretary of the Navy, during the Civil War, who was from Connecticut. He had a great deal of respect for Lincoln, but he was critical in his journal at times and said 'Lincoln does some strange

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things.' And that's true. He did some strange things."

"It seemed to me after reading your book that it was helpful to Lincoln that he came from what then was the West — Illinois."

"I think so. That helped support for the war, too, the Lower North. That's the reason he was put on the Republican ticket in the first place. That was really the bottom line, that he probably could win the lower Midwestern states, some of which key states the Republicans had lost in 1856, when

Frémont was the first Republican candidate for President." (In 1850 Frémont was elected one of the first two senators from California. In 1856 he was the presidential candidate of the newly formed Republican Party, but he was defeated by James Buchanan in the election.)

Professor Harris said, "It was the first time the Republicans had a candidate. This was an antislavery party. The new expansion of slavery was their platform. And that's what Lincoln stood on, too, basically. And then Lincoln was selected at the convention over William Henry Seward. Because Seward probably could not win the liberal North, whereas Linter of the second services of the seco

coln could, and the Upper North was going to go Republican anyway. And so Lincoln did win all of the Northern states except he had to share New Jersey with Stephen A. Douglas. So it was well that he was from the West. And also during the Civil War, I think it helped.

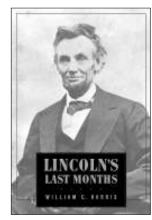
"He'd been brought up in Grand Central, Illinois, an area where a great part of his old party had a very good time of it. And he had to pursue with very skillful politics, and it was that experience in Central Illinois that I think was so important in the way he conducted himself, politically, during the Civil War: with caution, understanding, restraint. All of the elements. Of course, a lot of people thought that he should have moved quicker, maybe just a little bit quicker."

"But so many more people would have died."

"That's true, that's true. He had that set policy of what it took to preserve the Union. And he stayed with that, and that included ending slavery, although as I hope I bring out in my book, he was always antislavery. It was just that he didn't think he had the authority, and furthermore, the political situation did not suggest he just put out a blanket proclamation ending slavery everywhere. He had to work towards that 13th Amendment."

"Did Frederick Douglass have much influence on President Lincoln?"

"Not as much as some scholars, recent scholars, have thought. Douglass did not appreciate Lincoln's caution on eman-



cipation and treatment of black troops — treatment in the sense of pay and officers and all that. So Douglass went with that distant Republican group that supported Frémont."

"Douglass was very much an abolitionist, wasn't he?"

"Oh, yes. And of course William Lloyd Garrison was an abolitionist. Garrison was a strong supporter of Lincoln and the campaign of 1864, and he chastised Douglass for standing back and not supporting Lincoln. And his old friend Wendell Phillips, they had quite a conflict over whether to support Lincoln or go with the Frémont radical candidacy. And in the end, Wendell Phillips was one of the few radicals who did not support Lincoln."

Professor Harris notes, in his book, writers' attitudes toward President Lincoln. "Emerson," he said, "didn't get too involved, at least publicly, in political statements. But many of these people attended rallies for Lincoln. I did not really bring out the names in the book. A lot was deleted — especially from

Chapter 1, where it got rather long, and we had to reduce it. Though a good many of these people like Emerson were on the platform at these Lincoln rallies in 1864. This was to them the most important election in American history."

"Don't you think that Reconstruction is one of the most important actions in American history?"

"Yes. Lincoln referred to it as 'Restoration.' But all liberties, rights, would be restored except for slavery. That's basically what it meant." "I was amazed at how often

"I was amazed at how often the President and Mrs. Lincoln wandered the town unguarded."

"Well, there were usually some soldiers around. But he would break away at night and walk across to the war department, which was nearby, for the latest telegrams. I don't think I mention that in my book, but it's been said — and he's been quoted many times saying — 'If somebody wants to kill me, they can.' He got a lot of threats too."

"Was he a good horseman?"

"He didn't look very good when he was riding a horse, but nobody laughed. His legs were so long, so he looked sort of silly. The troops loved him even though he looked rather ridiculous when he was on a horse reviewing the troops. But then U.S. Grant didn't look much better in his uniform."

"How did you get interested in Lincoln?"

"I started with Reconstruction. I got a couple of books on that, Southern Reconstruction. Then I decided that we need another study of Lincoln

and Reconstruction. I soon found out that Lincoln referred to it as 'Restoration.' So I used that in the title of the book published in 1997 [With Charity for All: Lincoln and the Restoration of the Union].

"And then I decided, after I'd done work on the Civil War and Reconstruction, I would write about political leader William Woods Holden in North Carolina. I decided that with people who write on Lincoln's presidency, it sort of falls off near the end. You know, like we've said earlier. And so I got involved in that."

"As a little boy, did you admire him?"

"Well, yes. We celebrated in the South, in Mobile, Alabama, we celebrated Lincoln's birthday during the war, and I was a kid during the war. But I didn't much like having to memorize the Gettysburg Address when I was in the seventh grade. And I can't quote it now, but I had to memorize that. Yes, I've always admired Lincoln. His sense of humor was always there. No matter what the occasion was."

"Is it true that there are more books written about Lincoln than any other American president?"

"Oh, yes. There are more books about Lincoln, second only to Jesus, I think. Certainly in America."

"Wouldn't he be amazed?"
"Oh, he would. Probably
a little embarrassed too. And
I'm sure he'd read some of these
books and say, 'That's not the
way it was.' That probably
includes my book."

— Judith Moore





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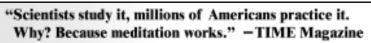
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Madame Bovary On the Volga

Katya Kabanova stands or falls on the basis of its music.

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t was a bold decision for San Diego Opera's general director, Ian Campbell, to include Janáček's Katya Kabanova among this season's operas. Bold because it is a difficult opera to make viable on stage (and Campbell did the staging himself),

and because Janáček's musical and dramaturgical styles are unfamiliar to much of the local audience, which is more at home with Mozart, Verdi, and Puccini.

Janáček was a great composer, but he certainly did not have the stage sense that those masters of opera possessed in such abundance, and the problem is compounded when — as in Katya – he wrote his own libretto. The libretto is based on a powerful naturalistic play by Alexander Ostrovsky, The Storm, which tells the story of a high-strung young married woman's adultery, guilt, confession, and suicide, against the background of oppressive, narrow-minded, merchant-class society in a provincial Russian town of the mid-19th Century. In converting the play to an opera libretto, Janáček left out most of Ostrovsky's extensive social criticism and sardonic religious symbolism, to focus on the emotions of the heroine. This change of focus has the advantage of concision and concentration. But it also considerably weakens the cultural, social, and historical meaning of the play, and leaves several of the characters who are not omitted entirely in a rather superficial and insufficiently defined state.

Janáček was not always an expert shaper of character or of dramatic events. Katya's hysterical public confession in the first scene of Act Three is much too abrupt to carry its full dramatic weight. The merchant Dikoi, who in Ostrovsky's play embodies the social and familial tyranny and the smarmy religious hypocrisy of his class, has pretty much lost his function, and in the opera most of his appearances are superfluous. Vanya Kudryash, who in Ostrovsky is a teacher, chemist, and enlightened proponent of rationalism and science, shows those characteristics only late in the opera, when his intellectual qualities come as a surprise in a character who otherwise has been reduced to little more than alighthearted, rather frivolous lover.

A great deal of the music in the opera is of ravishing beauty. But Janáček's gifts were chiefly

lyrical, and when it came to finding apposite musical translations of the drama's crucial actions and emotions, his genius functioned only intermittently. There are

many terrific moments in Katya, but at times the music — beautiful as it is — does not rise to what the drama demands of it. In particular, the duets between Katya and her lover Boris lack the musical language that could make the audience empathize with their passion; and the lengthy "mad scene" that culminates in Katya's suicide alternates gripping passages of sweeping intensity with static and uninspired writing in which the music loses all momentum.

Nevertheless, in its entirety Katya can offer a magnificent theatrical experience, if it is performed and staged with a commanding sense of its inner dramatic life. The San Diego Opera production benefited from a number of highly competent singers, led by the fiery and poignant Katya of Patricia Racette. Racette, who has the dramatic instincts of an authentic opera singer. was in excellent voice, and her Katva was vividly alive. Priti Gandhi, taking the role of Varvara (the sister of Katya's husband in Ostrovsky's play, but for unknown reasons his foster-sister in the opera), is a young singer of fine talents, who has emerged from the San Diego Opera Ensemble. Doug Jones, who sang and acted Kudryash with a lively feeling for character and a particularly fluent way with Janáček's conversational vocal manner, seemed like a first-rate comprimario tenor in the making. Indeed, all the singers, including those whose vocal instruments were perhaps less than ingratiating, were surprisingly comfortable with a style that depends to so great a degree on the rhythmic patterns of the Czech language, in which the opera was sung.

The visual elements of the production were

far less idiomatic, and although they were pleasant to look at, they often did not contribute sufficiently to an understanding of the action. The events of The Storm and Katya Kabanova take place in a small town on the Volga in the 1850s, which is the only period when the social structure depicted in the play and (more weakly) in the opera makes sense. Maria Biornson's costumes, on loan from Covent Garden, advanced the time by some 50 years, so that we seemed to be looking at The Three Sisters, which belongs to a very different age. Dikoi, who should have been clothed in the typical old-fashioned, thoroughly Russian dress of his reactionary social class, wore a frock coat and top hat like an Edwardian dandy. The contrast between the Moscow-educated Boris and the backward provincials he is forced to live among, a contrast that ought to be reinforced by their dressing in the old style and his dressing in the new, was completely effaced.

Nor did the set designs help to clarify matters. There was a nice Russian church in the first scene, establishing the locality. But a general tendency toward stylization and minimalism deprived the interior of the Kabanov house of the pretentious, overstuffed, suffocating quality it would have had in reality, a visual clue that could have helped to convey the feeling of lifedenying imprisonment that makes Katya vulnerable to the lure of a passionate, hopeless, adulterous affair. The ruined building at the beginning of the third act, with its faded frescos of the Hell to which all sinners are doomed, was virtually "unreadable," looking like a burned-out

railroad station, and with the infernal paintings invisible. In the following scene, the raked stage with background projections of trees at its upstage edge provided no palpable sense that this was meant to represent a cliff above the broad river — the cliff from which Katya will jump to her death. Again and again, the sets failed to underline the thrust and implications of the drama, instead diffusing and muddling the opera's

Campbell's stage direction tended to rely on conventional operatic movements and gestures,

Peter Oundjian

Leos Janáček. Katva Kabanova Civic Theatre (San Diego Opera)

Conductor, John Fiore; stage director, Ian Campbell; set designer, Jane LaMotte; costume designer, Maria Bjornson. Cast: Doug Jones (Kudryash), James Scott Sikon (Dikoi), Raymond Very (Boris), Josephine Barstow (Kabanicha), Jay Hunter Morris (Tichon), Patricia Racette (Katya), Priti Gandhi (Varvara)

> where what was needed was an acute illumination of specific characters and specific dramatic actions. Katya's husband, Tichon, was presented as a rabbity ninny and nothing more. The lover, Boris, acted like a stolid businessman, rather than a discontented but timorous rebel against his stultifying lot. Even Racette, who is an accomplished actress, was rarely given direction that could make her physical presence as communicative as her singing. It was not a good idea to have her stand on the living room table to deliver her thrilling self-revelatory speech about her religious

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ecstasies and her erotic longings. What was needed was expressive stage business to fill the numerous blank spots in Janáček's score, where the singing has stopped for the moment, the orchestra is making its gorgeous commentary, and the singers are left floundering, with nothing specific to do. But this need remained generally unmet.

The director did indeed add some invented stage business at inopportune moments, such as the distracting entrance and fussy actions of servants during serious conversations by the principals. He also egregiously transformed the brief scene between the tipsy Dikoi and Katya's harridan of a mother-in-law, Kabanicha. In Ostrovsky, the scene has a clear satirical purpose. Its purpose in Janáček's libretto is not so clear; but one purpose it most definitely does not have is to show the relationship between Kabanicha and Dikoi as that between a dominatrix and a masochist who likes to get whipped.

The audience seemed to like this intrusion of the kinky, but it was wrong-headed for four reasons. One, it is not like that in Ostrovsky. Two, it's not like that in the libretto. Three, it's not like that in the music

(no opera composer composing music for a scene of whipping would fail to put some equivalent in the score). Fourth (and most important), it confuses the overall dramatic structure of the opera, which opposes an emotionally disturbed woman, longing for ecstatic freedom, to a normative (and "normal") society with no imagination and no room for individuality. If Dikoi and Kabanicha, the male and female pillars of that society, are indulging in their own disreputable erotic fantasies, the whole point of the contrast is

The longing for ecstatic freedom is one of the leitmotifs of Ianáček's wonderful score, as is the inexorable fate (represented by society's rules) that makes such freedom either impossible or tragically self-destructive. Ultimately, Katya Kabanova, like all operas, stands or falls on the basis of its music, and I'm sorry to report that conductor John Fiore was a long way from supplying the sharp, relentless excitement and the driving momentum this particular opera requires. His conducting was intelligent and shapely, but it had no edge. Katya is about a woman who from the very beginning is on the point of breaking; the music reflects and brilliantly so - that psychological reality; and the conducting must reflect it too. At the Civic Theatre, it just

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Arbus's dullest pictures are of babies, who can't dissemble or coin an image of themselves.

hotography creates all kinds of intimacies — raw or refined, rough or elegant and has always been a way of costuming reality. Seeing a snapshot of someone, anyone, tempts us to believe we know that person, be-

cause we count on the candor of the medium, until we remember that any fiction of self can be made up for the occasion. Charles Dodgson, a.k.a. Lewis Carroll,

dressed some of the children he photographed in costumes he thought befitted their personalities. Nadar's mid-19th-century photo of a corpse on her deathbed makes death seem something that disguises life. Photographers have also long been drawn to whatever's secretive, out-of-place, or freakish.

Diane Arbus had her finger on all this when she said, "A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know." What's given to the camera is always somehow mysterious, even the personality of a loved one. A photo's illusionism throws an opaque sheath or membrane around the subject, glazing a truth we want to believe exists. The huge retrospective of Arbus's work now at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, which I saw at its original venue in San Francisco, provides occasion to decide what, finally, we think of her work and what, exactly, the work is about. It's a slippery business. By the 1970s, when her last big show took place, her images were already part of the American

vernacular. A Jewish giant whose head grazes the ceiling of his nondescript living room stoops solicitously toward his parents. A transvestite glares at the camera with a look that says come hither, come on, I dare you. Two children dressed like

large dolls in formal attire strike a waltz pose at a ballroom dancing contest. A circus performer eats fire or swallows a sword. People with Down syndrome and

mental disabilities cavort for the camera in a darkling Halloweenish nowhere-land. Arbus's subjects have a depressive flamboyance cuffed by an emotional restraint that keeps them just this side of exploitation. Although her pictures bear an implicit directive — behold, but do not - their intimacy instills a creepy suspicion that we're looking at versions of ourselves, that we're all oddities of a kind, and so is she.

Loaded content, for sure, and yet Arbus is the only modern photographer of consequence whose work, to my eye, offers hardly any formal excitement. (This despite the fact that she revered Walker Evans.) On the contrary, spend time with these images and they can bring you down, not because of the afflictions and melancholy on display but for the unrelenting scenic dimness; time and again the subject is a specimen strobe-lit against a muggy background. The deteriorated, rubbed-raw settings sharpen the physical idiosyncrasies. This wasn't accidental. Though she took an interest in darkroom procedures only

late in her career — she was born in 1923 as Diane Nemerov, kept her first husband's name, and died by her own hand in 1971 — Arbus did much of her own printing and sought particular effects. Her deliberateness is most striking in the penumbral lighting that traps "the retarded people" in the untitled series of 1970-71. Her work, obsessed as it is with the self-as-décor, is close to the fashion photography that paid her rent and to early medical photography.

Photography, as Arbus and others practice it, is a confidence: the subject confides some secret of self-perception that the image-maker can exploit, respect, violate, or satirize. But Arbus is no Robert Frank or Dorothea Lange or Garry Winogrand. She serves up no pity, mercy, passion, or delight. A photograph is like a stain, she said, because it doesn't move. There's no nature in her work except human nature. An Arbus "landscape"

might be a bucolic lakeside setting covering the wall of a building lobby, or clouds on a drive-inmovie screen, or rocks on rolling dollies in Disneyland. And it's not really human nature that interests her so much as human quiddity,



A Jewish giant at home with his parents in the Bronx, N.Y., 1970

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species concordance, a directory of the thousand ways in which consciousness, crafting the body, greets reality.

Arbus's dullest pictures are of babies, who can't dissemble or coin an image of themselves. They are nature. Arbus required a self-reflective consciousness performing for the camera. The one baby picture that works doesn't involve a real baby: a rather wasted woman tenderly holds a "baby monkey" dressed in infant's clothing, a proxy for her actual infant who, we learn from Diane's (she pronounced it Dee-ann) copious notebooks, accidentally hung himself. Older children mug for the camera, like the boy holding a toy hand grenade, striking a foxhole hero pose that looks instead like spastic mania. Arbus's images flirt ambiguously and mercilessly with innocence real and feigned. In a 1961 picture, a skinny girl on a stoop, wearing a rubbery, oversized witch's mask, holds a naked baby doll. The fake child is ex-



Child with a toy hand grenade in Central Park, N.Y.C. 1962

posed, an offering to the lens, while the real child is grotesquely disguised as a loathsome fairy tale adult who menaces children. "My illusion," she wrote to her brother, the poet Howard Nemerov, whose work has a lot of his sister's tense reserve, "is everyone elses [sic] disillusion."

Her most famous pictures have a banal but inexhaustible

mystery. The contact sheet from which she printed A Jewish giant at home with his parents in the Bronx, N.Y. 1970 (Eddie Carmel) is made almost entirely of images of the hulking youth putting his sheltering, monstrous arms around his parents, but the one she chose to print shows him set apart, leaning heavily on his cane, huge but enfeebled, while



Untitled (1), 1970-71

they look up at him with pained anxiety and curiosity. Consider the familiar 1963 image of a Levittown interior at Christmas. Levittown was the postwar prototype of planned suburban developments, and this living room seems to creak with moldy good cheer. The fat fir tree stuffed into a corner, awkwardly lopped to fit the room, looks crushed, like the

Jewish giant, and the gifts neatly banked at its base look professionally wrapped. Tidy magazine rack, plastic floral display, blond TV console, and a forbidding expanse of wallto-wall carpet between us and the tree, but the oddest detail is the hawkish presence of time: in this room, which holds no affections other than that for American material perfection, are two clocks, a starburst eyesore next to the tree that replicates one of the tree ornaments and a smaller timepiece on the TV set. Their stolid presence pressures the entire scene. The aspirations the room's contents represent are timed to expire. In another picture, a living room loaded with personal and public memorabilia — graduation picture, award plaque, American flag, portraits of JFK and RFK — is titled An empty room, N.Y.C., 1968, even though off to one side stands a man flipping through a magazine.

My personal favorite, untypical for Arbus, is straight photography at its purest extreme of emotional complexity: a couple out for a stroll on Coney Island, arm in

face a shrewish Daumier caricature, while the man, turning from her anger, wears a look of murderous forbearance. More typically, Arbus was attracted to (and infused with cornball menace) figures in a wax museum, louche characters in Santa costumes at a "Santa Club School," nightclub strippers, or rough trade on a pre-Disney-fied 42nd Street. Her best work treats subjects that decorate or expose themselves, sometimes both at once. Nudists proudly sport their (mostly uncomely) bodies like costumes, body builders dressed in ripped physiques look more emotionally vacant than any of the nudists, tattooed sideshow artists (one a bruiser, the other a perfect lady) wear the world's illustrations. And yet we know that these self-exposures are very likely cover-ups, that something is being withheld. Self-awareness, Arbus knew, is a revisionist; it filters and recolors personality. Not so, perhaps, with "the retarded people" in masquerade. They do ham it up and show off camera selves, at times impersonating derangement, but the photographer doesn't have to wait for them to yield up a momentary vulnerability or exposure. Most viewers find these the most disturbing of Arbus's pictures, and I suspect it's because the camera commands these ill creatures as it commands all her subjects: Come out, come out, whoever you are. ■

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GALLERIES

Gelatin Silver Prints by Nicholas Roberti are on view through Sunday, May 16, at Phantom Art Gallery (suite E in Artist's Alley, 212 East North Coast Highway). Reception: Friday, April 30, 5 p.m. 760-433-5083. (OCEANSIDE)

"Ya Gotta Have Art" is theme for art show and silent auction with reception on Saturday, May 1, 5 p.m., at Frame Maker Gallery (3102 Reynard Way); \$20 tickets benefit Mission Hills Library. 619-692-4910. (HILLCREST)

"Baskets, Gourds, and Imagination," 17 fiber artists contribute work to exhibit opening with reception on Saturday, May 1, at 5 p.m., at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). Show closes Thursday, June 3. 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

"The 47th Annual International Awards Exhibition" at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado), opens with "gala reception," Saturday, May 1, 6 p.m. Juror: Peter Gordon. 619-236-0011. Reception tickets: \$75 general. Exhibit closes Sunday, June 13. (BALBOA PARK)

"Contemporary Images" by Donna Klipstein and Pamela Fox Linton go on view with reception on Sunday, May 2, 4 p.m., at Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). 858-481-3071. Through May. (DEL MAR)

"Photorealistic" Watercolors and oils by Deanne Tiffany and landscapes rendered in pastels and oils by Jane Halleland may be seen in show hosted by Southwestern Artists' Association through Friday, May 14, in Gallery 23 in Spanish Village. Reception: Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

The Annual Student Art Show — showcasing work in a variety of media — opens with a reception on Tuesday, May 4, 11 a.m., in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center, One Barnard Drive; 760-795-6657). Closes Tuesday, May 18. (OCEANSIDE)

"Apples and the Apple," exhibition by Miya Uchida Hannan closes with reception on Thursday, May 6, at 5 p.m., in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Niki de Saint Phalle: California Dreaming," opening on Wednesday, May 5, explores works said to be "inspired by and created in California" through models and related drawings, paintings, and prints from the artist's archives and from private collections. Through November. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, useful and beautiful wooden objects — chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in "George Nakashima, Woodworker — A Retrospective." The objects are exhibited along with paintings and drawings by Nakashima's friend Ben Shahn. Closes Sunday, May 30.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through April, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Sueo Serisawa — Poetry in Painting" offers woodblock prints and paintings by Serisawa, who uses his work as the medium to express his philosophy inspired by Zen Buddhism and J. Krishnamurti's teachings.

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, "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. Also on view: "Niki de Saint Phalle Remembered." Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Everything Matters: Paul Kos, a Retrospective," begins with the artist's early work and follows his career through development of video art to public art projects made as recently as 2000. This exhibition of work by one of the major figures in the conceptual art movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s continues through

Sunday, May 2.

The "Cerca Series" continues with "The Rules of the Game" by Mexico City-based artist Gustavo Artigas, on view through Sunday, June 6. Installation includes video projection, supporting materials, visually articulating "cultural sim-

ilarities and disparities between the populations" of Mexico and U.S.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art," featuring over 50 paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, drawings, and video works by 33 contemporary artists, continues through Sunday, May 16. Exhibition highlights important figures and directions defining contemporary art in the region.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541, (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Paris: A Century in the City of Light," showcases the city "through a study of its people and their daily routines." Images were made mostly in late 1920s through the immediate post-World War II era. The show — continuing through Sunday, May 23, includes photographs by Robert Doisneau, André Kertesz, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Edouard Boubat, others.

"The Beauty of the Albumen Print" examines a variety of albumen photographs for their diversity and beauty. Albumen printing was the dominant method of making photographs in latter part of 19th Century. Through May 23.

"Wanderers, Travelers, and Adventurers: Images of Exploration from the Permanent Collection," boasts more than 80 photographs of distant people and places, exemplifying "the many ways photographs were and still are used to present inspired visions from all over the earth." Continues through Sunday, August 1.

Find the museum in the Casa

de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Brighton Press: The Art of the Book," features artist books from Brighton Press in San Diego. The books are made by hand, with intaglio, relief, and letterpress printing done on Brighton premises. Books are published in editions ranging from ten to one hundred copies. Show closes on Sunday, June 20. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787.

San Diego Museum of Art, "Shahzia Sikander: Flip Flop," the next "Contemporary Links 2" exhibition, features drawings, a site-specific composition, and an installation composed of paintings on dense layers of tissue paper by

(OCEANSIDE)

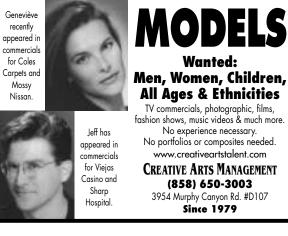
the Pakistani-born artist. The show, closing Sunday, June 27, is based on a selection of paintings from museum's Binney Collection.

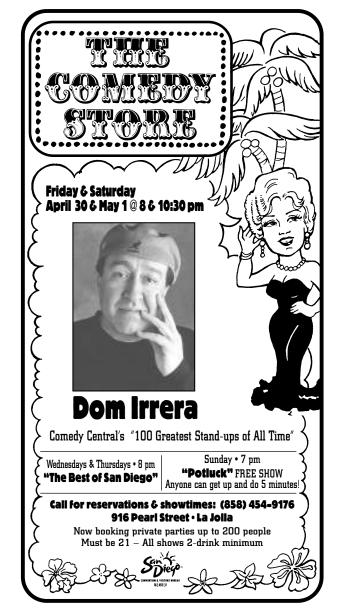
"Sultans and Sufis: Paintings from the Deccan," continuing through Sunday, August 15, includes approximately 20 works from the Edwin Binney III Collection of South Asian art. Painting styles are described as "visionary, poetic, and richly colored."

For further information, call 619-232-7931, (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)











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Unfinished Fusion

"The killing has never stopped. The human sacrifice continues."

REVIEW

molecule, crowned by a martini glass, done in Vegas glitz. In Luis Valdez's Earthquake Sun, in its world premiere at the San Diego Rep, the machine takes a twin

brother — who is either a hunter or Jaguar Kan — from Mayan civilization (A.D. 732, Gregorian calendar time) to 5125 (i.e., the early 21st Cen-

tury, an "end time" for the Mayans) to the 34th Century, which is almost exclusively clones. But then it turns out the machine may not be taking the twin brother anywhere. He's entered a hologramatized virtual reality and thus isn't traveling, like the Mayans, on the "zuvuyas of time" — and hasn't fallen in love with Lady Ah Kin. Or has he?

The ancient Mayans believed in synchronicity. The "zuvuya," an interdimensional beam, connects past, present, and future. Travelers on the zuvuya could thus ride time, gain energy and wisdom from other-dimensional beings, and other versions of themselves. Mumbo jumbo? To this day the Tzolkin, the Mayans' sacred calendar, remains the most accurate ever devised.

Because of the zuvuya, the Mayans could think in huge increments of time (their Mukulmam glyph records an event that happened 10,240,000,000,000 years ago) and of profound interconnectedness, expressed in their saying: *In Lake'ch* — "I am another yourself."

The year 2012 will mark the end of a 5125-year Mayan cycle. Thus we're entering an "end time." And what a great subject for a play! *Earthquake Sun* uses this material, but the script unfolds like notes for a play yet to be written.

A California icon, Valdez has created several dramatic forms. The founder of *El Teatro Campesino* wrote *actos*, brief comedic sketches designed to

raise political awareness; he has written *mitos*, stories and parables based on Indian (often Mayan) ritual, the aim being to integrate activism and ritual: to "tie the cause of social justice" to "the cause of everything else in our universe." Valdez also experimented with *corridas*, the popular Latino ballads of love and death: a fusion of theater, dance, music, and mime he will explore anew for the Rep in 2005.

Valdez has written Zoot Suit, I Don't Have to Show You No Stinking Badges, Bandido! and many others. Earthquake Sun ranks among his most ambitious projects, combining elements of the acto, the mito, the corrido, and adding time travel, biogenetics, a sacred "pitz ball" match (the winner losing his/her head), and speculations on a world without sex.

It's a lot. And a lot of it lacks artistic control. Elements often get in each other's way. *Sun* requires major amounts of exposition, as characters often explain to each other where they are — for the audience. The dialogues, which do go on,

need tightening. The exposition, lengthy dialogues, and conflicting elements not only create confusion, they retard the pace so much that *Sun* lurches forward.

Act One has two sections: the first begins at a Mayan city-state, where the hungry gods demand sacrifices, and the supply of human hearts is "dwindling." Lady Ah Kin's a pitz ball wizard, able to send a 40-pound ball through a stone hoop, way up a wall, without using hands or feet.

The second section follows undocumented Guatemalans, crossing the U.S. border near Nogales. They are pollos ("chickens") led by El Coyote. As lightning and thunder rage above, gunfire breaks out, one observes that, since the Mayans, "The killing has never stopped. The human sacrifice continues."

Act One, it turns out, has been a "cautionary tale." Act Two gets played in a different key, as Valdez lets his humor emerge. It's 3312, age of the 6th Sun. Tourists have overrun Mars. Universal cloning has eliminated "greed, lust, and envy." This "world without violence and war" is also without sex. "Fornication is illegal," in fact, which disturbs young Hunter Reed, because he's entertaining, um, uncivilized notions about Maya Kinetic, who reminds him of his 5000-year-old unrequited love, Lady Ah Kin.

The Rep's production, the 28th in its popular "*Teatro sin Fronteras*" ("theater without boundaries") project, does much to serve the play.



Daniel Rangel, Lucinda Serrano in Earthquake Sun

Earthquake Sun, by Luis Valdez

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown Directed by Valdez; cast: Linda Castro, Kinan Valdez, Daniel Rangel, Monica Sanchez, Sandra Ruiz, Janel Deguzman, Jeremiah M. Maestas, Arturo Medina, Melanie Anne Marsh; scenic and costume design, Giulio Cesare Perrone; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Paul Peterson; movement coach, John Malashock

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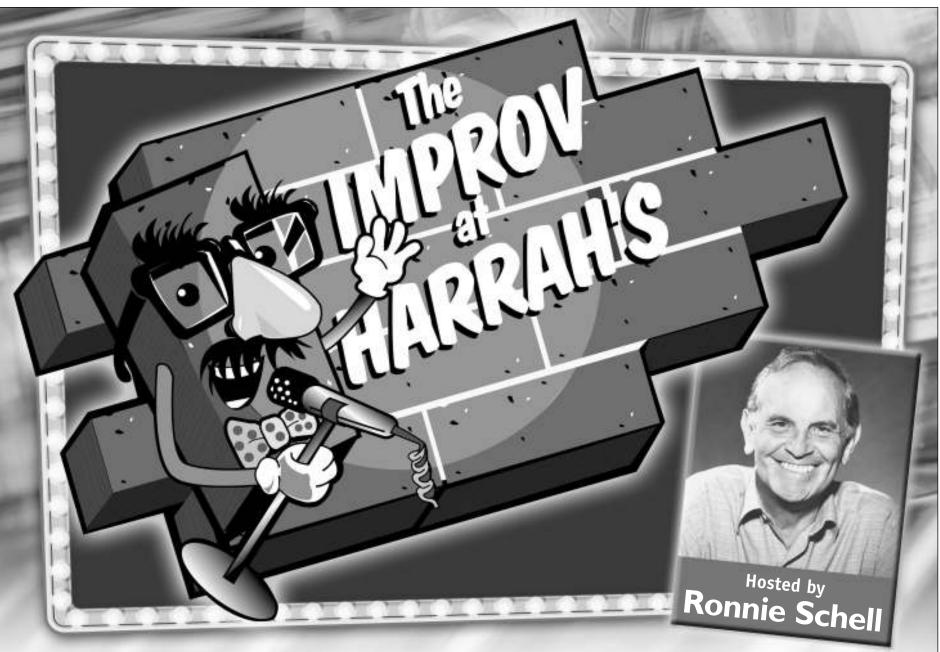
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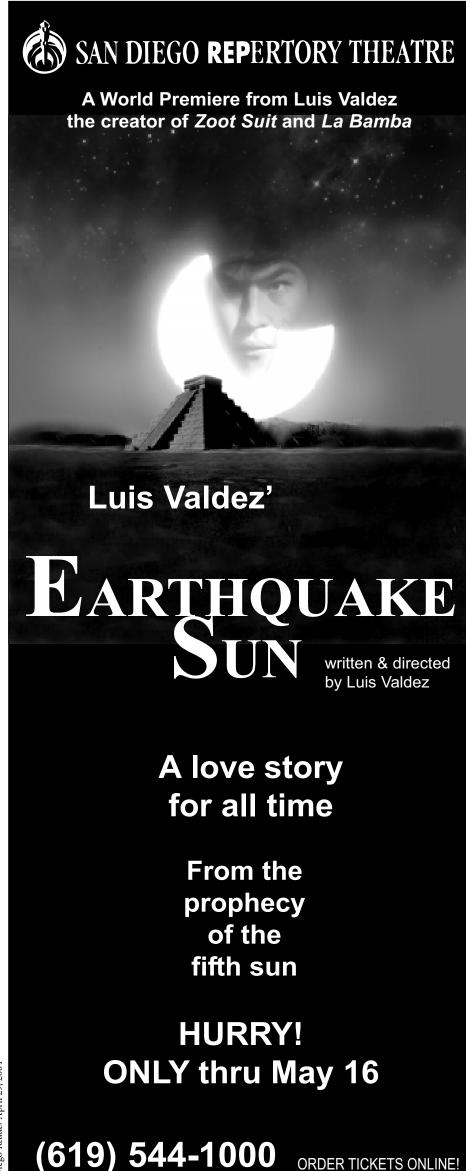
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Pre-show audiences enter a Mayan temple, not in ruins, but thriving: clay-colored walls, bas-relief sculptures, vine tendrils backlit by a warm jade glow. Giulio Cesare Perrone designed the set and costumes, which include huge peacock headdresses for Lady Ah Kin and her daughter. When called upon, Jennifer Setlow's expressive lighting turns the stage blood red.

Valdez couldn't ask for a better spirit guide. Linda Castro is wonderful as the Old One and Astro Priest, two versions of a crazy-wise crone — an offputting angel who smokes cigars and breaks wind with such ferocity she almost empties the theater. Kinan Valdez brings energy and humor to multiple roles.

A major plus: choreographer John Malashock coached movement sequences with ritualistic fluidity. A spear-fight — Kinan Valdez and Daniel Rangel really brandishing their weapons — looks like a lifethreatening ballet. Valdez's direction, by contrast, often feels stiff, the deliveries stilted, regardless of where the zuvuya has come to land.

"Too much clone talk," a friend observed after the show, "too little love." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Angels in America, Parts I

SDSU presents Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning dramas — Millennium Approaches and Perestroika — running in repertory. Nick Reid directed.

DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, PART I, APRIL 30 AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE MAY 1 AT 2:00 P.M.; PART II, APRIL 29 AND MAY 1 AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE MAY 2 AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

Beau Jest

Lamplighters present James Sherman's popular comedy about a young actor hired to be a Jewish boyfriend. Kate Hewitt directed. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH MAY 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, APRIL 29) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

Chalk It Up To Murder

In H.I.T. Productions' dinner-theater mystery, a terrible fire scorched the Cactus Gulch schoolhouse eight years ago. The culprit just broke out of jail. FIRESIDE RESTAURANT, 439 WEST WASHINGTON, ESCONDIDO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-561-8673 OR 888-237-2751.

Chess

La Jolla Stage Company presents Benny Anderson and Bjorn Ulvaeus's musical about the World Chess Championship and the battle for global domination. LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, 7877 HER-SCHEL AVENUE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH MAY 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-459-7773.

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The Great Divorce

Earthquake Sun

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8:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT
7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT
2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Fantasticks

California Center for the Arts hosts the North Coast Repertory Theatre's production of the popular musical about innocence and experience (this marks the first collaboration between the Center and a local theater company).

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 NORTH ESCONDIDO BOULEVARD, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, THROUGH MAY 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 800-988-4253.

The Food Chain

The Old Globe Theatre stages
Nicky Silver's absurdist satire
about obsessions with food, sex,
looks, and fashion.
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2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Fully Committed

Air traffic controllers, at least, have each other. Not Sam Pelikowski. He must make all the reservations for a posh New York restaurant. Jean-Paul Sartre said, "Hell is other people." Hah. Hell is other people demanding all-vegan cuisine for 15 at a 7:30 seating, while five other callers blink on hold. Thanks to a tour de force by David McBean, Cygnet Theatre's Fully Committed is a hilarious, touching charmer. McBean plays Sam and 39 other people. The logistics boggle: it's the equivalent of memorizing a phone book and making each voice so distinctive you remember it the next time you hear it. McBean must change characters as fast as he can say, "Hold, please." He's so terrific, however, that logistics disappear into Sam's frantic, behind-thescenes world. He's an aspiring actor lacking "a strong sense of personal entitlement" - just what every caller has! Sam gets a crash course in assertion training and passes with soaring colors. Throughout the audience's "Oh yeahs" and "That's rights" punctuate the show with shocks of recognition. Anyone who has ever been an actor, or waited tables, or worked at entry level with the public will empathize with Fully Committed. And, given David McBean's special performance, so should evervone else.

Critic's pick.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE/ROLANDO AREA, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, THROUGH MAY 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-

Grassroots Greeks

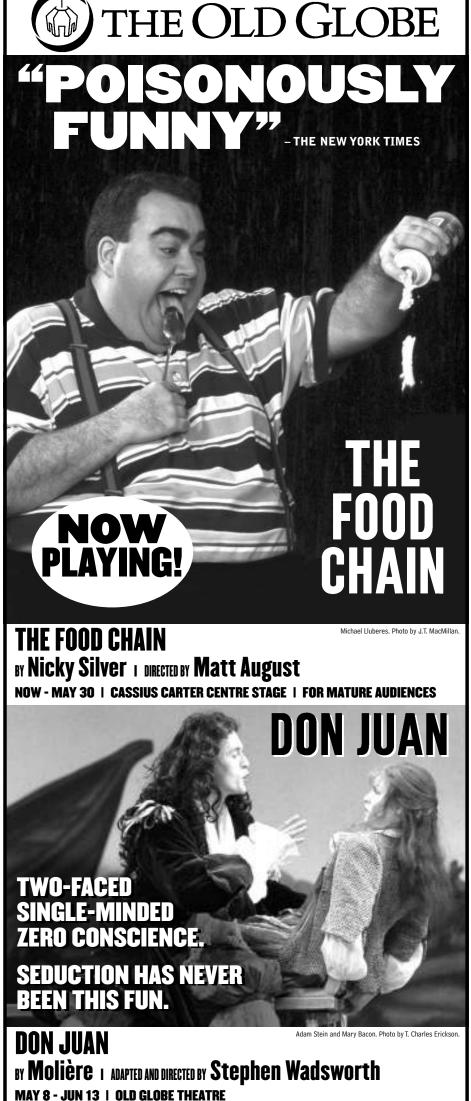
6th @ Penn's former "Seven Weeks of Greeks" became so popular it's a regular series. And what a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the em phasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom de-bate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: Helen by Euripides, May 17.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: MONDAY, MAY 17, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Great Divorce

C.S. Lewis separates Heaven and Hell by one's mental, not physical actions. And his 1946 book, The Great Divorce, is an intellectualized study of the two conditions. Lewis's intro claims he doesn't want to "arouse factual curiosity about the details of the afterworld." In Robert Smyth's adaptation, and even with Lamb's Players' hallmark inventiveness, Divorce is just people debating variations on a theme disguised as dialogue (the play knocks down objections to Heaven and damns the objectors). It doesn't develop, and conclusions are foregone. The ideas are interesting (the script might work better without any detail, as a staged reading), but as Walter Kerr said about theater, "It's better to make a





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person than a point." The production's at its best in its details, like Robert Smyth's "seedy actor of the old school," who utters drawn-out phrases, as if not quite off book, and replies late, as if on a long distance trunk-call. He's unconnected to anything. This is Lamb's most memorable example of Lewis's self-absorbed ghosts, made vivid by the actor, not the text. The production includes a ballet-like opening sequence — graveler-Ghosts in a downpour; and Kerry Meads, adept in multiple roles, plays a slithering lizard-demon so menacing that although Lewis never illustrates the "transmortal" locale — one might choose Heaven by default. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 2: THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Hav Fever

OnStage Playhouse presents Noel Coward's popular comedy about "the House Party from Hell." Bruce Wilde directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE. CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, APRIL 30. THROUGH MAY 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, Perfect covers the zodiac of relationships, starting with a first date ("will I be a date from hell?"), through the singles scene ("Single Man Drought"), to marriage, children, even a funeral. Along the way a San Ouentin con scares a timid couple into taking the Big Step ("you gotta compromise a little, you dickheads!"), and Rose Ritz tells the truth for her dating service videotape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-person cast. They have the smarts not to push for comedy or drama, letting the audience choose its reaction (romantics can sigh, scoffers can, well, scoff). Andrea Chamberlain, Mylinda Hull, David Engle, and especially Stan Chandler, who must be one of the most versatile performers around, enhance every scene with strong voices and precise character details. Credit as well to the costume designer, unnamed in the program, who provided everything from tuxes to Chargers Tshirts - and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, split-second changes. Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED 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

I Love You, You're Perfect, **Now Change**

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the popular musical revue that traces the evolution of male-female relationships. David Engel directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE. ESCONDIDO. THROUGH JUNE 6: TUESDAY, THURS DAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI NEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.



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The Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the regular teacher's poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a. an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b. a thought-provoking look at education, religion, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding. (Note: the Laguna Playhouse has extended the show's run six times.) Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH JUNE 21: MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Life's Not Fair

GB Productions presents an evening of comic sketches. In one, a newborn demonstrates instant star quality; in another, a bus driver's found a way to get bigger tips: he forces passengers to do the Hustle.

THE NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, THROUGH MAY 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-647-4958.

M Butterfly

"It was dark, and she was very modest." David Henry Hwang's 1988 drama — and his lengthy explanations in the play and many interviews that followed — introduced cultural diversity to America. Based on the true story of a French diplomat's 20-year affair with a man he thought was a woman, Butterfly is an issue-rich look at gender, politics, colonialist stereotypes, and more. At Diversionary Theatre, in a co-production with the Asian-American Rep, the play's received a thoughtful, detailed, visually appealing staging by Doren Elias. Long one of San Diego's better actors, Elias could become one of our better directors! Though neither sparkles, Jessie MacKinnon and Diep Huynh are quite capable as Rene Gallimard ("the patron saint of the socially inept") and Song Liling (Chinese actor/informant). The production gets strong support from Jonathan

Dunn-Rankin, Kim Miller, Melissa Fernandes, and especially Manuel J. Fernandes, Chaplinesque in several comic roles. Shulamit Nelson's expressive costumes and Amanda Stephens much-in-little set (a pond, a proscenium, a jail cell) are major plusses in concert with Elias's vision. Give him more

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. THROUGH MAY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Mr. Marmalade

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Noah Haidle's comedy about "grownup behavior and misbehavior refracted through the eyes of children." Ethan McSweeny directed.

JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH MAY 16; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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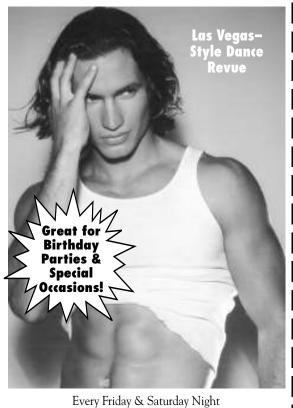
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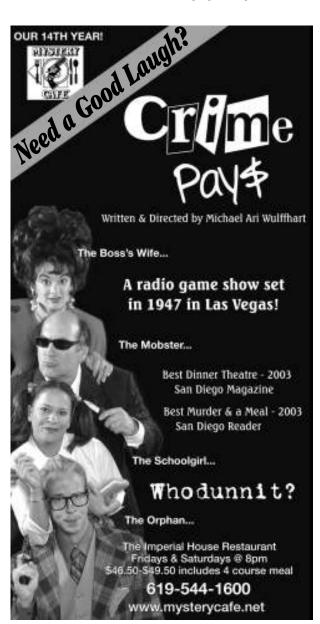


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The Pine Hills Lodge and Dinner Theater present Dan Goggin's award-winning musical comedy about nuns who sing and dance. PINE HILLS LODGE AND DINNER THE-ATER, 2960 LA POSADA ROAD, JULIAN, THROUGH JUNE 12, SATURDAY, DINNER AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M. 760-765-1100.

Once Upon a Mattress

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages the Broadway musical based on Hans Christian Andersen's "Princess and the Pea." Raylene Wall directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE ALLIANT IN-TERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, THROUGH JUNE 6: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

Over the River and Through the Woods

The Poway Performing Arts Company concludes its season with Joe DiPietro's comedy about Nick, whose dream job offer will relocate him away from his extended family. Brent A. Stringfield directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY. 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH MAY 16: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Wizard



Relatively Speaking

The Old Globe Theatre/USD actor training program presents Alan Ayckbourn's farce about how a pair of slippers results in mistaken identities. Colin McPhillamy directed. STUDIO THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALA PARK, LINDA VISTA, THROUGH MAY 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-260-4171.

The Road to Mecca

6th @ Penn Theatre stages Athol Fugard's drama about Miss Helen. She refuses to "wear her widowhood properly" and has transformed her home into a work of art. Patrick Stewart directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, MONDAY, MAY 3. THROUGH JUNE 2; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough;

I did it in my, as hindsight reveals,

callow youth). Others made amaz-

ing twists and turns. The group

makes the hits much more fre

different bits. The show I caught

quent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making the-

ater. And they put his pearls to

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ber, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try. SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT

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Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster

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Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend -"Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

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Rob Hagey, promoter and founder of the San Diego Street Scene, would not comment on the rumor that is passing among talent

year of the event. He did not know when he would announce the venue or the lineup.

— Ken Leighton

The Viper Room, known to some as the bar where River Phoenix died from an overdose, has hosted shows by Dwight Yoakam, Billy

the inside track

agents that the Street Scene was moving off the streets and into Qualcomm Stadium.

He would only confirm that this year's Street Scene was shortened from three days to two and that, instead of September, the event would be held August 27 and

No artists have yet been announced, but he said he is currently involved in the booking. "I'm doing that

Hagey said this is the 20th

Idol, STP, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Now Joe Rinaldi, a 1991 UCSD economics grad (who played in local bands the Offenders and Mr. Orange while he worked full-time in the Union-Tribune's business

Rinaldi also managed the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash for four years and currently manages the Deere Johns.

office), is booking the talent

there.

"I feel in tune with the cream of the crop of San Diego. I want these people to know I will do my best to help them.'

Although he said local bands may not expect a lot of pay from the Viper, "at least it won't be...where you have to buy tickets.'

The 175-personcapacity Viper Room (8852 Sunset Boulevard in L.A.) has existed since 1993. Before that it used to be called Filthy McNastv's.

I note that it seems unusual Rinaldi would get such a plum gig without any talent-buying experience.
"They called me. I can

only assume it was because my record store is directly adjacent to one of the biggest concert halls, the El Rey Theater. A lot of people know me.'

Found Music, Rinaldi's three-year-old record store on Wilshire Boulevard, "was modeled exactly after Lou's Records." Rinaldi said he plans to keep the record store — which he says was named "by the L.A. Weekly in their annual Best of L.A. for having the best free concert series in town" - during his tenure at the Viper Room.

In other local venue news, it isn't known who will be the principal talent buyer at the new San Diego House of Blues, but that person will be



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hired by Kevin Morrow, who worked for eight years at the Falk & Morrow talent agency adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern.

— Ken Leighton

The March 10 issue of

Billboard lists Switchfoot as one of six rising stars in an article entitled "New Bands Storm Modern Rock Radio.' The San Diego group's 2003 album The Beautiful Letdown is less than 6000 purchases away from platinum certification. Its first single,

"Meant to Live" (currently in moderate MTV rotation), reached #5 on Billboard's modern rock radio chart, with the second single, "Dare You to Move," becoming the number-one most-added song on that chart in early March. Switchfoot performed "Dare You to Move" on The Tonight Show March 12 and for On Air with Ryan Seacrest March 16.

The band's songs are described by Billboard as

"mellower music [that] blends strong melodies with lyrical content about the search for meaning. Singer Ion Foreman is auoted referring to the group's

Christian message, saying, "The whole record is about yearning for something more than cell phones and modern conveniences. Making music that hits on a spiritual and emotional level was our goal, rather than just music to tap

your foot to." According to the piece, all six listed bands (including Jet and the Darkness) are dedicated to placing music ahead of image. "Switchfoot felt so strongly about the issue, it refused to have its picture on the cover of its album.

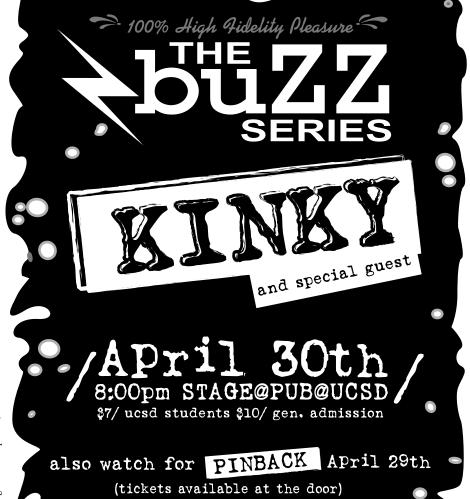
The Beautiful Letdown was named Album of the Year by Campus Life in February, and the band was nominated for seven 2004 Dove Awards, including Song



SWITCHFOOT — ALMOST PLATINUM BUT CAMERA SHY

of the Year ("Meant to Live") and Artist of the Year. A concert DVD, Live in San Diego, was released March 23. — Jay Allen Sanford

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"We started doing rock en español shows just to sustain us through the summer.'

Len Paul, owner of SOMA, has nothing against Latin rock bands playing at his 2000-capacity all-age venue, it's just that summertime should be his peak season for touring rock bands — and it isn't. For the second year Paul has had to deal with the Warped Tour's dirty little secret.

Every band that plays at the Warped Tour has a 90-day no-play [contract that covers] before the date and a 30-day no-play after the date.'

The Warped Tour hits Coors Amphitheater July 6. That means any band on that tour cannot play in San Diego from May 4 through August 6 — almost the entire summer.

Paul says he understands and accepts the embargo regarding the headliners, but he doesn't understand why emerging bands, who need the exposure, should be denied the chance to play

SOMA during those three key months.

"Last year it kept Yellowcard and Thursday from playing SOMA.... İ think 90 days is outrageous. I think a 60-day [embargo] before the show is plenty.

He said the two Warped Tour bands that are playing SOMA this summer are Rise Against and Guttermouth May 1 (a mere 65 days before Warped).

These shows were in place before the Warped Tour was announced. Rather than have them cancel, they [Warped organizers] reluctantly let these guys play. This has been the most amiable they have been to us."

— Ken Leighton

"My junior high school band director

asked me, 'Are you a good student?' No. 'Are your parents loaded?' No. 'Are you a star athlete?' No. Where do you want to go to school?' I said, UCLA or USC. He said, 'I advise you to pick up the tuba and you can write your own meal ticket.'

Derric Oliver, 31, is a financial planner who works in Rancho Santa Fe. His degree was paid for by his 20-pound brass instrument. "There was a shortage of tuba players in the world.

Oliver played tuba throughout his years at Poway High, and then he earned scholarships at USC, UCLA, and University of the Pacific (UOP). He decided against his first two choices because "they only offered me a degree in musical performance. My thinking was, 'I don't need a piece of paper to tell me that I can play the tuba. I'll play it for the audience, and the audience will tell me whether I can play.'



FINANCIAL PLANNER HEADS COUNTRIFIED HOLIDAY

So he took a scholarship at UOP to study the music business, and he played the tuba for the UOP wind symphony.

"If they are gonna pay you \$20,000 a year, you might as well do it.

Oliver put his degree to work at Fantasy Records in Berkeley from 1994–99. Besides being a financial planner, Oliver also fronts an all-original countrified pop band called Holiday and the Adventure Pop Collective.

Oliver used the tuba onstage for the first time two weeks ago. "We use it all the time in the studio as an acoustic substitute to the bass guitar. Onstage we're finding it adds a little more yee-haw to our country tunes.'

Holiday and the Adventure Pop Collective appears tonight at Martini Ranch in Encinitas (\$5, 21 and over) with Alex Woodard, Brian Karscig, and Kulica; the band also appears May 4 at the Casbah with the Northstar Session and Roosevelt, free.

— Ken Leighton

The Belly Up Tavern is the venue for actors with bands. Keanu

Reeves has played there a few times, and in one week, both Dennis Quaid and Kevin Bacon performed there with their bands.

When the Bacon Brothers played on April 14, I heard a guy at the door say, "It'll probably be slow because it's the day before taxes," but there were at least 400 people. There were 80 women who stood in front of the stage and screamed every time Kevin would shake his hips or make a muscle with his arm. It was like watching the Beatles in their heyday. When Bacon talked to the crowd, it was hard to hear him with all the screaming.

A few of my friends talked me into going, but they had paid an extra \$10 for reserved seats (making their tickets a full \$32). One of them got mad when one of the bouncers took her ticket when she went to take her seat. She said. "I collect the ticket stubs from concerts I've been to." After the show. he gave her a stack of 40 and said. "Here, you can find your ticket and have

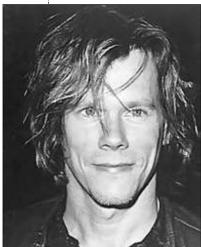
At one point during the show, one of my friends said to me, "Do you notice that woman dancing in front of you?"

It was Bacon's wife, actress Kyra Sedgewick (Singles, Phenomenon, Born on the Fourth of July, Something to Talk About — which starred Dennis Quaid — perhaps the Bacons vacationed a week here with the Quaids at the local Holiday Inn).

There was a bald guy by himself at the bar. Anytime anyone went to get a drink, he had to tell you about the history of Kevin Bacon. One

time he told a woman, "Yeah, his first movie was Animal House. He went to New York and got lucky getting into that movie. It made his career." Another time, I saw the bartender roll his eyes as the guy wouldn't shut up about Flatliners, a movie Bacon did with Julia Roberts.

Bacon had long blond hair in a small ponytail. He



CAN YOU SEE THE HAIR EXTENSIONS?

said, "These are hair extensions. For work. I'm not that vain."

Uh-huh.

The band encored with a cover of the Rolling Stones song "The Last Time," but the crowd went nuts when he sang Kenny Loggins's "Footloose" to close the

One lady asked me to take









her picture behind the conga drums Kevin had onstage. This was 20 minutes after the concert. As I held the camera and she was climbing onstage, security said, "We can't let patrons on the stage. It's an insurance thing.'

She then decided she wanted to have her picture taken with Bacon. So we walked out back and waited near his car. There was a chain-link fence separating us and the security. Three of the guards were wearing Belly Up shirts and another heavyset guy was walking around the club with a walkie-talkie the entire night. Bacon came out and waved. The eight women standing there screamed. He said, "Thanks for coming out tonight" and he got into his car and left.

— Josh Board

"We had a guy onstage eating plants," said Kyle Conwell of the band the Tall Ships about their April 16 performance at Scolari's

"So they fixed their

license?" I asked. I'd read that it had lapsed.

"I guess so. We played." "What kind of plants?"

"He started off with pine," Kyle said, "and then brought up some other stuff; I'm not sure what. He just started munching. It was a leafy green interlude. People didn't know what to make of

"Where did you find this

"He's a friend of Steve's." Steve Kuhn is the other half of the Tall Ships. "This guy is a horticulturist.

"He must take his role quite seriously," I said.

The Tall Ships had seven guest players that night. "We did seven songs," Kyle said, "and there were three drummers; they got up and took turns, along with other guys on bass and guitar. It wasn't easy to do on that stage, and rehearsals for it all was a bitch.'

"Did it go as you'd planned?"

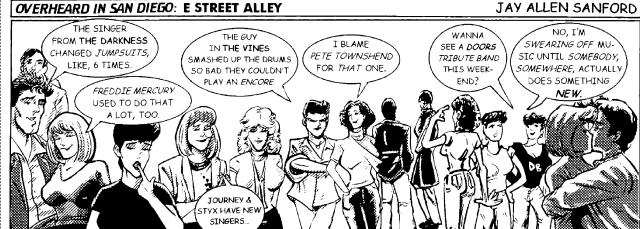
He said, "What we really wanted was, like, eight or nine people to stand around the stage naked. They would stare at the audience, just stare, and they would be big people and they'd be naked."

'You couldn't find any people willing to do this kind of performance art?" I asked.

"Not really," he said. "But we had the plant eater.'

— Michael Hemmingson

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Save those old concert T-shirts. The

website vintagevantage.com offers extremely rare items, like a 1978 Rolling Stones T-shirt (size medium) from an Oakland show, which is currently for sale at \$7800. (According to the site's owner, John Keddie, "It says, 'Happy birthday, Mick!' on the back; they were only available at this one gig.")

Keddie launched his sartorial enterprise from a spare room in his San Diego home in early 2001. "I sell maybe a couple hundred shirts a week on eBay and about the same amount through the website. [The site] gets a few thousand hits a day."

Occasionally his dog Holden models the clothes. "Everything looks great on



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him!"

Among the high-ticket items on Keddie's website: a Lionel Ritchie 1983 "Running with the Night" Tshirt is \$105, a Doobie

Brothers 1982 "Farewell Tour" T-shirt is \$445, a Van Halen 1984 "Jump" jersey is \$650, and a Bon Jovi 1987 "Slippery When Wet" jersey

— Jay Allen Sanford

These concert tickets were on sale at various ticket resale websites as of April 15.

Fleetwood Mac, Coors Amphitheatre, June 22, orchestra center, row G, \$435 each (www.southbaytickets. *com*). Face price \$125.50.

Rush, Coors Amphitheatre, July 7, orchestra center, row A, \$650 each (www.sandiegoticket.com).Face price \$75.50.

Sarah McLachlan, Sports Arena, July 12, section B, row 6, \$425 each (www.sandiego

ticket.com). Face price \$65.

Dave Matthews Band, Coors Amphitheatre, August 26, section 101, row D, \$377 each (www.advancetickets.com). Face price \$57.50.

Sting and Annie Lennox, Coors Amphitheatre, September 26, orchestra center, row D, \$945.00 each if you buy these, hopefully Sting won't be sick this time (www.sandiegoticket.com). Face price \$121.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Lynyrd Skynyrd [564]: Viejas no Concerts in the Park, Friday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Boney James: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Friday, April 30, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

The Dragons [115], Radio Wendy, and the Ligature: The Casbah, Friday, April 30, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Stereolab [301] and Mice Parade: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 30, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Snatam Kaur and Thomas Barquee: Seaside Church, Friday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., 1613 Lake Drive, Encinitas. Information, 760-310-0879.

SATURDAY

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club:

'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, May 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Heart Procession [179]:

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"31st Annual Adams Avenue Roots Festival" featuring Jon Adams, Lou & Peter Berryman [811], Ray Bierl, Curt Bouterse [863], Hank Bradley & the Balkan Cafe Orchestra [864], the Budapest Brothers, Les Campagnards, Tomcat Courtney [932], Paul Geremia, Fred Gerlach [865], Kenny Hall, Patty Hall, Larry Hanks, Dick Holdstock, the Kahuna Cowboys, Bob Labeau, Mary McCaslin [879], the New Smokey Mountain Boys, Mark Spoelstra, the Siamsa Gael Ceili Band, John & Mimi Wright, the 7th Day Buskers [812], Robin

Henkel [914], the Hot Club of San Diego [993], and more: Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Adams Avenue (between 34th and 35th Street), Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

SUNDAY

The Dark Star Orchestra: 4th & B, Sunday, May 2, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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GWAR [144], Bad Acid Trip, and Watch Them Die: 4th & B, Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Los Tigres Del Norte [850]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or

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"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring the Rene Marie Quartet: Thursday, May 6, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

"The Music of Styx" with Dennis **DeYoung** and the **San Diego Symphony Orchestra:** Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, May 7, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, May 7, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

My Morning Jacket and M Ward: 4th & B, Friday, May 7, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The "29th Annual Pacific Beach Block Party" featuring General Public [175], Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers [770], Common Sense [736], Agua Dulce [711], Rookie Card [539], Agave, the Young Dubliners, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, and many more: Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 619-641-5823.

The Pat McGee Band [206] and Michael Tolcher: 4th & B, Saturday, May 8, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jamie Rivera, Anna Fegi, Lloyd Umali, and Mark Mejia: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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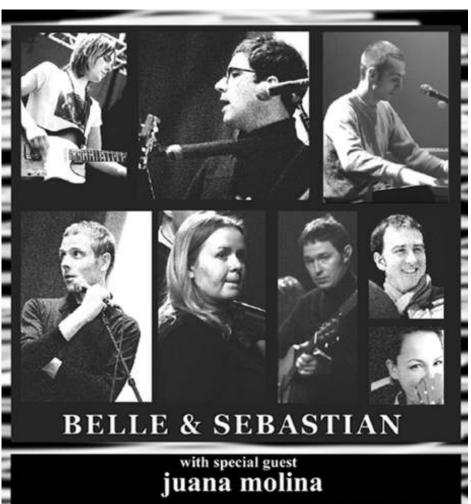
Slipknot, Fear Factory [212], and Chimaira: SOMA, Sunday, May 9, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.











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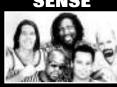
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Rogelio Martinez: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, May 9, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Josh Groban: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, May 10, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Toots & the Maytals [737]: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, May 10, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Sugar Ray [228]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, May 11, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Kweller and the French Kicks: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Graham Parker & the Twang Three and Anne McCue [818]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Davy Jones: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, May 13, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Bryan Adams [561]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, May 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

"Your Show 5" with Hilary Duff, Jessica Simpson, Maroon5, Black Eyed Peas, Fountains of Wayne [122], Nick Cannon, Evan & Jaron, Kimberly Locke, and Ryan Durate: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 14, 5 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Greyboy Allstars [*675*]: 4th & B, Friday, May 14, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

Open Road and Virtual Strangers: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Pennywise [260]: 4th & B, Saturday, May 15, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ike Turner & the Kings of Rhythm [949] and Earl Thomas [946]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, May 15, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

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Kris Delmhorst: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Fall: The Casbah, Sunday, May 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Sleater-Kinney [431] and Quasi: SOMA, Sunday, May 16, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Peaches and Dance Disaster Movement: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, May 17, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [609]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, May 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.

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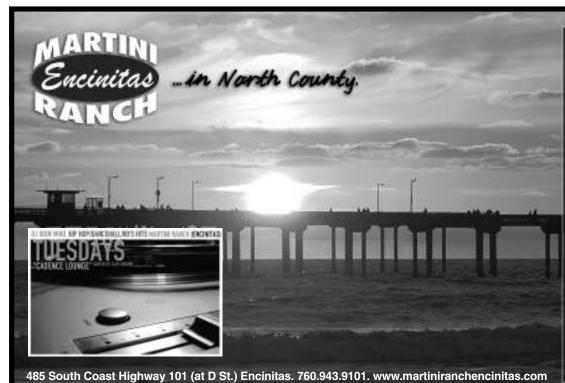
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Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 19, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Aleiandro Sanz [610]: Cox Arena. Thursday, May 20, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Kingston Trio: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, May 20, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Donovan Frankenreiter: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 20, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Jackpot [158] and the Weary Boys: The Casbah, Thursday, May 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

The Blind Boys of Alabama [944] and Charlie Musselwhite: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Christina Aguilera [600] and Chingy: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 22, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Slightly Stoopid [352], **Pepper**, and the **Ziggens** [165]: 4th & B, Saturday, May 22, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Cat Power: The Casbah, Saturday, May 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, May 23, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Trans Am [376]: The Casbah. Wednesday, May 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Jonny Lang [937]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, May 27, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Dido [215]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 29, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Blake Shelton: 4th & B, Saturday, May 29, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Alex Lora: SOMA, Thursday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Pato Banton [732]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, June 4, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Geoff Muldaur: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Zero 7: 4th & B, Saturday, June 5, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Pedro the Lion [156]: The Casbah, Saturday, June 5, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355

Dashboard Confessional Thrice [491], the Get Up Kids, and the **Format:** Cox Arena, Sunday, June 6, 6:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

"Rock 'N' Roll Marathon" featuring Live: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 6, 6:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

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The Beach Boys [459]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Shins and **Fiery Furnaces:** SOMA, Sunday, June 6, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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Yellowman: Belly Up Tavern. Wednesday, June 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Kenny Loggins [504]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 11, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252 or 619-220-8497.

Aimee Mann: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, June 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Randy Sparks and the New Christy Minstrels: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Mysterious, intelligent, and strangely sexy. Belle & Sebastian seemed like the perfect college rock band when If You're Feeling Sinister was released in the United States in 1997. In fact, the band's then-impossible-tofind first album Tigermilk was originally released as a class project at a Glasgow, Scotland, university. As for the music, it was all acoustic guitars, horns, strings, and quiet instruments in pleasantly melancholy arrangements tailored for leisurely afternoons spent reading — and who, other than college students and underemployed graduates, has time to read in the afternoons? On top of this, Stuart Murdoch's high, gentle voice sang of lonely, bookish, possibly bisexual young people who you just knew looked unreasonably attractive in glasses and cardigans.

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Journey [458]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 13, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252 or

Kenny Chesney [774], Rascal Flatts, and Uncle Kracker: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or

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Jewel [880]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 14, and Tuesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The B-52's: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252 or 619-220-8497.

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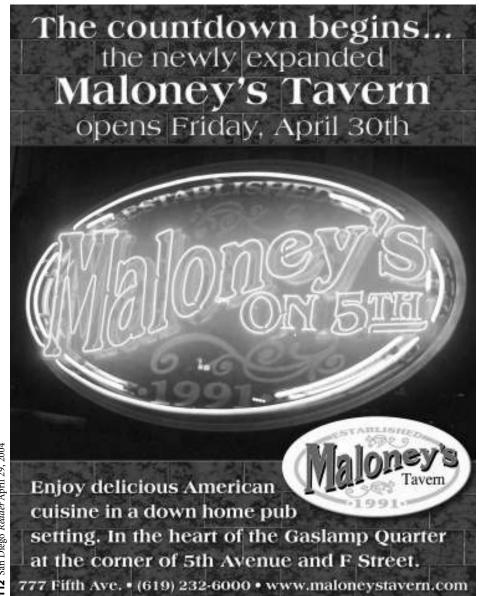
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Israel Vibration [194]: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, June 21, and Tuesday, June 22, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Fleetwood Mac [615]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, June 22, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or

Joan Baez [848] and Steve Earle & the Bluegrass Dukes: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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No Doubt [232] and blink-**182** [244]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 24, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Marco Antonio Solis: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, June 27, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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Clint Black [771]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, July 2, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252 or 619-220-8497.

"Women's Rock Fest" with Melissa Etheridge [541], Beth Hart [567], and Joan Jett & the Blackhearts: Del Mar Fairground Saturday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante



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Reverend Horton Heat [268], the Detroit Cobras, and the Forty Fives: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, July 4, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-81 40.

SHEDAISY: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 5, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252 or

"Vans Warped Tour '04" with New Found Glory [304], Taking Back Sunday, Flogging Molly [316], Anti Flag, the Bouncing Souls [332], Bad Religion [226], NOFX [109], Yellowcard, the Vandals, the Alkaline Trio [345], Ima Robot, Go Betty Go, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 6, 12:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

moe.: 4th & B, Tuesday, July 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Rush [466]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, July 7, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Lucinda Williams [882] and Lisa Sanders [893]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 7, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Indigo Girls [883]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 11, and Monday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Sarah McLachlan [252]: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, July 12, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Youssou N'Dour and **Lila Downs:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 13, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Guitars and Saxes" featuring Marc Antoine, Jeff Golub, Euge Groove, and Warren Hill: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 14, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

LeAnn Rimes [768]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Petula Clark: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 15, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Etta James [950] and Earl Thomas [946]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

W.A.S.P.: 4th & B, Friday, July 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

John Mayer [604]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 18, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Ronstadt [614]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Hootie & the Blowfish [469] and Shurman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Boz Scaggs [509]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

India.Arie [956]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Jesse Cook and Cassandra Wilson [274]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 22, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

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Train [565]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 24, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Whispers [617] and **Howard Hewitt:** 4th & B, Saturday, July 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Go-Go's [483]: 4th & B, Sunday, July 25, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Cyndi Lauper [618]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

ZZ Top [477]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, July 28, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of 1-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Medeski Martin & Wood [677]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 28, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Judy Collins's Wildflower Festival" featuring Judy Collins, Rita Coolidge, and Suzanne Vega: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Al Green [941] and the Average White Band [569]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 30, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

AUGUST

Richie Furay, Jim Messina, Chris Hillman, and Herb Pedersen: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Ramsey Lewis Trio and the Dave Brubeck Quartet:
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Michael W. Smith: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 3, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 3, and Wednesday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Smokey Robinson [620]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 5, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"B.B. King Blues Festival" featuring B.B. King [958], Dr. John, and Shemekia Copeland: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 6, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. **Tony Bennett:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 8, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy. 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Brad Paisley: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Aloha Live" featuring Willie K., Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom, Sistah Robi, Sean Na'auao, and Makana: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 9, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Boston [571]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 10, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400. Natalie Merchant [572]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Cowboy Junkies [573] and Shawn Colvin [830]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Chris Isaak [574]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 12, and Friday, August 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Coors [623]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Incubus [257]: Cox Arena, Sunday, August 15, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429

Diamond Rio [760]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of 1-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Van Halen: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Liza Minnelli: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Buddy Guy [960] and the **Robert Cray Band:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 18, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

Los Lobos [576] and the **Neville Brothers** [578]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Chaka Khan and Ledisi:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

REO Speedwagon [580]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 25, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Dave Matthews Band [259]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Benoit Freeman Project featuring David Benoit and Russ Freeman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Jo Dee Messina [767]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 29, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

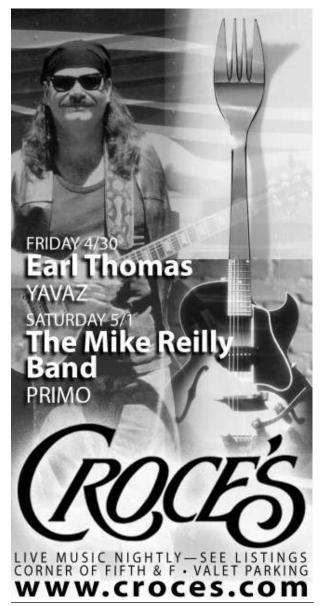
Johnny Mathis [603]: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

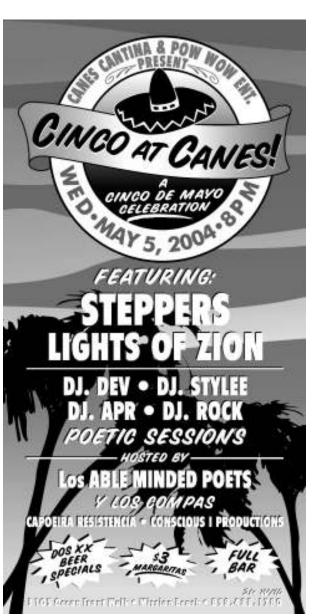
Linkin Park [529], Korn [264], Snoop Dogg [265], and the Used: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 3, 2:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Olivia Newton-John: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, September 13, and Tuesday, September 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Crosby, Stills, and Nash [581]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.





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ALTERNATIVE

The Action Slacks: The Casbah
The Alternatives: Surf N'Saddle
Apollo Heights: The Casbah
Back Pocket: Dream Street
Bad Acid Trip: 4th & B
Barrel House: Dream Street
Before Today: Soma

The Big Toe Band: Dream Street
The Black Heart Procession [179]:

Brainwash: Dream Street

The Biddy Bums: Lestat's

Mario Carrillo & the Bashers:

Dream Street

Alicia Champion: Brick By Brick

Compass: Dream Street

Concord: Surf N'Saddle

Damageplan: Soma

The Dark Star Orchestra: 4th & B

A Dead Giveaway: Epicentre

Die Princess Die: The Casbah

Dirty Sweet: The Kensington Club
The Division of Laura Lee: Soma

The Dragons [115]: The Casbah

Dreaming of Tanks: The Casbah

Drowning Pool: Soma

18 Visions: 'Canes

Empty Feat: California Club

Evening: The Casbah

The Exit: Brick By Brick

Forensik: Soma

40 Below Summer: Soma **Goldfish** [262]: Martini Ranch

(Encinitas)

The Good Intentions: Squid Joe's

Guttermouth: Soma

GWAR [144]: 4th & B

Half Empty: Dream Street
Heaving Grooves: Dream Street

The Heavy Horses: Blind Melons

Hemlock: Brick By Brick

HIM: 'Canes

Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective: Martini Ranch (Encinitas), The Casbah

III Nino: Soma

Illusion 33: Lestat's Coffeehouse Indrid Cold: California Club

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Kennedy: California Club Kensington Ave.: Brick By Brick

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Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

Lewis: Dream Street

The Licorice Quartet: The

The Ligature: The Casbah The Lights of Zion: 'Canes

Lodus: Dream Street

The Makeout Boys: Lestat's

Malachi Crunch: Brick By Brick Anva Marina [118]: The Casbah Graig Markel: The Casbah Mary & Mars: Winstons

The Mice Parade: Belly Up Tavern Motions to Claire: California Club Mower: Blind Melons

Murder My Love: Brick By Brick Muse: Brick By Brick

The Northstar Session: The

Gregory Page [186]: Belly Up

Racing the Sun: Dream Street

Radio Wendy: The Casbah Rise Against: Soma

Roosevelt: The Casbah Sandjacket: Hennessey's Tavern

Saturn's Day: Dream Street

The Sess: California Club

Silver Sunshine: The Kensington

The Sounds: Soma

Stella★Starr: The Casbah The Steppers: 'Canes

Stereolab [301]: Belly Up Tavern Suns and Daughters: The Casbah

TV on Radio: The Casbah Tall Midget: Dream Street Tevrodai: Epicentre

Thee Corsairs: The Kensington Club

Thicker Than Thieves [200]: Squid

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BY DAVE GOOD

The ghost of Diango Reinhardt still breathes hot and heavy among jazz musicians. His guitar prowess is celebrated at Reinhardt revival festivals all over the globe and on a smaller scale by mock franchises of his and Stephane Grappelli's Quintette du Hot Club de France. We have one here — the Hot Club of San Diego, featuring Patrick Berrogain, Alain Cola, Paul Hormick on bass, and violinist Chris Vitas as guest soloist.

Reinhardt was born into a family of gypsies; as a child, Django performed on violin, then banjo and guitar, the instrument that would become his mainstay. Get this: Reduced to the use of only his thumb and two fingers on his left hand by a disfiguring fire, the very hand that he needed to finger notes and chords, Reinhardt nevertheless went on to become a major guitar virtuoso. He and Grappelli produced bold, original

music that would come to roost in American jazz and influence generations of jazz guitarists to come. Cola and Berrogain are among them.

Cola not only can

perform Django-style, he also co-owns a shop that builds replicas of the Selmer acoustics favored by the gypsy master. "The Selmer design is associated with that kind of music," he says. Adds Berrogain, "When everyone is playing acoustic instruments, volume is an issue. You have to cut through.

The Hot Club of San Diego is an entertaining bunch. They specialize in the same romantic, high-energy rhythmic jazz heard in nightspots in the 1930s. Authentic down to the accordion and violin solos, all that's missing from their CD West Swing is candlelight, red wine, and a checkered tablecloth. Not to confuse the two groups, the Hot Club of San Diego features French-flavored gypsy jazz while Austin's Hot Club of Cowtown (they also lived here for a while) leans toward Bob Wills-type western swing. Berrogain and Cola ponder for a

HOT CLUB **OF** SAN DIEGO moment where Cowtown might be. "All of Texas," says Berrogain, smiling and with a trace of French accent, "it must be Cowtown.

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ROCK

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Baywolf [460]: JP's Pub

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Brazil: Ché Cafe

Mark Broussard: Belly Up Tavern

The Mitch Budd Band: Surf

Cold Fire: Cheers

DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

Emerald City: Dream Street

The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's

Full Effect: Cannibal Bar

Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub

Hatebreed [446]: Soma Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

Indie by Design: Humphrey's

James Intveld: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Jackson 3 [495]: Carvers

Brian Karscig: Martini Ranch

Kulica: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Danielle LoPresti & the Masses

Los Alacranes [568]: 4th & B

Los Lonely Boys: Belly Up Tavern

The Lower Forty-Eight: Scolari's



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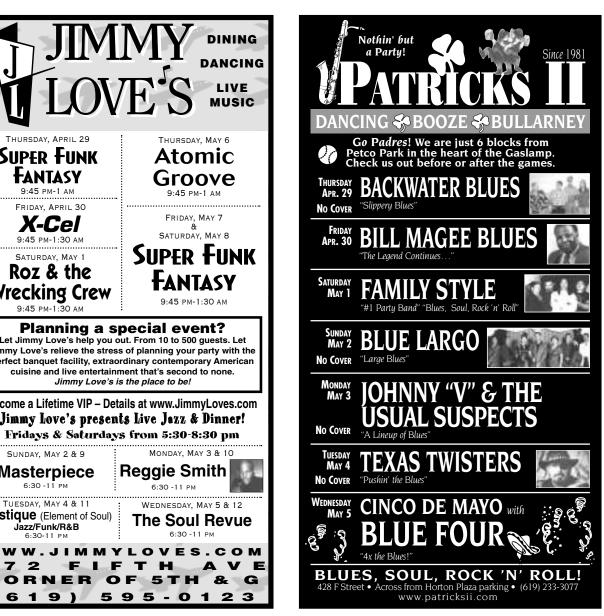
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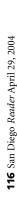
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The Leigh Taylor Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

The Texas Tornados: 4th & B
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3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken

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Wet Bar: 'Canes Wild Child: 'Canes

The Christy Wilson Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Alex Woodard: Martini Ranch

Y3K: Boar Cross'n

Zone 4 [499]: Fannie's

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

A Flock of '80s: Henry's Pub Funkenstein: Marriott Hotel (Mission Valley)

Karen Giorgio: The Inn at the Park

The Heart of Gold Band: 4th & B Inside-Out: Cannibal Bar

The Johnnyfree Variety Band:

Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom

(Gaslamp)

Kraze: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's
The New Breed Band: Dick's Last

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Pacific Brass & Electric: Viejas

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe **The Ultratones:** Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: Winstons
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Blue Largo [636]: Tio Leo's Lounge, Patrick's II, The Calypso Cafe

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Derek Cannon: Dizzv's

Gilbert Castellanos & the Salsa Party Jam: U.S. Grant Hotel

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Jo Dark: The German-American

Societies
The David Patrone Quartet [647]

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Alioun Faye: Dizzy's

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge
Janet Hammer: The Wyndham

Emerald Plaza

The Cynthia Hammond Trio: La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge

Winard Harper: Dizzy's

Brian Horton: Dizzy's

Jason Jackson: Dizzy's

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Sam Johnson Jazz Trio: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel **Joe Marillo** [645]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]:

Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

David Negrete: Dizzv's

Orquesta 8.8: Sevilla

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Lounge

Patrick Rickman: Dizzv's

Ameen Saleem: Dizzy's

Band: The Inn Suites

Kelvin Sholar: Dizzv's

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel.

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The San Diego Concert Jazz

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Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro &

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Reggie Smith: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

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The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson

Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare

The Dave Warren Group: Axis

The Wings of Victory: Viejas

Casino

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

The Trade Roots: Hennessey's

Tavern (PB)

Brett Sanders: Dizzy's The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch

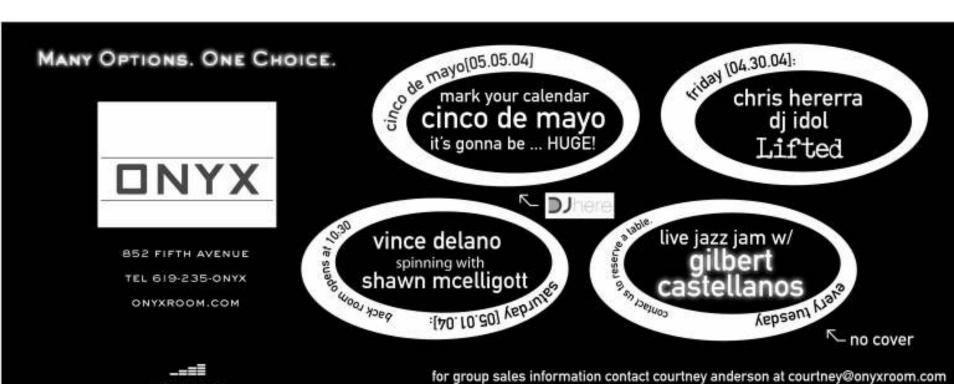
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

(Gaslamp)



DOWNSTAIRS





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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's

George James: Don's Cocktail

The Ranch Rockers: Mulvaney's Southbound Jonny: Renegade Inn

The Western Continentals: M3

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Backwater Blues Band:

Blue Four [943]: Patrick's II

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Bree: Humphrey's

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Chateau Orleans

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The Funky Players: U.S. Grant

The Johnny Voodoo Band: Second Wind (San Carlos)

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

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Mississippi Mudd: Tiki House Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

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Billy Watson: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4010

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Blitzkrieg Bop: First, third, and fifth Monday of the month, punk, indie, rock 'n' roll, and swing with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park, 619-640-2500.

Bottoms Up: Fridays, good vibes, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tivolis, corner of Sixth Avenue and Island Street, Gaslamp. 619-232-6754.

Brown Sugar: Fridays, urban ounds with DJ Myxzlplix; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook, 760-451-8805.

Church of Noise: Second and fourth Monday of the month, new noise mixed with alternative rock classics with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Club Aero: Thursdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., "Downtown Phunk" lounge style house, hip-hop, and reggae with resident DJ A.S. Hawkins and weekly guests. No cover. Aero Club, 3365 India Street, Midtown. 619-297-7211.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, synthpop, and new romantic. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 877-695-5827 (toll free).

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance

featuring "Goliath," a monster sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information

Club X-treme: Thursdays, modern Latin atmosphere with DJs G. and Israel, hip-hop, dancehall, reggaeton, salsa, merengue, and bachata. 10 p.m. Acapulco Restaurant, 1020 W. San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-471-2150.

Cypher: First Friday of the month, two-on-two MC battles; all ages. Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-582-5908.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays. ethereal-electro-gothic-darkwave. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 877-695-5827 (toll free).

Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills 619-295-8743.

Fusion Young Adult Laser **Dance Club:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae in the main room. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido.

Galileo 101: Fridays, soulful funky deep house and urban grooves with DJ ALA and weekly guests. Saturdays, G-Lounge featuring Rage and Adam A*Muse in the hip-hop room and Le Roux and ALA in the upstairs lounge. 100 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, ntown. 619-702-7101.

Groove Society: Third Friday of the month, DJs Jon Bishop, Jef Phillips, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Hands on Wax: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, house, funk jazz, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Surf 'N' Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach, 858-755-9474.

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Album Name: The Fallout (2003)

Artist: This Holiday Life Label: Dare to Dream Records

Songs: 1) Colors Fade 2) The Fallout 3) Moments Pushing In

4) Just Like This 5) The Others 6) Turn and Twist

Price/Where Available: www.thisholidaylife.com for \$5,

also Lou's Records in Encinitas for \$8

Band Members: Scott Anderson (vocals, guitars), Bobby Anderson (bass), Joseph Freeman (guitars, backup vocals), Mark

Extra Info: This Holiday Life just wrapped up a 14-city tour across the U.S. and can soon be found at their usual haunts: Dream Street, Soma, 'Canes, and the Casbah,

Website: www.thisholidaylife.com

Aggressive detachment catapults This Holiday Life past the genre's legion of overly emotive, callow males. "Everyone falls apart sometimes / If I let go / I want to know / I want a

Mass Appeal: Wednesdays, hip-

Hippoh and Still Life. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744.

MixLab: Sundays, DJ Dex's eclectic "listening session": jazz 'n' abstract, alt

hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future

soul, and ultraglobal vibes. Starts at 8 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover.

Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

hop, funk, and breaks with DJs

mark that's gonna show / Something's about to change.'

With "The Fallout," the foursome merges indie rock with melodic pop to form something that coalesces in glossy tones and turbulent

sounds. The overall sound is mellow, though there are no extended jams or long, improvised solos here, just tight musicianship with an agenda. Unlike This Holiday Life's first effort, the six-track EP is marked by a revamped sound that's more accessible. They've drawn on alternative rock aspects, blending driving guitars with a rhythm section in a styling similar to Coldplay meets Nickelback.

The band specializes in sweeping introductions. Anderson's vocals propel tracks like "Turn and Twist" that border on self-loathing (this being a band that plays at a lot of churches, perhaps self-loathing is de rigueur). "I sold my soul and said I'll be okay / Turns out that I did it every day" is a fairly commonplace observation.

There is a point where Anderson's introspective whispers become tedious, but the



resounding chords of the electric guitar offset this minor deterrence. Each song is a subdued conflict in its own right, perhaps mirroring the angst of a spiritual band in an increasingly divided world.

(To hear a sample of the Fallout, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4145.)

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The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae. Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, reggae, and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip

760-737-5040. **Process:** Sundays, Calculon, Austin Speed, and guests, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, downtown Information

hop, R&B, old skool, and reggae. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos.

Remix: Sundays, real hip-hop with DJs Mike Czech, Myxzlplix, and guests. No cover; 21 and up. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, Lance Boling, and weekly guest DJs. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Stormy's: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs ConXion and Trauma mix hip-hop, rap, and old skool. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m; no cover. 1246 E Main Street, El Cajon. 619-588-0426.

Synaptic: Fridays, techno and related electronica with resident DJs Matthew James, Lo-Fi, and guests. Anti dress code; come as you are. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744.





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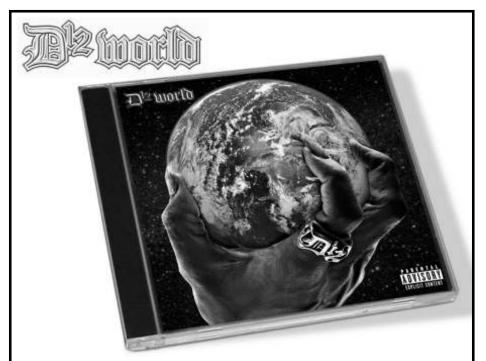












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Those Funkin' Fridays: Fridays, house, breaks, and tech with DJ Busty St. Claire and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, the best in Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Iuniper). Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Unleashed/Unlabeled: Second Saturday of the month, DJ Joy spins alternative '80s inside; DJ Josh spins trance, lounge, and electronic outside. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street. uptown. 619-296-6789.

Verb: Sundays, house, breaks, and hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Vice/Versa: Second and fourth Friday of the month, DJs Barry Weaver and Dr. Indulgent play electro-disco, acid house, and no wave. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Axis Martini Bar & Restaurant, 2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-5036. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Dave Warren Group, jazz/acoustic rock.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Tristan Prettyman, Gregory Page, Billy Shaddox, and Saba, acoustic/folk. Friday, Stereolab and the Mice Parade, alternative. Sunday, 8 p.m., Steve Kimock, folk. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Los Lonely Boys and Mark Broussard, rock.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Donnie* Finnell & Co. East, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Y3K*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Calima*, jazz quartet.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *Torpedo Betty*, blues/swing. Wednesday, *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Jackson*

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, *Cold Fire*, classic rock. Sunday, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Live music nightly, call club for information.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Johnnyfree Variety Band.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-6951. Saturday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Texas Twisters,

rockabilly, 9 p.m., the Christy Wilson

Band, rock. Sunday, the Upstairs Jazz

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.,

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-471-

Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.



MUSIC ➤ rock, punk, alternative

open-mike jam (they have PA,

Tuesday is either a DJ or band.

Wednesday and Sunday are

has live bands

COVER ➤ none

every day

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ Monday is an

drums, and guitars for participants);

karaoke, Thursday through Saturday

CLIENTELE ➤ 21 and up; most in

black 5% other: 80% of the crowd

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FOOD ➤ chips and peanuts; a few restaurants in the area

ACCESS ➤ On University and 30th, a half-mile west of the 805 freeway; parking lot in back with 15 spaces; street parking is easy to find; bus stop across the street

DRESS ➤ casual; everyone was in jeans; a few flannel shirts and lots of T-shirts ("Susie's Saloon,"
"Chargers," "Chicago Bears")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ none; very small area in front of the band (but it's carpeted and nobody dances)

FIRE EXITS ➤ two; the main entrance and the back (into parking lot)

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one stall and two urinals (which are just two inches from the sink and almost the same level, with no separation); a big mirror and some graffiti; women's had two stalls and one sink

and mirror; both had liquid soap and paper towels and were clean

CAPACITY ➤ 150

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ room with two pool tables and a CD jukebox; smokers are either standing in front of the building or right next to the back door (there is a table and chairs out there)

FURNISHINGS ➤ three TVs (one on each side of the bar); big screen between two dart boards; that machine with the stuffed animals and the dangling claw that always seems to come up empty; video golf: three tables (with four chairs), 20 seats at the bar, lots of the walls covered with photographs of friends and customers (one said, "In loving memory of Lynn Grefig"), pay phone, black lights near entrance (with a bulletin board showing upcoming events), Budweiser sign, low ceilings (with some of the ceiling boards looking as if they're ready to fall off), and a floor that was probably carpeted 50 years

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DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 121 when the band Scissor played (and nothing fell on me); 113 last week at Oasis Lounge in Valley Center

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LAST MONTH ➤ Beehive

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The twosome Scissor played, and they sounded like Björk meets Pink Floyd (oh, no! another local band that sounds Icelandic). Two women onstage with guitars — you would think their band name would at least be plural

-Josh Board

7778. Thursday, *the Detonators*, blues. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, live bands. Tuesday, hiphop. Wednesday, open mike.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 EZ Pieces, rock. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock. Sunday, Blues Brokers, blues. Wednesday, call club for information.

La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Cynthia Hammond Trio*, jazz.

M3 Espresso Cafe, 3910 Vista Way, Oceanside, 760-758-6363. Thursday, 8 p.m., bMelissa Coffee, folk. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Micahel Ray Cox, solo guitar. Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., live music, call club for information. Monday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Blake Williams, acoustic. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Jeff Utter, acoustic. Wednesday, the Social Slackers, slack-key guitar, or the Western Continentals, western roots, or Fred Adams, acoustic.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, Brian Karscig, Alex Woodard, Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective, and Kulica. Wednesday, Goldfish, retro funk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, *the Leigh*

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Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *John Foltz*, acoustic folk/rock.

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Rancho Bernardo Inn. 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry* Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

Sauid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Friday, *Thicker Than Thieves, the Good* Intentions, and Klownfish, alternative.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, *the Mitch Mudd Band*, rock. Friday, the Alternatives. Saturday, Concord, alternative. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & **Restaurant,** 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Highland Way, Irish folk.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, Ben Powell,

BEACHES

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Elliott Louis contemporary piano/vocals.

The Beachcomber, 2901 South Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-2644. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, open mike hosted by *Sage* Gentle Wing.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Roundabout and Heavy Horses, rock. Friday, Mower, alternative. Saturday and Sunday, call club for information.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780, Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Wet Bar*. Friday, *Wild Child*, Doors tribute band.



Stereolab, April 30, Belly Up Tavern

Saturday, call club for information. Monday, HIM, Kill Hannah, and 18 Visions, Wednesday, Steppers and the Lights of Zion

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-1081.

Thursday, 9 p.m., Full Effect, R&B/funk/soul. Friday, 9 p.m., Inside

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to

10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Ché Cafe, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Wednesday, 8 p.m., the Rx Bandits, Brazil, Melee, and Straight No Chaser, rock.

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Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Joe Byrnes, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike Monday, Jenn Grinels, folk. Tuesday, Irish iam session. Wednesday, Larger Than Leon, alternative.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, Kensington Ave., Jerra, and the Knife in Iris. Friday, Jucifer, Nels, Alicia Champion, and Adrien. Saturday, Hemlock, Malachi Crunch, I.R.A.T.E., and Murder My Love. Monday, Muse and The Exit.

Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Earl Thomas, blues, and Heine Anderson, acoustic.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative. Friday, *the Sess*, Kennedy, and Empty Feat. Saturday, Motions to Claire and Indrid Cold.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Tevrodai*, *Unbeknown*, and *A* Dead Giveaway, alternative.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120, Friday, Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones, blues.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-238-2389, Thursday, a Flock of '80s, pop rock. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 10:30 p.m., Danielle LoPresti & the Masses, Underground Railroad, Bree, Steve Gouveia, the Animations, 10:30 p.m., Indie by Design. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., The Ultratones, dance, 9:30 p.m., Makai, disco. Saturday, call club for information

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

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The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Karen* Giorgio, piano, vocals, open mike.

JP's Pub. 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 pm, Baywolf, classic rock.

Jamar's Restaurant and **Lounge,** 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, the Bert Torres Band. Wednesday, call club for information.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, Dirty Sweet and Silver Sunshine, alternative. Saturday, the Licorice Quartet and Thee Corsairs, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *Jezebel* and the Makeout Boys, alternative. Friday, Berkley Hart, acoustic. Saturday, Illusion 33, Renata Youngblood, and the Biddy Bums, alternative/folk. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, open mike.

Marriott Hotel, 333 West Harbon Drive, San Diego. 619-230-8909. Molly's: Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.

Marriott Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, Mission Valley. 619-692-3800. Club Kicks: Friday, 8 p.m., Funkenstein, old skool/funk

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub. 1310 Morena Boulevard. Bay Park, 619-276-5637, Friday, Bent Member, rock. Saturday, the Rockin Blues Hounds.

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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, Shirley

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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 10 p.m., Me Infecto and the Lower Forty-Eight, rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, the Johnny Voodoo Band, blues/rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Ill Nino*, and *40 Below Summer*. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Atrevu, From Autumn to Ashes, The Break, and Red Tape. Saturday, 7 p.m., Rise Against, Guttermouth, Before Today, Forensik, and Jenix. Sunday, 6 p.m., Damageplan, Hatebreed, Drowning Pool, and Unearth. Monday, 7 p.m., the Sounds and the Division of Laura Lee.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, James Intveld and Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Vernon's Burnt Chicken, blues. Saturday, Blue Largo, blues/jazz. Monday, swing. Tuesday,

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, Kristi Rickert, piano.

Triple Crown Pub, 3221 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-281-0263. Saturday, 10 pm, *Trayler*,

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Blarney Stone Pub. 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Stella-Starr, The Killers*, and *Evening*. Friday, The Dragons, Radio Wendy, and The Ligature. Saturday, The Black Heart Procession, Via Satellite, Suns and Daughters, and Die Princess Die. Monday, TV on the Radio, Year Future, and Apollo Heights. Tuesday, The Northstar Session, Roosevelt, and Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective. Wednesday, Anya Marina Action Slacks, Dreaming of Tanks, and Graig Markel.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park, 619-418-8858 Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone* Jazz Ouartet, Friday, Yavaz, Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Friday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Saturday, Straight Six, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Wednesday, Private Domain.

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The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, the Tribe of Kings, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the David Patrone Quartet,

Patrick's II. 428 F Street. downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Backwater Blues Band. Friday, Bill Magee Blues. Saturday, Family Style. Sunday, Blue Largo. Monday, Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects. Tuesday, Texas Twisters. Wednesday, Blue Four.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D.* Boucharde, piano.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, Kraze, pop. Saturday, Jungle Boogie, pop.

Sassafras Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Victoria Rose*, classic guitar and Celtic harp.

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The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. Lobby: Thursday,

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2660. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Cirro*, Latin. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Jesse* Davis, variety. Saturday, Latin jazz/variety.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Ray Correa, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Dale Canonizado, piano bar.

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Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Ray Briz. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., Joev West. Monday through Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., John Cain.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Shep Meyers Quartet. Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to

10:30 p.m., *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

Crown Room: Thursday, noon to 7 p.m., Kippy Lee Scott, harpist. Ballroom: Thursday, 10 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., John Cain.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Blue Rocket*, blues rock. Saturday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Live music nightly. Thursday, Northstar, pop. Friday, 4-Way Street, acoustic.

EAST COUNTY

Casa Picante, 10757 Woodside Avenue, Santee. 619-258-5557. Call club for information.

Club Iguana, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2710. Call club for information.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, Full Xposure, classic

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, George James, country.

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A Whole New Ball Game

The opening of Petco Park has altered the commercial climate of downtown districts, especially in the food industry. The ballpark has created a new class of customers who want to grab a bite en route to the game. Most restaurants now open earlier and close later on game nights; many have added early "home-game specials" to their

The changes at Seven-17 Restaurant illustrate this transformation. Seven-17 was reviewed here last August. It looks like the old Italian restaurant it used to be, spiffed up for a new crowd, but, under the direction of a skilled chef who came from the defunct restaurant next door (Kalahari Cafe, now Monsoon), its emphasis has shifted. Many of the selections on the expanded menu are standard for San Diego upper-middlecrust restaurants (ahi tartare, beef carpaccio, stuffed portobello), yet, fine-tuned and perfectly prepared, these dishes make your mouth take over and your mind forget the times you've eaten them before.

The appetizers are more engaging than the entrées. A couple on the run could construct an enjoyable meal by splitting three starters and a veggie side dish. That's where the most intense flavors are.

A starter of sea scallops crusted with crushed pistachios always has been the restaurant's best dish. It shows off fine, dry-pack sea scallops with real maritime flavor, unmuddied by chemical preservatives. The nut coating gives the soft mollusks crunch, and a light cream sauce lends them elegance. They come with a well-dressed green salad to cut the richness.

Lamb chops may seem an odd appetizer choice, but don't pass them up. Three juicy riblets are topped with Stilton or Gorgonzola and a touch of truffle oil. (The truffle component is so discreet, its scent is overpowered by the bleu cheese.) Complementing these flavors is a little mounded pancake of yams and sweet potatoes puréed with pineapple juice, jerk seasoning, honey, wine, and andouille sausage. These flavors blend seamlessly, with the hint of smokiness highlighting the sweeter notes.

A stuffed portobello mushroom is a Cinderella story, a commonplace dish in a brand-new guise. The mushroom is topped with a fluffy crab-cake mixture and drenched in a lobster



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cream sauce. The deep-sea flavor of an intense lobster stock lends backbone to the louche cream. The table bread, if you want to sop, is a light and yeasty Italian loaf freshly baked by nearby Assaggio.

Although the crab cakes make a great stuff-

ing, by themselves they're no big deal. They're light but dry, with red pepper and chive in the bready mixture. They arrive with a Latin succotash of black beans and corn

that's pleasant if you pay attention to it. You could start with a bowl of intense lob-

ster bisque topped with a crown of puff pastry, or with cold seafood dishes, or choose from the salads, including one of the neighborhood's bestdressed Caesars. (Fans of the former Kalahari may remember the excellence of the salads there.)

If you're not a small-plate fan, Seven-17 serves fine steaks. They're big, juicy, wet-aged USDA Prime beef, cooked to order and adorned with nothing but the sauce of your choice. Most of the sauces are simple (coarse mustard glaze), so the hard-to-find Béarnaise sauce remains among

the best options. (This savory wine-based Hollandaise variant is too demanding to cook at home, so given the chance, I'm glad to find it at

A range of side dishes is available for a few dollars each. They're sized to feed four. Even if

you have no interest in steak, at least one side deserves attention. The creamed spinach is the perfect Atkins Diet indulgence. Not just creamed, it's a cheese-rich

gratin, the well-squeezed greens layered with Monterey Jack cheese and parmesan reggiano, like a pasta-free lasagna. If you cooked this at home, you might serve it as a main course and forget the meat. It's that satisfying.

My table's favorite entrée was a sliced duck breast rubbed with Chinese five-spice mixture. As crunchy and savory as a good Peking duck, it exudes an aroma of star anise. Glazed with reduced demiglace (made in-house) and Asian plum sauce with pineapple overtones, it comes with wasabi-mashed potatoes, which taste as tangy and assertive as they sound.

Seven-17 ★★★ (Very good)

717 Fourth Avenue (at G), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-232-4440; www.seven-17.cor

HOURS: Dinner, Sunday–Thursday, 5:00–10:00 p.m., until 11:30 Friday and Saturday. Homegame nights: open 4:30 p.m., serving until midnight if needed, bar service until 2:00 a.m. **PRICES:** Appetizers, \$8-\$15; entrées, \$21-\$29;

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CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Steaks, seafood, and eclectic Cal-cuisine. Long, interesting wine list, good choices over a wide price range (\$25 up), ample choices by the glass.

PICK HITS: Pistachio-crusted sea scallops, crab-stuffed portobello mushroom, creamed spinach, duck breast with plum sauce.

NEED TO KNOW: Patio dining. Valet parking \$12 Friday and Saturday, or park at Horton Plaza, Game-night drink discounts, pregame/post-game starters, sandwiches, and salads, with appetizers half-price.

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The lobster ravioli consists of loose, somewhat doughy sheets of fresh spinach pasta (purchased from Assenti in Little Italy), draped over a mixture of Florida rock shrimp, chunks of spiny lobster meat, and mushroom pieces in a champagne cream sauce with a touch of saffron. I didn't find its flavors riveting, and my friend Laurie was disappointed with it. "It seems like cheat ravioli," she said, "when they don't wrap it and seal it around the lobster.'

The pork chop stuffed with Cajun sausage is a menu item carried over from the previous chef, but it has been turned into another dish.





Sorry to say, I haven't liked it in either rendition. A small pocket is cut into the meat, and a scant wad of stuffing (andouille, boursin cheese, mushrooms, and a touch of hot pepper) is inserted. The kitchen has to overcook the pork to make sure the cheese in the stuffing melts, and a muscular chorizo pasilla chile pesto cream sauce subjugates every other ingredient. (Next time, I'll choose the chicken instead. A free-range airline breast, marinated in Italian herbs and finished off with a sweet-spicy honey-chipotle glaze, sounds like something even this chicken-scorning reviewer might like.)

For those craving serious

sweets, the restaurant offers gooey chocolate-mascarpone crêpes and its popular Bailey's bread pudding, both in the Midwestern mode of richness. A light but pallid vanilla crème brûlée is housemade; cheesecake and chocolate cake are outsourced.

Seven-17 has been a comfortable, kick-back restaurant in a district where too many eateries are tense, pretentious, or "scene-y." Now it has, in Abel Gutierrez, a chef who is improving the flavors every

During the next several months, I expect to spend more time in the downtown districts as they change and adapt. Please forgive me if I temporarily neglect your neighborhood. It's a whole new ball game down

ABOUT THE CHEF

Abel Gutierrez was born in Mexico and started cooking professionally at a young age. 'I started cooking in Mexico at little family restaurants," he says. "Then I came here and cooked at different restaurants around San Diego. My first opportunity to run a place as executive chef was at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Old Town, from 1992 to 1995. I met William Sussman [owner of Kalahari Cafe] when he had a restaurant in P.B., the Terrific Pacific Brewery, and I started working for him and stayed there for seven years.

When he sold that place in 2001 and left the restaurant business, the new owner changed the name to Taylor's. I stayed with him for a year, until Mr. Sussman called me to say he was going into the restaurant business again. We built Kalahari together right from the bottom. It was exactly one year ago that we opened the doors to the public.

"After six months, Mr. Sussman started having family problems. His father passed away and then his wife developed cancer. He decided to sell the business so he could spend every minute. every second, with his wife. Frank Dick, the owner here, knew that William was going to sell his place, and he asked me what I was going to do. I'd known Frank for six months then, and he seemed like a good guy. He said, 'I know you're a good worker, and I want you to work for me.' So I jumped over here.

"The menu is a little different now. We've added a few things and taken some things out. We've changed some sauces - I do different sauces for the pork chop, the lamb chop, and the chicken. We changed some of the sides. We've added an extra pasta, an extra shrimp dish — a few things. We'll be putting in some summer dishes soon. But we can't change the whole menu all at once because we have customers who've been here right from the beginning, and they have their favorite dishes, and we need to keep

those. So we make changes little by little.'

One change that Gutierrez hasn't found so pleasant is that, like other restaurant workers in the Gaslamp, he faces a paucity of parking on game nights, along with steep prices. 'Twenty dollars a night, five nights a week, that's \$100 a week - more than \$400 a month to park!" he says. "They can raise the prices because they know there isn't enough parking for all the cars. And if you get a monthly parking contract, they won't even guarantee you a spot. I was paying \$140 a month, and each time I tried to park, I had to wait an hour until somebody else left. It's really gotten crazy down here." ■









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I read it too. "McDini's has served the South Bay since 1948 with a World Class Beer Menu...And is recognized as the

Corned Beef Capital of the West." "Like they're going to get me eating corned beef?" I say. "Fuggett it."

We had been heading along Eighth Street in National City when we noticed a clump of people outside this corner place. It was

all dark slab boards and cream brick, and it had a seductive kind of slip-in entrance. So we just followed them in to this room scattered with lots of old '50s photos, three pool tables, bar, booths, and a sign: "McDini's Baja Bar and Restaurant." Baja? All the decor was about being Irish.

Whatever, the vibe felt good. Fifties. Wellworn. People talking away as if this was their local, a watering hole more than pickup joint. We sat down at this booth under rows of Navy caps that customers had left behind. "USS Marvin Shields, FF-1066," said the one above me. A framed collection of English beer labels hung under them. "Adnam's Suffolk Nut Brown Ale." "Jennings's Old Brown Strong Ale." "Smugglers Ale." "Castletown Bitter." Huh, really interested in beer.

Joselyn the waitress comes over for drink orders. Hank gets the "Beer O' the Month" -

Redhook Blonde (\$2.50) — and I order iced tea (\$1.75). Gotta work tonight.

'I'm sure I saw a McDini's downtown, sometime back," says Hank to Joselyn. "Right?"

"You're right," Joselyn says. "Used to be at

Fourth and Market. Opened in 1890, they say. This is new. It's only been here since '48.

She says they get lots of Navy guys coming in here. "Specially the guys who live on the accommodation barges. Uh, ready?"

Hank doesn't miss a beat. He drills the "Daily Specials" page

with his finger. Prime rib. Damn. Beat me to it. I see it comes in a six-ounce sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy, fries, or onion rings (\$8.95), or as an eight-ounce dinner with mashed potatoes, veggies, and garlic bread (\$9.95).

"The prime rib dinner," he says.

Whoa. I'm paying. Ten bucks. Think I've got

"Don't worry, buddy," Hank says. "I've got a few bucks. Figured I'd need to comp you."

" 'Preciate it," I say. "And you, hon?" says Joselyn.

Oh, Lord. It ain't the Encyclopedia Britannica, but this menu's got, like, pages of daily specials, appetizers, corned beef specialties, sandwiches, burgers, pizzas... Lessee. I'm looking at the "Daily Specials" page. It has a picture of Mike Dini Sr., "The Original Italian Leprechaun." Aha. So he

was Italian. Added a "Mc" and went Irish. Spunky. "Take your time," says Joselyn.

Not gonna just copy Hank. Grandma's Favorite Meatloaf Sandwich (\$7.95) looks good with fries or mashed potatoes. Chicken or beef fajitas (\$7.95) with rice and beans...half a pastrami sandwich is the best deal at \$5.95, including soup or salad. Sandwiches run six, seven bucks. Wouldn't mind the French Dip "with au jus for dipping" (\$6.95), or a Mac Sandwich for \$6.95, or half a Mac (as in "McDini") Sandwich with soup for \$5.95. Thing I notice about the Mac is the horseradish that comes with it. Love that with prime rib. But would it go with corned beef? Oh, God. Now I'm thinking, this is the Corned Beef Capital of the West. So, guess I'll try it. "McDini's Famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

"Our most popular dish," says Joselyn approvingly.

I see it's \$8.95. But they have a "luncheonsized" version for \$6.95. "I'll take the luncheon size," I say, just as I remember how much I hate boiled cabbage. What the heck am I doing?

Ten minutes later, Joselyn swings up with Hank's prime rib and my corned beef. Man. Luncheon size? There's an awful lot of red corned beef piled on cabbage piled on carrots. Joselyn goes and comes back with a side plate of rye bread, red onion rings, butter, and, yes, horseradish. The raw, strong kind.

Hank's prime rib is pretty big too. He's got gravy and mashed potatoes and broccoli, a pot of creamed horseradish, and garlic bread. He's happy. Me, not. I'm thinking for three bucks less I've got a plateful of stuff I hate. Carrots. Corned beef. Cabbage. Jeez. Now I remember Grandma biffing me with her gnarly hand. "Nobody leaves till I see clean plates!"

What saves it? The miracle of horseradish. I can't believe it. Its strong tang transforms the corned beef-cabbage combo from hold-your-nose to pretty all right. Specially as the corned beef isn't too salty. Having nice big chunks of boiled potato helps too. So does the rye bread and butter.

'Ah yes," Hank says. "I remember this place.' The menu has an old photo showing a team of plow horses towing a beer wagon in front of Mc-Dini's downtown at Fourth and Market.

You that old, dude?'

He ignores me and orders another Red Hook

"You should order a different beer," says Joselyn. "See? All you have to do is drink one of each of these and you become a member of our Connoisseurs Club. That means half-price meals every Wednesday for the rest of your life."

"Wow," Hank says. He scans the beer page. "So only 99 beers to go. You in any hurry, dude?"

The Place: McDini's Baja Bar and Restaurant, 105 East Eighth Street, National City (619-474-6771) Type of Food: American

Prices: Grandma's Favorite Meatloaf with garlic bread, \$7.95; six-ounce prime rib sandwich, with mashed potatoes and gravy, fries, or onion rings, \$8.95; eight-ounce prime rib dinner with mashed potatoes, veggies, garlic bread, \$9.95; chicken or beef fajitas with rice and beans, \$7.95; half pastrami sandwich with soup or salad, \$5.95; French Dip sandwich with au jus, \$6.95; Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, \$8.95, luncheon size, \$6.95

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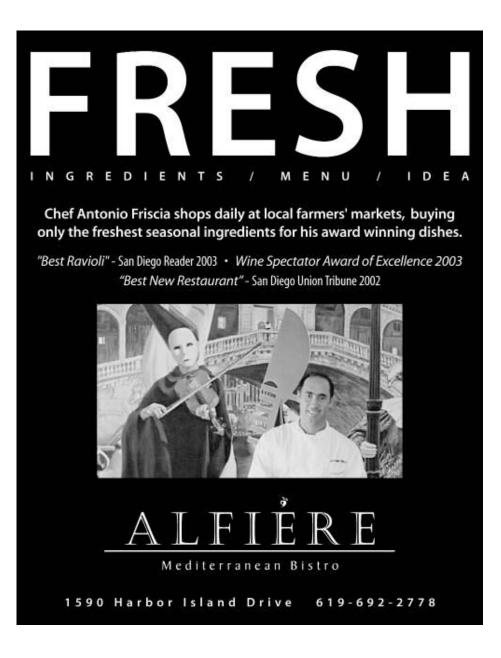
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he Dragoo family castle in La Rochelle, a coastal French city just north of Bordeaux, is in ruins now. During its several centuries of life, it was surrounded by vineyards — part of the family worked in the fishing business, part in

wine. The wines were made, says Mick Dragoo, in "the classic Bordeaux style."

The Dragoo family castle in Escondido, however, is in fine shape, having only recently been completed. The vineyard out back of the chateau is tiny, but that's because Dragoo brings in his fruit

from elsewhere. "We ve always been winos in the Dragoo family," he says. The shield of the family crest may bear a fire-breathing dragon, but it is ringed about with grapevines.

"I've always wanted a castle," says Dragoo, a maxillofacial surgeon and winery proprietor. "I've been teaching in Europe for going on 30 years now, and we've just grown accustomed to that type of atmosphere. It was designed over a period of about 15 years. Every time my wife and I went over, we always came back with a couple more ideas — a little moat here, a little bridge there. The outside décor sort of a combination of a French chateau and a Rhine River castle."

The Dragoos won't live in their new creation, which is situated on the Wine Haven campus that

also houses Belle Marie Winery, Dragoo's first wine venture. The castle does contain a 2300square-foot residence which will house caretakers, but the bulk of its aboveground floor space will be used for business. Beneath the gaze

of Hugo, a custom-made suit of armor that serves as the winery mascot, the main space spreads out spaciously toward the creamy plaster walls. A loft makes a second level half the size of the first. Decoration of the interior proceeds apace. "We'll have tastings, and when people bring in corpo-

rate functions — Christmas parties, incentive parties — we'll entertain them in the castle. It's a great place for wedding receptions, too."

Halfway down the stairs to the cellar, the creamy plaster gives way to dark gray gunnite, hard and pitted, a manmade approximation of hewn-out stone. This is the cave; this is where the barrels will be stored. The corners open into alcoves. Candles sit on numerous tiny shelves jutting out from the walls and pillars. The pillars curve into the ceiling; the ceiling curves into the walls. Pillars, ceiling, and walls are all coated with gunnite. Only the poured concrete floor is smooth.

"This is the third cave we've built like this," says Dragoo. "We built one when we had our

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winery in Napa, and we built one in our private residence in Escondido. This one is all underground, with the exception of the west wall. We insulate the walls really well - this one is block concrete — and then we come over the top of it with about two inches of gunnite. Then we make all the curvatures — not only for acoustics and ambience but for climate control and airflow. Temperature stays really, really constant because of the thickness of the walls and the airflow. If you just have flat ceilings and posts, you

don't get the same flow of air. It creates a convection-type air current that results in less evaporation from the barrels."

Like the castle, Dragoo took inspiration for the curving cave from French examples of the form. "I asked, 'Is this architectural or just for ambience?' They showed it to me by holding up little feathers and having me watch them" to see how the air was moving. "The air makes a circular motion, as opposed to a directional flow it just sort of moves from floor to ceiling in a circular motion. Once you get to the end of the cave" — up against a wall with hard angles you don't see the same flow as in the middle, where the pillars are." The cave is set up for forced-air ventilation, "but I don't think we're going to have to pump it. I talked to some engineers when we started and they said, 'Well, if it works in France, it's got to work here.' And it

Chateau Dragoo is Wine Haven's second winery label, after Belle Marie. Dragoo has a license for a third, though he doesn't know if he'll use it,

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Chateau Dragoo

and for three more tasting rooms to boot. "We went for the gusto because when people go out for a wine experience, it's really bummers if they can go to only one tasting room on a property. In Temecula, you can hop and hop and hop; here, there's nothing else around. Until we can find some colleagues to build wineries around us, we'll just build tasting rooms on our property with different kinds of wines in them."

The difference? "Chateau Dragoo wines automatically have two years' aging in both French and American oak. Belle Marie wines are predominantly 14 months' aging in mostly American oak. And in the Chateau Dragoo wines, we use blends of wines that would be from France, Italy, and Spain — like the Chateauneuf-du-Pape," modeled after the Grenache-based wines of the southern Rhone. The label's flagship wine, Cinq Diamante, "is a very delicate Bordeaux blend."

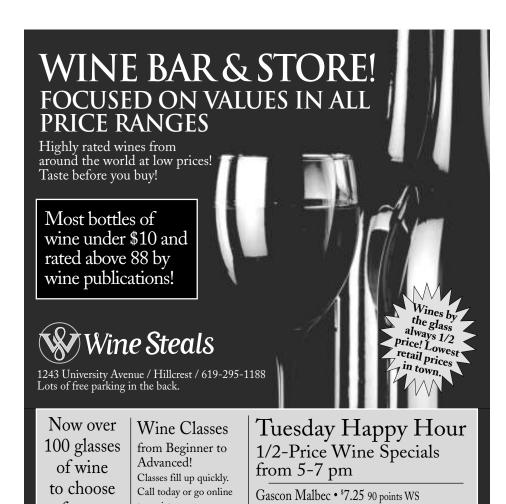
But just as Dragoo was willing to mix a little Rhine castle into his French chateau, he's willing to tweak the "classic Bordeaux" blend to suit his

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materials. Both Nebbiolo and Grenache make an appearance. The Nebbiolo in particular "is one of the prime grapes we have." The fruit is from Baja, but "the clone is from the Barolo region of Italy, and it's just such a hearty, robust, beautiful grape that we use it in a lot of our wines. You just can't get a better grape than that. We even use some of it in our Cabernet Sauvignon to stiffen it up." (When I visited, Chateau Dragoo was also offering a straight Nebbiolo on a futures basis.)

Dragoo is pleased with the 2001 Cinq Diamante. "It's only a couple of years old," he warns, "but although it's definitely full-bodied, it doesn't give the impression of being rough. The aftertaste and smoothness are really quite delicate." It is indeed a young wine — it takes a couple of hours after opening for the oak to blow off and the more interesting aspects to show through. By contrast, the Belle Marie Meritage is more imme-

diately accessible — more straightforward, higher in acid and showing more clearly its American oak influences.

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

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 Szepesy 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; special wine dinners Friday nights, 10 p.m. to midnight. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly troadhouse 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-toorder 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

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 ofher 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 eatl"), 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, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (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)

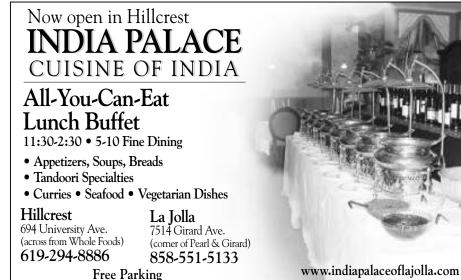
Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-bythe-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'il be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. 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)

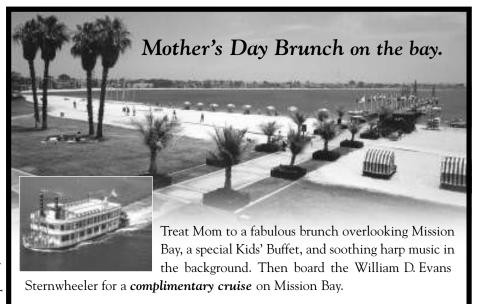
NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission, 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 tup, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

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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. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of logan-

berry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. In-expensive. — E.B. (5/03)

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 BYOButter 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)

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 sculp-ture 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 sala, and baked egg-plant "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)

J. Taylor's Restaurant L'Auberge Resort and Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-793-6406. On lush, lovely grounds, in an airy, country-inn dining room, Executive Chef Tom Atkins offers Northern California-style "comfort" cuisine, with simple, fresh flavors and prime seasonal ingredients (you'll think you're in the Napa Valley). Execution is expert. Appetizers and desserts are

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especially appealing, as is a multicourse tasting menu (with matched wines optional) that lets the chefs stretch out and show off a little. In fair weather, you can dine on a patio overlooking the herb garden that's the source of so many flavors on your plate. A rather steep wine list emphasizes California vineyards. Free valet parking at restaurant door. Three meals daily. Expensive. — *N.W.* (1/03)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 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

LA JOLLA

to extremely expensive. — E.W.

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 housemade 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 niçoisely 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 "ex-pensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typic otous 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 housemade, 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)

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 Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood 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. Splosh 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 outside "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)

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 un 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 - voila! Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/02)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu re-

turning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — N.W.~(1/04)

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 spe-cialties. 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)

THE BEACHES

Hanaoka 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 re-



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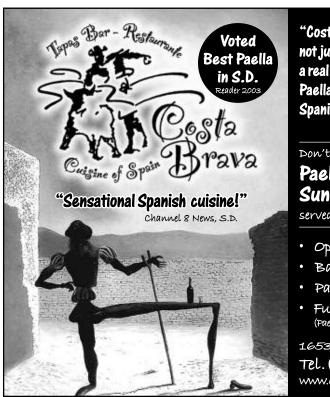


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Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of mac-aroni salad, and then whatever, like 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 poke* (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.

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," "environ-mentally 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.

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 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 Boule vard (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)

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Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors choices, watching for off-menu ex-travaganzas, 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 gingko 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), 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these stripmall 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 *Vuelva 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 *car*nitas - pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheese-burger 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 *kafta* 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, Laotians 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)

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 mush-rooms; 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, uicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an ut terly 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

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 seatood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, black-ened, "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 lemony 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 Mary land-style crab cakes in a thick red-pep per 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)

May Day Cafe 1860 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon, 619-448-2707. Talk about hidden jewels: This place is in a hangar at Gillespie Field next to a road hardly anybody uses. Yet go early for breakfast and TV news, country music, and a relay from Gillespie tower make it feel like Grand Central Station. Then you'll notice most everyone else there is talking planes. This is a fliers' hangout. The menu is simple, and cheap. Eggs and toast a couple of bucks, "May Day Melts" (sourdough bread with eggs, cheese, ham), not much more. For lunch, it's hot pastrami or a grilled ham and cheese sandwich. But what you're really here for is the talk. Take-off's, landings, getting lost. Breakfast and lunch. E.B. (5/03)

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 — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey 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 vith 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)



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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 woon. 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)

HPTOWN & **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: yel-low and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish at-tention, 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 ur lips. Inexpensive to moderate.

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, University Heights, 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,





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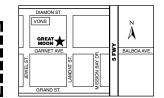
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artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted egplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only break-fast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenu (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustardcrusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fishscorners. 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)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very mod-

ern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history carrying echoes of both Persian and In dian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional spe-cialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate Among the don't-miss items are the out standing aushak (spring onion ravioli) and mantu (ground-meat ravioli) both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamordd chalow, a spicy lamb-andspinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small side walk 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 Street), uptown, 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday, Low moderate to expensive. — E.W. (3/00)

Mister Sisters 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-4647. You somehow think "Chicago" when you walk into this cool, dark-woody place. The idea is a kind of social get-together locale "where the food tastes great and is not so good for you," according to the twin sisters and the mister who started it. They are trying to recreate small-town West Virginia, where they're from. The big deal is Happy Hour's "Pint & Pound," a pint of draft beer and a pound of wings. Sandwiches have Hillcrest-type names: "Stacked Up Sister," "The Queen of Hill-crest," "The Priss," "The Tomboy." If in doubt, check out the Philly cheese steak

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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 sub-limely 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; also 6618 Mission Gorge Road, 619-528-8301. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones owner Anh Long had two good ideas: One, to provide rice with just about ev erything. Interesting rice, usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so cus-tomers can fill up without busting the bank, and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She of-fers 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. -

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street First and 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 de-

spise 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)

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of pop-ular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first-rate, featur-ing fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice-stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts is minuscule, but any of those far outshine the lunky purchased American pastries on the dessert tray. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

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, gua-camole, 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, includ-ing a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and innts have been somewhat compronised over the years to accommodate

the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dudefriendly - 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 nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive vine list; food expensive or higher. -N.W. (1/04)

Caparell's Cuisina 1428 First Ave nue (at Ash), downtown, 619-237-8081. This place puts on a good show of being Italian, except Greek flavors keep popping up in items like "Caparell's Mediterranean Pesto Pizza," with grilled chicken, tomatoes, onions, kalamata olives, and feta. Confusion? No, fusion: Turns out owner Sam Caparell's dad is Italian but his mom's Greek. And there's plenty Italian. His "Sam's Calzone," a fold-over with Canadian bacon, sautéed mushrooms, onions, cheese, pepperoni, and a meatball, is scrumbo, and his halfand-half spaghetti-lasagna dinner would satisfy the Colossus of Rhodes. Outside is scrubby, waiting for the developer's ax, but inside it's smart, varnished wood with low art-deco chrome lamps, and a satisfyingly long bar. Honest Mediterranean food. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (9/03)

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 middleof-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, or-the-road raux-tusion saiads, searood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shell-fish), 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)

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 oldfashioned 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















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Nectar Prava Hotel, 911 Fifth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-615-3146. In this handsome, stately room carved from the former hotel lobby, the clean-flavored California cuisine emphasizes wild fish, free-range meats, and organic produce, artfully cooked to showcase the fine ingredients. The kitchen can be inconsistent, but when it's on, it really cooks, with fine lobster bisque, crab salad, tempura cala-mari, roast quail, and cedar-planked wild salmon among its glories. Interesting wine and beer list, with plenty of afford-able off-beat possibilities. Valet parking price is ridiculous (but Horton Plaza is a short walk). Ambiance slightly dressy. Three meals, until 11 p.m. weekends. Dinner expensive to very expensive. N.W. (1/04)

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 rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue, 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 gargan-tuan 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 liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how of-ten you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipir-inha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

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 lofties: 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-Coronado, 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) of





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the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sun-flower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

McDini's 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow

What the Chef Eats

PASTA WITH RUSTICA SAUCE

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The sauce is good with any kind of pasta. You serve this in the Sicilian way with fettuccine, linguine, rigatoni, spaghetti, penne. You place this sauce on top and it makes a nice Sicilian dish.

When people are served this, they say,

"What is that?" Sometimes they don't recognize what it is because of the black skin of the eggplant. It adds a little decoration to the plate.

An Italian wine would go very well with this, perhaps a Tuscan Barbera or a Sicilian Nero D'Avola.

HOW TO DO IT Sauté eggplant and garlic in olive oil in a mediumsized sauté pan. Add more

olive oil as needed. As you sauté the eggplant, you have to keep adding olive oil in small amounts because the eggplant soaks up the oil. When the eggplant and the garlic are softened, add the fresh chopped tomatoes. Mix and sauté for about 10 more minutes. Add basil, salt, and pepper and, if you like, a touch of chili pepper. Serve immediately over your favorite pasta.

This recipe serves four.



INGREDIENTS

Olive oil as needed (start with 1 tablespoon) 1 eggplant, skin left on, chopped in 1-inch pieces 3 to 4 cloves of garlic, chopped 3 large tomatoes, chopped 3 to 4 large leaves of fresh basil, whole or chopped Salt and pepper to taste Pinch of dried, crushed chili pepper (optional)

voted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing co-conut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender farang tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

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Cien Anos Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; vou'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 1647 Blvd, Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor,

family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily, serving to about midnight. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at McKinley Avenue), 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 won-derful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/02)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelicotouched macadamia heurre hlanc A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is de-



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Los Nortenos Plaza Santa Cecilia (at 2nd Street, opposite McDonald's), Tijuana. Yes, it's a tourist trap, but think of San Diego's Old Town or LA's Olvera Street — by comparison, Plaza Santa Cecilia is the real thing. And Los Nortenos, the café with it s stylish pillars and solid terrace seating, is one of the classier places. Their garlic shrimp soup or burrito plate (it comes with refried beans and avocado salad) is great. And the vegetable soup alone will fill you up. It's stuffed with potatoes, car-

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rots, zucchini, chayote, etc. No beer or alcohol, but just watching the world go by as the antique lamps light the evening is a thrill. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Rosticeria Los Pollos Avenida Constitución, between 6th and 7th Streets, Tijuana. Relatives of prisoners in the Tijuana jail (one block south) come here to buy treats for their locked-up loved ones. The cops come too, for the cinnamon-flavored fried chicken. Think KFC, but a little sweeter. And with more variety: You can eat just chicken necks if you want. (Their meat slips down like salty fried oysters.) Each plate comes with corn tortillas, and a bowl of wicked red salsa. Ask for Alejandro. He brought the idea up from Mexico City. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tortas la Vuelta 1961-ZC Avenida Revolución, Tijuana. Don't expect atmosphere unless you're into mufflers

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and transmissions. This place at the top of Revolución sits next to *Transmisiones Continental*. It is not part of the classier La Vuelta restaurant across the street, but it does serve up classy *tortas* (large round buns filled with good things like beef loin), *carne asada*, *pierna* (pork leg), *milanesa* (veal), chicken, ham and cheese, or even vegetarian fillings. There's something about sitting in this little dark recess surrounded by cars and the oilyhanded mechanics who service them. La Vuelta also does *hamburguesas* with fries. But no burger matches a *mula* ("mule"), a large folded tortilla with *carne asada*, ham, avocado, and tomatoes. Seven days, lunch and dinner. In expensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, 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 tlalpeño 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. (9/88)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

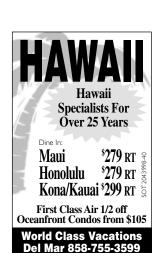
Buca Di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style,

Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is childed with good beef loin), carne asada, rk leg), milanesa (veal), mand cheese, or even vegings. There's something 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 Caion, 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 vourself 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. -

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 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 fastfood translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (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, meals. Inexpensive.











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MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed.

The Alamo — Creditable retelling of an early chapter in Texas history ("As goes the Alamo, so goes Texas"), not as cumbersome as the John Wayne version of 1960, perhaps even a little cursory. Director and coscreenwriter John Lee Hancock humanizes the central figures — Crockett, Bowie, Travis, Houston, though not the ogre-ish Santa Anna — without demythicizing them, and without diminishing their heroism. Stage actor Patrick Wilson, with his Paul Newman puckered lips and baby-blue eyes, makes an impressive screen debut as Travis, under better control than the veterans Billy Bob Thornton (Crockett), Jason Patric (Bowie), and Dennis Quaid (Houston). 2004.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Blind Shaft — Dark tale of murder and extortion in the Chinese coal mines, written and directed by Li Yang.
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Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius —

Rowdy Herrington's biopic on the legendary golfer, portrayed by Jim Caviezel. (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA



Connie and Carla

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: FROM 4/30)

Bon Voyage — Rapid pileup of events and characters: an actress, a novelist, a corpse, an escaped convict, a capitulating politician, a Nazi spy, a Jewish nuclear scientist, among others. Personal concerns collide with global ones, in the best tradition of the wartime romance; and the plush production and photography (some lovely effects of rain)

are worthy of the tradition, too. But there's an uncertainty of tone, or rather, a certain frivolity of tone — an air of artificiality and detachment. With Isabelle Adjani, Gerard Depardieu, Grégori Derangère, Virginie Ledoyen, Yvan Attal, and Peter Coyote; directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau. 2003.

Clifford's Really Big Movie —

Animated dog story featuring the voice of the late John Ritter, directed by Robert C.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Connie and Carla — If you wrote and starred in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, what do you do for an encore? (Well, after a spin-off TV series, anyway.) How about this? A sex-change operation on *Some Like It Hot*: two airport lounge singers (sisters of the one in *Anything but Love*) witness a mob hit and

hide out in disguise as drag queens, milking the stereotype of gays and show tunes. Some like it not. With Nia Vardalos (who also scripted), Toni Collette, David Duchovny, Stephen Spinella, and an as-herself cameo by Debbie Reynolds; directed by Michael Lembeck. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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)

Dawn of the Dead — Shorter, straighterfaced, altogether squarer remake of the George Romero zombie bash. The "commentary" on American consumerism, or anyway the locality of a Middle American shopping mall, remains as pertinent today as in 1979, if scarcely as fresh. And the cannibalism now seems to pertain not so much to the society at large as to a depleted film industry overly dependent on blood-sucking remakes. The same could have been said, in fact did get said, of the 1990 remake of Romero's *Night of the Living Dead*. Little has changed in that respect. In another respect, the escalation of video-game violence on screen (whether or not this can be connected to things like Columbine off screen) makes the mowing-down of the zombies seem so far from fresh as to be downright rancid. The most boring revision of the material is no doubt the juicing-up of the walking dead - the wobbling, staggering, stumbling dead, in Romero's version — with a new, athletic speed and strength. A more constructive new idea was to locate the gun shop across the street from the mall instead of inside it: the first step in the eventual migration toward a nearby island sanctuary. Where the movie ends is where it should have begun. With Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames, Jake Weber, Mekhi Phifer; directed by Zack Snyder. 2004. • (GASLAMP 15)

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Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Dogville - Danish director Lars von Trier follows up Dancer in the Dark with another unrecognizable portrait of America. A pedantic or facetious moral tale, it takes place in Depression-period costume on a sparse and stylized stage set, which from overhead looks like a near life-sized blueprint of a tiny town in the Rockies. Nicole Kidman bursts upon the scene, seeking refuge from a faceless mob boss doing a vocal impression of Orson Welles. There are antiquated title cards ("Chapter One, in Which Tom Hears Gunfire and Meets Grace"), a supercilious narrator (John Hurt), snatches of Baroque music, and the customary bad camerawork and unendurable duration. Harriet Andersson. Lauren Bacall, Paul Bettany, James Caan, Patricia Clarkson, Ben Gazzara, Chloë Sevigny, Stellan Skarsgard. 2004. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Ella Enchanted — A fairy-tale kingdom - elves, ogres, giants, fairy godmothers — sprinkled with modern anachronisms in the manner of a latter-day Disney cartoon. Anne Hathaway is game enough as a Cinderella blessed, or cursed, at birth by the "gift" of obedience, requiring her to acquiesce to any statement in the imperative mood — a viable premise, far overextended. The story is adapted from the popular children's book by Gail Carson Levine, and played with a mincing preciosity designed to discourage everyone but devotees. With Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes, Minnie Driver, Vivica A. Fox, and Jimi

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Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, and Confessions of a Dangerous Mind, drills a new tunnel into his favorite fictional locale, the human brain, this time by way of the science-fictional device of an illicit memoryerasure service called Lacuna, Inc. "Technically speaking, the procedure is brain damage, but it's on a par with a night of heavy drinking.") Both halves of a failed romance avail themselves of the service, first the female half, and then (in distress over his former lover's failure to recognize him) the male, who belatedly changes his mind and begins to struggle against the erasure in midstream. The old theme of cold-science versus-warm-humanity emerges. And inasmuch as the protagonist is asleep for the operation, the flow of fragmentary memories, riddled with surrealistic dislocations and juxtapositions, takes on aspects of cognitive dreaming as well as psychoanalytic free association. The French origins of director Michel Gondry, who earlier collaborated with Kaufman on Human Nature, prompt us to draw a connection to Alain Resnais quicker than we otherwise might. The latter's explorations of the mind in general and memory in specific are, fittingly enough, far more cerebral (Hiroshima Mon Amour, Last Year at Marienbad, Providence), though he himself was not above making use of a sciencefictional device: the haywire time machine in Je T'Aime, Je T'Aime, pinballing its human guinea pig through the lowlights of an unhappy love affair. (The theme of cold-

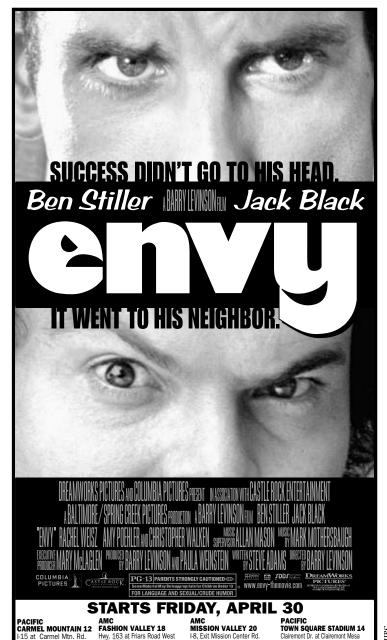
science-versus-warm-humanity emerged there, too.) Gondry, a music-video and TVadvertising veteran, with a common weakness for the wacky and the tacky, has none of the refinement of Resnais, but that's no reason to condemn him out of hand. A popularized, a vulgarized version is preferable to none at all; it might even inspire the odd viewer or two to follow the trail back to the fountainhead. Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Kirsten Dunst, Mark Ruffalo, Tom Wilkinson, Elijah Wood, 2004. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY;

HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Funny Face — Stanley Donen musical, his first away from MGM, to do with a bookworm turned into a fashion model by an Avedon-esque photographer. Bright, colorful, visually inventive confection soured a bit (but increased in interest at the same time) by complacent Philistine notions about such suspicious characters as beatniks, French intellectuals, introverts, and readers. With Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn and tunes by Gershwin. 1957.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART, 4/29, 7 P.M.)

The Girl Next Door — The name's the same as the 1999 documentary on porn queen Stacy Valentine. Which is fitting because the girl who moves in next door to the teenage hero (Emile Hirsch), who plans someday to be President but who acts as if



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he wants to be Leo DiCaprio, is in truth a former "adult" film star. Elisha Cuthbert reasonably looks the part, if that's a compliment, and Timothy Olyphant warms to the role of a thoroughly degenerate producer, but the comic complications are clumpingly predictable. Directed by Luke Greenfield. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

Godsend — Chiller starring Robert De Niro, Greg Kinnear, and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, directed by Nick Hamm. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM
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Good Bye, Lenin — Wolfgang Becker's political comedy on the fall of Communism in East Germany.

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Hellboy — Alias H.B., alias Red, alias Big Monkey — a horned demon unleashed by the Nazis and harnessed by the forces of good (namely the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense), his horns filed down to unmenacing stumps. A jokey comic-book adaptation (Dark Horse Comics) with delusions of grandeur. Guillermo Del Toro has demonstrated in the past an authentic directorial touch and a feeling for fantasy (*Cronos, Mimic*), but he is here a mere cog. Ron Perlman, John Hurt, Selma Blair,

Rupert Evans, Jeffrey Tambor. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;
CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;
GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION
VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM
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SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Hidalgo — One of the legion of Disney sports films — the allegedly factual story of a long-distance Bedouin horse race across the Ocean of Fire to Damascus — feeds the current hunger (to put it as crudely as it merits) to kick some Arab butt. The titular mustang, the lone American entry in the field, mirrors the components of his native land: horse of the Red Indian, descended from Spain, of mixed blood, and subjected to a bit of thoroughbred (or Old World) snobbery. His rider, the legendary Pony Express courier Frank T. Hopkins (a mumbly Viggo Mortensen), is himself a half-breed, who otherwise perfectly matches the profile of the American invader and conqueror of The Last Samurai: a drunken participant in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a tormented soul eaten by guilt over the massacred Sioux at Wounded Knee, and a rakish blade who effortlessly cuts through cultural barriers and in particular the facial veil of a sheik's daughter named Jazira ("Why do I feel that you truly see me when others do not?"). Spurred on by the blustery music of James Newton Howard, horse and rider outrun a computer-generated desert tsunami (curse of The Mummy), dodge a couple of cartoon leopards (sons of Gladiator), and tilt into a three-way photo finish after a race of three thousand miles.

Fact-check, anyone? With Omar Sharif and Zuleikha Robinson; directed by Joe Johnston. 2004.

● (GASLAMP 1

Home on the Range — Going-throughthe-motions Disney cartoon, a facetious, feminist (or cow-power) anti-Western wherein three heifers set out to capture Alameda Slim and save their dairy farm from foreclosure: "Huh! Bovine bounty hunters! Now I've seen everything." Voices of Roseanne Barr, Judi Dench, Jennifer Tilly, and Cuba Gooding, Jr.; written and directed by Will Finn and John Sanford. 2004.

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I'm Not Scared — Italian thriller told from a child's point of view, directed by Gabriele Salvatores. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/30)

Jersey Girl — We've been through something like this before with Kevin Smith. It went by the name of *Chasing Amy*, and Ben Affleck was again Smith's on-screen stand-in as a Responsible Adult. Here those responsibilities extend to the filial and the parental, but only briefly the marital. (The sole time and place where Jennifer Lopez was destined to be wed to Ben Affleck, before her expedient — and symbolic — death in childbirth.) Smith, it goes without saying, has a perfect right to a sappy mood on occasion, but his right is not an excuse

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for the routineness, the staleness, the secondhandedness, the sitcomminess of the treatment. There are touches of tartness spaced throughout the goo (two kids showing one another their privates), and the running gags to do with Will Smith (a bit of Back to the Future hindsight ca. 1994: "Like the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air is ever going to have a movie career!") yield a satisfying payoff in the actor's as-himself cameo appearance. But ultimately the best fun in the movie - a straight-priorities movie, a heart-on-the-sleeve movie, a lose-the-cool movie — is in imagining how disappointed in him the filmmaker's hardcore lovalists are going to be. His nonloyalists and his active adversaries, on the other hand, are apt, even more, to be taken aback by his display of taste in employing one of our very finest cinematographers, Vilmos Zsigmond. Not just taken aback, but torn in two between the outward beauty and the sludge underneath. With Liv Tyler, George Carlin, Raquel Castro, Jason Biggs. 2004. ★ (LA JOLLA 12)

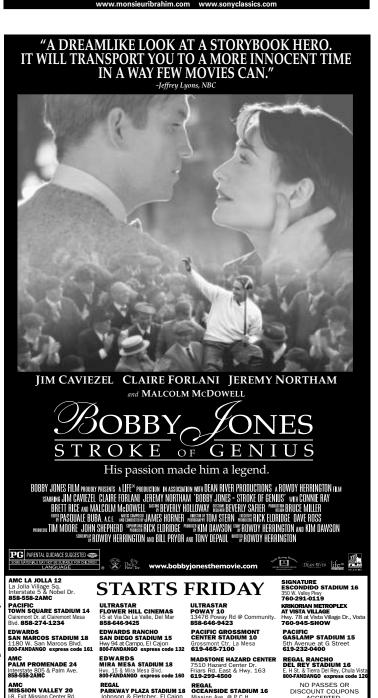
Johnson Family Vacation — Road comedy with Cedric the Entertainer, Vanessa L. Williams, and Bow Wow, directed by Christopher Erskin. (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VISTA VILLAGE)

Kill Bill, Vol. 2 — The rest of the story, with Uma Thurman, Michael Madsen, Daryl Hannah, and David Carradine, written and directed by Quentin Tarantino.
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The Ladykillers — The Coen brothers first-ever "unoriginal" work: a remake of a mid-Fifties British caper comedy by the underappreciated Alexander Mackendrick. In mitigation, the brothers throughout their careers have been so partial to the pastiche — the neo-noir Blood Simple, the imitation-Hammett Miller's Crossing, the imitation-Cain The Man Who Wasn't There, the alternately Capra-esque and Hawksian screwball comedies, The Hudsucker Proxy and Intolerable Cruelty — that an actual remake constitutes only a subtle difference in degree. Then, too, their shared interests with the Ealing Studios original — an interest in the unravelling criminal scheme







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renders the Coens' appropriation of the material into an act of tribute rather than of plunder. With The Big Lebowski and Fargo in particular, they have earned their rights to The Ladvkillers. Finally, they have effected so many changes — in milieu, in plot, in character, and in language — as to reclaim a measure of originality. They have much fun, as has Tom Hanks, with the high-flown diction (periodically brought low by the selfconscious adolescent snigger) of the

criminal mastermind who styles himself an Old Southern gentleman and scholar: "portal," "redoubtable," "ignoble,"
"derring-do," "cogitation," "contretemps,' etc., etc., not to mention his impromptu recitations from Poe's poetry. And J.K. Simmons, the best thing in Spider-Man made by Coen crony Sam Raimi, is the best thing here as well, a bald-pated, handlebarmustached ordnance specialist, a former Freedom Rider, and a lifelong irritablebowel sufferer, with a small grab-bag of blustery catch phrases: "Easiest thing in the world" and "Child's play" when confidently on the offensive, or "Just a trial balloon" when in apologetic retreat, Still, there is no getting around our awareness that this, however well done, is a job of renovation rather than invention. And no getting around our legitimate reasons for

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★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN

Laws of Attraction — Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore play romantically involved divorce lawyers, directed by Peter Howitt.

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Man on Fire — Action film directed by Tony Scott, with Denzel Washington, Christopher Walken, Dakota Fanning (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

Mean Girls — A home-schooled teenager. raised in the wilds of Africa, is let loose as an

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system, and the worn-out subject of adolescent cattiness and bitchery receives an infusion of fresh blood, or at any rate a megadose of caffeine. The snap-crackle-pop script (from a book by Rosalind Wiseman) is by Saturday Night Live veteran Tina Fey, who also plays the sympathetic math teacher, the most human character in the group. In truth, the script could stand to take a breath once in a while, and the nominal heroine (Lindsay Lohan) too facilely straddles too many fences - a naif, a misfit, a hottie, a math whiz — but then again, the real heroine is Tina Fey, who we may be sure has a few scores to settle. Rachel McAdams, Lacey Chabert, Lizzy Caplan, Tim Meadows; directed by Mark Waters. 2004

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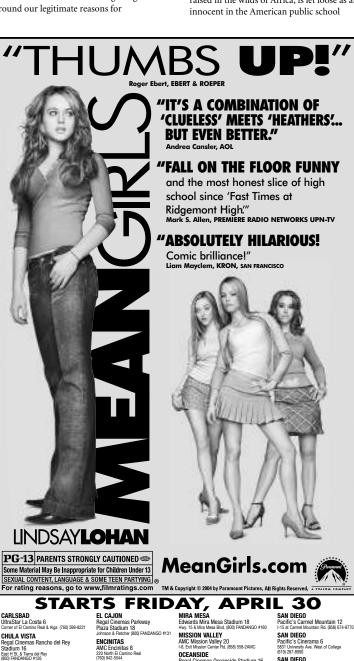
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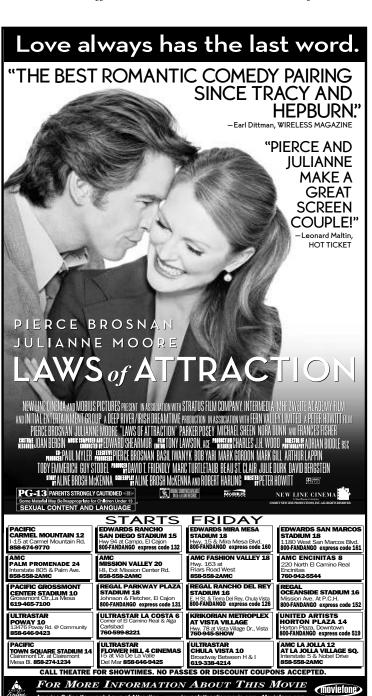
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roll playlist to prove it, about a Muslim grocer ("I'm not an Arab. I'm from the Golden Crescent") who helps a neighborhood Jewish boy to pinch pennies and save up for streetwalkers. Plenty of sightseeing interest, both in Paris and on a transcontinental car trip to the Middle East. With Omar Sharif and Pierre Boulanger;

directed by François Dupeyron. 2003. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/30)

My Architect — About as "personal" as a documentary can get. Nathaniel Kahn, the unacknowledged bastard son of Philadelphia-based architect Louis Kahn (whose obituary in the New York Times mentioned only one offspring, a daughter, Sue Ann), sets out twenty-five years after his father's death, when the filmmaker had been but a boy of eleven, to disentangle the strands of his father's private life — there is yet a third offspring, Alexandra, by yet a

third mother — and to visit all of his father's major edifices, of which, owing to the man's lifelong contentiousness, there are not a lot. "Three or four masterpieces," opines I.M. Pei, "[are] more important than fifty, sixty buildings.") The film offers a good overview of the works themselves: the Salk Institute in La Jolla comes off well on screen (or as well as anything can in the pallid and fuzzy DV image), with the son roller-skating around the courtyard to Neil Young's "Long May You Run," and the capitol of Bangladesh makes a fitting climax both emotionally and artistically. We might have

hoped for more out of the arranged meeting between the three half-siblings, and many questions remain unanswered or unasked. But one way or another the filmmaker completes his mission and has something to show for it: a compelling film to show for it.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Passion of the Christ — A work of devotion, and a big gamble, for Mel Gibson, financed out of his own pocket, boasting no big-name stars (Jim Caviezel and Monica

Bellucci, the biggest), not to mention English subtitles for ancient languages graphic gore, and a firestorm of pre-release publicity on its latent anti-Semitism. A version of this story that would bear down on the bodily punishment absorbed during Christ's last day on Earth was probably, in the fullness of time, inevitable. And it's a short step from saying that such a version was inevitable to saying that it's a particularly appropriate one for its time: a Passion, if you will, for the new millennium. More specifically, bereft of the spiritual and obsessed with the physical. In the end,

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8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius: Envy: Godsend; Laws of Attraction; Mean Girls; Man on Fire; Clifford's Really Big Movie; 13 Going on 30; Kill Bill, Vol. 2; The Punisher; Connie and Carla; The Alamo; Ella En-್ದ chanted; Jersey Girl

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) **?** Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:25)

1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri. (4:20) 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 4:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 9:30; **Monsieur Ibrahim** (R) Fri. (2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:50. 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; My Architect (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (1:45) 7:00; Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring (R) Fri. (2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50: Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius; Envy; Godsend; Laws of Attraction; Mean Girls; Pride and Prejudice; Ella Enchanted; The Book of Mormon; Man on Fire; Clifford's Really Big Movie: 13 Going on 30: Kill Bill, Vol. 2: The Punisher; Connie and Carla; The Alamo; Johnson Family Vacation; Hellboy; Home on the Range; Walking Tall; The Passion of the Christ

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius; Envy; Godsend; Laws of Attraction; Mean Girls; Man on Fire; Clifford's Really Big Movie; 13 Going on 30; Kill Bill, Vol. 2; The Punisher; Connie and Carla; The Girl Next Door; The Whole Ten Yards; Johnson Family Vacation; Hellboy; The Ladykillers; Taking Lives; Starsky and Hutch; The Passion of the

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) **13 Going on 30** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30; **Bobby Jones - Stroke of Ge**nius (PG) Fri. 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Thu. 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; Connie and Carla (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; **Godsend** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; **Kill Bill Vol. 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Man on Fire (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius; Envy; Godsend; Laws of Attraction; Mean Girls; Man on Fire; Clifford's Really Big Movie; 13 Go-ing on 30; Kill Bill, Vol. 2; The Punisher; Connie and Carla; The Alamo; Ella Enchanted; Johnson Family Vacation Hellboy; Home on the Range; Walking Tall; The Ladykillers; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; The Passion of the Christ

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Ave. (619-287-8990) **13 Going on 30** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. (12:20, 3:00) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:10) 7:30; **Godsend** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sat. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:40) 8:00; **Johnson Family Vacation** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:45) 5:50, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:50, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:50, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:45) 7:55; Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:50) 7:10, 9:55; Sat. (12:10, 3:20) 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (12:10, 3:20) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:30) 8:15; **Man on Fire** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05; Sat. (12:00, 3:10) 7:00, 10:05; Sun. (12:00, 3:10) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:20) 8:10; **Mean Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:20; Sat. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:35) 7:50

4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236) Blind Shaft (Not Rated) Thu. 5:20, 7:35, 9:40; Red Trousers: The Life of the Hong Kong Stuntmen (Not Rated) Fri. 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 5:20, 7:35, 9:50

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Bon Voyage (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **Dogville** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:40; **Good Bye, Lenin!** (R) Fri. (5:10); Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:10); **I'm Not Scared** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **Shaolin Soccer** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Young Adam (NC-17) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Intolerance, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado (619-238-1233) Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk

Fri.-Sat. 6:00; Sun. 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:00; Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 5:00; Sat. 1:00, 4:00; Sun. 11:00, 2:00; Mon.-Tue. 11:00, 1:00; Wed.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00; Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00; Sat. 2:00, 5:00; Sun. 1:00, 4:00; Mon.-Tue 12:00, 3:00; Wed.-Thu. 1:00; **Sky Tonight** Wed. 7:00; **To Worlds Beyond** Sat. 10:00; **Top Speed** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 8:00; Sun. 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00; **The Young** Black Stallion (G) Fri. 3:00, 7:00; Sat. 12:00. 3:00, 7:00; Sun. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **13 Going on 30** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 12:00, 2:10, 2:30, 4:40, 5:00) 7:10, 7:30, 9:40, 10:00; The Alamo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:35; **Bobby Jones - Stroke of Genius** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; **Clif**ford's Really Big Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30); Connie and Carla (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 7:40, 10:10; Ella Enchanted (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10; **Envy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; **Godsend** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15, 5:20); **Johnson Family Vacation** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **Kill Bill Vol. 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10; **Laws** of Attraction (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; **Man on Fire** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 12:45, 3:45, 4:05) 7:05, 7:25, 10:25, 10:45; Mean Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00); The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:40; The Punisher (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 2:05, 4:55) 7:45, 10:40; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **Walking Tall** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50)

LA MESA

Grossmont Center *Grossmont Center* (619-465-7100)

13 Going on 30 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 12:55, 2:35, 3:15) 5:00, 5:35, 7:25, 8:10, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (12:10, 12:55, 2:35, 3:15) 5:00, 5:35, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 12:55, 2:35, 3:15, 5:00, 5:35) 7:20, 8:00, 9:50; **Envy** (PG-13) 7:5-5a; (12:15, 2:30) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 5:30) 7:45, 9:55; **Godsend** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:40; **Kill Bill Vol. 2** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:10) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; Laws of Attraction (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:55) 5:05, 7:40, 9:45;

Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:05, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:05) 7:40, 9:50; **Man on Fire** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:55) 7:00, 7:20, 10:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:55) 7:00, 7:15, 10:00; Mean Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:10, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:05, 5:10) 7:35, 9:45; The Punisher (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:40) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45; Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 4:25, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:40, 4:25) 7:30, 10:05

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) The Alamo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:50) 6:45, 9:40; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:50) 6:45; **Bobby Jones - Stroke of Genius** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 3:30) 7:00, 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (11:40, 3:30) 7:00; **Clifford's Really Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:10, 6:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:10) 6:35; **Connie and Carla** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:55, 7:20, 9:35; Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:55, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:55) 7:20; **Ella Enchanted** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15: Fternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:45, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:10; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:25; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:05, 3:45) 5:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:05, 3:45, 5:35); **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 5:00, 10:10; Sun. (11:35) 5:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 5:00); **The** Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:30: The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 7:30

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Man on Fire; 13 Going on 30; Kill Bill, Vol.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483) **13 Going on 30** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05; **Bobby Jones - Stroke** of Genius (PG) Fri -Thu (12:45, 3:45) 6:45. 9:45; Clifford's Really Big Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:30, 4:40); Connie and Carla (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:40, 9:15; Ella Enchanted (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:10; Envy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; Godsend (PG-13) Fri.-Thu (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00; Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:15, 4:25); **Johnson Family Vacation** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:50, 9:25; **Kill Bill Vol. 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:05, 10:15; **Laws** of Attraction (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55; **Man on Fire** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:00, 3:00, 3:30) 6:45, 7:15, 10:10, 10:35; **Mean Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:35; **The Punisher** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:40) 7:40, 10:35; Scooby **Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 1:55, 4:20) 6:55, 9:30; **Van Helsing** (PG-13) Thu. 12:01; **Walking Tall** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:40

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **13 Going on 30** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Clifford's Re** ally Big Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:00. 3:00) 5:00; **Envy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Godsend** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:45; Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Kill Bill Vol. 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Laws of Attraction** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, $2{:}45)\;5{:}00,\,7{:}15,\,9{:}30; \textbf{Man on Fire}\;(R)$

Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Mean** Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, R:15, 10:30; The Punisher (R) Fri. -Thu. 1:30, 7:00, 10:00; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri. -Thu. 11:00 (4:15); Walking **Tall** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (3:00)

Palm Promenade 24 770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

Rancho Del Rey 16East H Street, at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) **13 Going on 30** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 11:25, 1:30, 2:00, 4:05, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:05; **The Alamo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 10:20; **Bobby Jones - Stroke of Genius** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:10) 6:55, 9:55; **Clifford's Really Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:45, 4:00); Connie and Carla (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:15; **Ella Enchanted** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:55, 4:20) 7:00, 9:50; **Envy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:20, 10:00; **Godsend** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:35, 4:15) 7:10, 9:50; Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:25, 4:25); **Johnson Family Vacation** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35; **Kill Bill Vol. 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:30) 7:15, 10:15; **Laws of Attraction** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:40, 4:10) 7:05, 9:40; Man on Fire (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:40, 2:30, 3:20) 6:50, 7:20, 10:10, 10:35; Mean Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:25, 10:00; The Pri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) /:25, 10:00; The Punisher (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:40) 7:30, 10:30; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:20, 3:50) 6:50, 9:35; Van Helsing (PG-13) Thu. 12:01; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:25

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00; The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:30; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00,

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coranado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND **FALLBROOK**

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **13 Going on 30** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30 (4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Mon -Thu Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (4:45) 7:00; **Bobby Jones - Stroke of Genius** (PG) Fri. 1:15 (4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; 10:15; Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:15) 7:15; **God** send (PG-13) Fri 1:00 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Laws of Attraction** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 3:00 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Man on Fire** (R) Fri. 1:30 (4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (4:30) 7:30; **Mean Girls** (PG-13) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Rd. (858-674-9770) 13 Going on 30 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:50) 4:15, 7:20, 10:00; Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:15, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 1:50, 4:15) 7:20, 9:50; **The Alamo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:30, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. 8:40; **Clifford's Really Big Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:25, 3:20) 5:15, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:25, 3:20, 5:15) 7:10; **Ella Enchanted** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (11:25, 1:40) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; **Mon.**-Thu. (11:25, 1:40, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30; **Envy**

there's really very little to it, apart from duration: the arrest in Gethsemane (with such excessive force as to leave Jesus at the outset looking like Rocky Balboa after a fifteen-rounder); the kangaroo court; the interminable public torture (Mel's martyrdom in Braveheart was but an appetizer); the marathon uphill climb to Calvary: the spikes in the hands and feet and the spear in the side; and scarcely more than ten seconds for the rolling-away of the stone and the restoration of the body for the ascent to Paradise. A major contributor to the aforesaid duration — two hours plus —

is the willy-nilly use of slow-motion, always a handy access to dramatic emphasis for a filmmaker too lazy or inept to achieve it by honest means such as pacing and camera placement. And please don't bother to voice any misgivings over the suitability of so voguish a device in so classical a setting: that just goes along with the ultra-violence to identify the film as of its time, 2004.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HORTON PLAZA 14: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18;

RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Pride & Prejudice - Modern-day comedy based on the Jane Austen classic. with Kam Heskin and Orlando Seale, directed by Andrew Black. (HORTON PLAZA 14: MIRA MESA 18: SAN

The Prince and Me — A Wisconsin farm girl faces tough choices. Can she go on loving the heavenly exchange student after she finds out he's really the Crown Prince of

Denmark? (No wonder he knows what Hamlet's about!) Must she give up her dreams of attending Johns Hopkins and bringing medical relief to Latin America in order to fulfill the duties of Queen? Or then again, will the long, strong arm of feminism permit her to Have It All? Director Martha Coolidge applies her usual gentle touch, where a sharp rap on the knuckles with a yardstick was wanted. Julia Stiles, Luke Mably, Ben Miller, Miranda Richardson, James Fox. 2004.

• (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

The Punisher — A Marvel Comics avenger little different from a Steven Seagal or Arnold Schwarzenegger avenger. In a long slow prologue, his entire family gets wiped out by a Tampa ganglord, thus justifying the lonely-boy broodiness so common and so congenial to the comic fan. He has no superpowers, though he has a nifty collection of custom-tooled guns among other gizmos and gadgets, and a death's-head black T-shirt in which to wreak his revenge. The image has the darkness of a solar eclipse. With Thomas Jane, John Travolta, Will Patton, Laura Harring, and

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Red Trousers — Behind-the-scenes look at the stuntmen of Hong Kong action films, directed by Robin Shou (KEN, FROM 4/30)

Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters

Unleashed — Freddie Prinze, Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard, et al., return for a sequel; directed by Raja Gosnell. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Shaolin Soccer — Hong Kong action comedy starring and directed by Stephen

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/30)

Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, and **Spring** — Time goes by for a Buddhist monk and his lone pupil on a floating sanctuary in a Korean lake. Slow, schematic, didactic, visually detailed, dramatically

stunted. Kim Ki-Duk writes, directs, and stars. 2003.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Starsky and Hutch - Zero points for originality of concept or strategy of execution: another vintage TV show transferred to the big screen, and, after the fashion of The Brady Bunch of similar vintage, held up to ridicule for its datedness (its tight pants, its wide collars, its perms), among other things. The results are innocuous at worst and ingratiating at best, although maybe it helps if you have never seen the TV show and have no proprietary interest in it. Ben Stiller, always a willing horse's ass, comes off the better of the two stars as a by-the-book undercover cop who acknowledges no such thing as petty crime, while Owen Wilson, a too-cool-for-school detective unaverse to a bit of criminal activity of his own, makes no modifications to his normal persona such as might be construed as characterization. Vince Vaughn, Snoop Dogg, Fred Williamson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; VOGUE,

Taking Lives — Copycat serial-killer film. But let's be clear: it's not really the killer who's a copycat — one of those diabolically clever, games-playing, wits-matching superfiends - but rather the film itself, with its strained performances, transparent tricks, jack-in-the-box jolts, and palpable, sliceable, spreadable sense of dread. The big influence is Seven, from the jumpy credits through the pockets of murk and gloom pierced b probing shafts of light. The series of killings, ranging across the breadth of Canada, goes back twenty years; but the first one in the bleached-out overlong prologue is no help in identifying the killer, since the actor will afterwards be replaced by a bigger name with an unmatching face. The FBI profiler on loan to the Montreal homicide cops is Angelina Jolie (a Silence of the Lambs influence), whose laser-eyed perceptiveness produces a lot of microscopic closeups but no real insights. With Ethan Hawke, Olivier Martinez, Tcheky Karyo, Kiefer Sutherland, and Gena Rowlands; directed by

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

13 Going on 30 — Comedy-fantasy about an early adolescent transported into adulthood, with Jennifer Garner and Mark

Ruffalo, directed by Gary Winick Knoxville and Neal McDonough; directed (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; CHULA by Kevin Bray. 2004. VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ★ (CHULA VISTA 10: GASLAMP 15: MIRA FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18) LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

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Walking Tall — The title and the timber

are taken from the 1973 biopic on Sheriff

corruption in a Northwest mill town - that

no attribution was really required. Perhaps it

would have been better called Walking Wide,

to fit the physique of The Rock, whose air of

moral rectitude has a nice sincerity to it. Or

even Walking Short, to fit the hour-and-a-

quarter running time of a grade-B programmer of 1954. With Johnny

Buford Pusser, but this remake-slash-

update-slash-relocation is so generic -

cleaning up the gambling, drugs, and

MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN

SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Whole Ten Yards — The team reassembles: Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Amanda Peet, Natasha Henstridge, and Kevin Pollak in old-age makeup as his own father (in a manner of speaking). Penalized five yards for a false start, another five for delay of game, and fifteen for unnecessary roughness: too deep a hole. Directed by Howard Deutch, 2004.

• (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Young Adam — Infidelity on a Scottish barge, with Ewan McGregor, Tilda Swinton Peter Mullan, and Emily Mortimer, directed by David Mackenzie. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/30)

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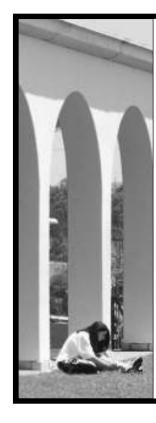
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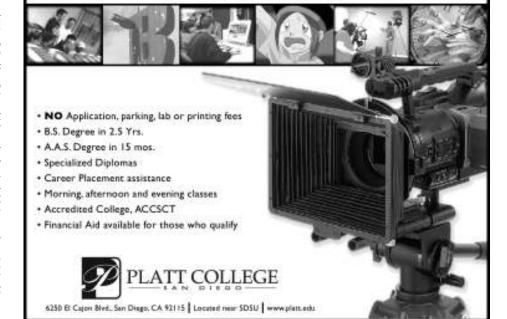
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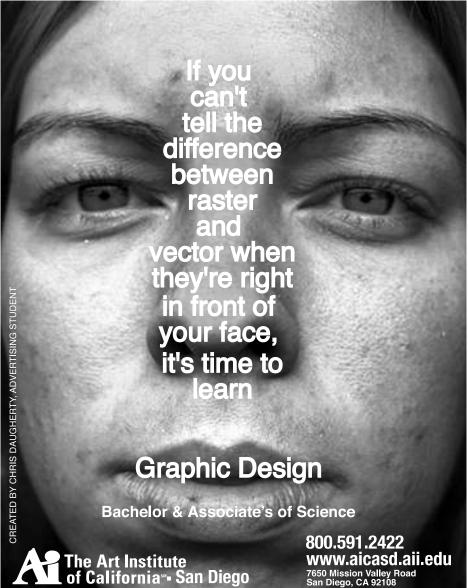
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I have never watched a pornographic movie nor looked at a pornographic magazine. I grew up with a fairly religious background and things like pornography were always considered to be a compromise of morals and ethics. A lot of the people in the porn industry have ties to organized crime, and most of the women in the movies are victims of some abuse and rely on drugs in order to "act" in these movies. I just don't think I could find enjoy ment watching something that I feel has come from the pain of some-



Neal Mahoney

Military Pacific Beach

It's been a couple of weeks since I've watched porn. I don't think there was any special reason for watching it; porn's just another form of entertainment. I've definitely go some friends who watch porn religiously...like, they can't go a couple days without it. There's nothing wrong with sitting down with some-one you love and enjoying a little adult entertainment. If a girl that I'm dating wants to watch an adult movie with me. I think it's cool that she's comfortable with me



Josh Cox

Military

Virginia Beach, VA

Wednesday. So that would only be a couple days ago. The longest that I've gone without watching porn was, like, two months, and man, that was a painful experience. I prefer curvaceous women in my porn. They could have foreheads like a drive-in movie theater, just as long as they have it where it counts. If I'm gonna get serious with a girl, she has to be into some freaky stuff. If I found out that a girl I was dating was in porn. I'd be glad because at least I'd know that she puts out.



Joel Lambert

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haven't watched porn in months. could probably replay the stuff I've seen in my head. I watched it more when I was younger, back when it was cool to sit around with a bunch of buddies and make jokes the entire time. I don't know...now that I'm a little older, I understand male-female relations better, and I see where porn can be demeaning to women. Every-thing changes with your age; who knows, maybe I'll watch it more when I'm older.



Kimberly Eecken

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Yesterday. The new issue of my boyfriend's *Playboy* came in the mail, and I took it away from him because I wanted to read it first. I recognize that porn objectifies women but as long as the objectification isn't solely for the man's pleasure...
There's nothing wrong with objectification, as long as there's a benefit for the object as well as the subject. I don't believe in any kind of censorship, and along with that, you have to take the good with the bad.



 $Debbie\, Hallett$

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I consider everyday television porno-graphic. I don't like beer commercials, especially. Even though I'm not lesbian, it takes away all agency for all females who are lesbian because [beer commercials] encourage all women to be bisexual. It's all about women getting it on with each other for the enjoyment of the voyeur, mainly men. It also takes away the agency of the heterosexual woman because it makes it so that her sexual gratification becomes the fulfillment of another person and not their own sexual fulfillment, I can watch pornog raphy for the enjoyment of it; porn's

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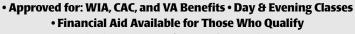
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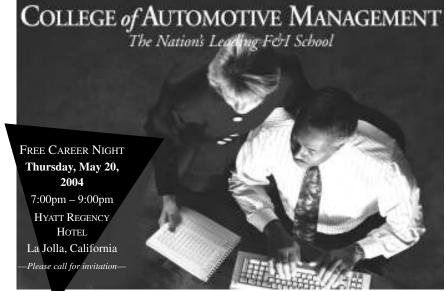
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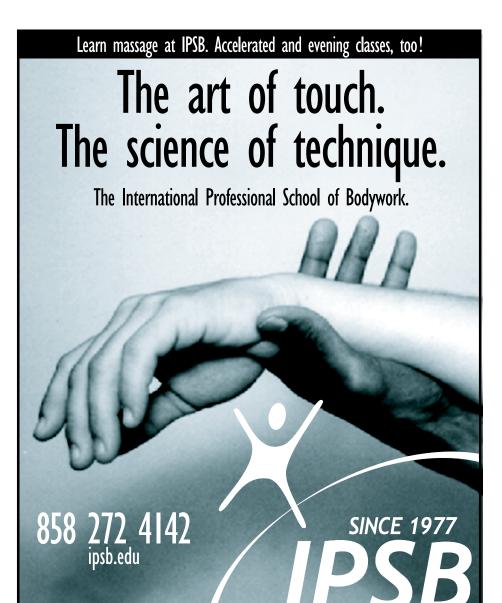
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- the Plate!," in headlines

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- World Series perfect game
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- Personality!," in headlines
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RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego,
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 3. All entries must be accompanied by
- your name and address.
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 5. In the event of disputes or ties,
- decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners,
- we'll have a lottery.
 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office

IS IT YOU? Things are a little blurry. Tell me something we both know, I want to tell

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Call home. Ur-

gent! WI WI WI.

SEARING HUMAN CRIES, anyone up-stairs listening? Absolutely! Laws: Perfect: Harmonious, balanced energies (like vast symphonic orchestra), sore-violated by your so called leaders/puppets/stooges: You benefit, endure, participate, you fix!

THANK YOU Holy Spirit for prayers an-swered. All.

7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 4/22/04.

Of the 90 entrants, 85 were correct.

- 1. Stephanie Obrion, San Diego
- 2. Judy E. Zeigler, *La Mesa* 3. Edward C. Horbett Jr., *San Diego*
- 4. Larry Klages, San Diego 5. Barbara Kennedy, San Diego

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MATCHES

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ADVENTURE, MOTORBIKES, camping,

hiking, rivers, surf, snow, trips, live music, whatever! Responsible, platonic, single guy seeking like-minded friends, all ages. No drugs, bugs, thugs, (5/5) \$\overline{\textit{Taylor}}\$23014

FRIENDSHIP. Gal looking for platonic gal pals and confidantes, 30-55, for coffee, outdoor activities, shopping, movies and clubs. (5/5) \$\overline{\text{Taylor}}\$23007

OPERA LOVERS WANTED. Single female seeks single males/females, 45-60, to form a group to attend operas, pre-opera dining get togethers. (5/12) ☎23072

SICK OF HANGING OUT with the same or wrong people? Me too. I hope I can meet new ones. Female, 39, many interests. Platonic(5/5) \$\alpha\$23008

M ATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

BEAUTY, SENSUOUS, PERSONALITY, brains. Á perfect 10. Looking for edu-cated financially stable man. Available on weekends for dating. Non-bald a plus, nonsmoker, 45+. (5/12) \$\infty\$23258

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN. Integrity model, artist, author, dancer, loves mountain cabins, animals. Never married. You: never married, handsome, integrity, quality, 40-59, military experience a plus. (5/5) \$\alpha\$23225

↑ 23225 ADVENUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim, tall, Jewish female, nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 39-50, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy sports, culture, and travel. Let's talk. (5/5) ↑ 23223

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA WIDOW, 65, sexy, educated, secure, homeowner, enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (5/12) 23257

gentleman. (5/12) ☎23257

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to spend time with, and possibly build into a relationship? Give me a call then. You're 45-57, and fun to be with, (5/5) ☎23240

ARE YOU MUSCULAR, dark hair/skin, 30-38, homeowner? Me: adventuresome, fun, curvy blonde, early 30s. Both: stable, great looking, spiritual, growing personally, relationship oriented, extroverted. (5/12) ☎23279

verted. (5/12) \$\frac{\pi}{23279}\$ **HANDSOME WANTED!** Me: cute, athletic, fit, brunette. You: 5'11"+, good looking, fit, athletic, no buzz cuts, shaved heads, or facial hair. Include e-mail. (5/12)

EXOTIC LADY, ATTRACTIVE, fun loving, happy, and wise, seeks gent 45-55 without baggage or games, who's found peace in himself and his world. (5/12) MISSION HILLS RESIDENT. 5'8", cau-

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TRAVEL, ADVENTURE, FUN. Fit, slim, petite, attractive, professional, 58, seeks reasonably fit, upbeat, interesting travel companion. Let's enjoy glass of wine, good food, interesting places. (5/5) 2523243

SAGITTARIAN, 37, brunette female, in search of fun, compassionate, and intelligent male to adventure San Diego and cycle with. Call if curious. (5/12) \$\frac{1}{223276}\$

YES, I'M "beautiful, shapely brunette", what most men want to hear. But I do have the good qualities to go with that. Kind, friendly, upbeat. (5/12) 22270 ARE YOU A 60+, and about to give up?

RETULA 60+, and about to give up? Please don't take one more chance with with caring, affectionate lady of color from Central America. (5/12) \$\frac{\text{T}}{2}\$\frac{23271}{2}\$\text{LET'S GO DANCING!} Let's get off the couch, go places, do things, have fun. This lonely, attractive gal, in shape, is ready. Man 50's-60's, call. (5/12) \$\frac{\text{T}}{2}\$\frac{3259}{2}\$\text{T}\$

FEMALE, 60, 5', slims, brown hair, adventurous, outgoing, happy, honest, spunky, career secretarial. Seeking male, 57-60, fit, honest, open communicator, sense of humor, nonsmoker. (5/5) \$\frac{1}{23244}\$

STOP! Great lady, widowed, looking for my special man. I'm 59, caucasian, country attitude. You: great personality, time, monogamous, 58+, smoker, likes lunches out, weekends, coffee, and talks. (5/12) \$\mathbb{T}\$23262

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE interested in dating caucasian male, 35-45. I'm 34, 5'5", some extra pounds, yet health conscious, employed, nonsmoker, nonprincess, simplistic, no TV, and through with "pop" culture. (5/5) ☎23235

FIT, INTELLIGENT WOMAN, with a sense of adventure desires friendship, long-term relationship, and soul mate. Nonsmoker, athletic, and kind. (5/12)

☐ 23/263

LET'S CHECK OUT something new. A new face, a new friend. For a date filled with enthusiastic conversation, playful energy, and positive interaction. (5/12) ☐ 23/256 LOVES JAZZ, BASEBALL, architecture, ocean, theater, politics, people, laughter, friends, cuddles. Plus size, 72-years

young woman, will share with independent funny, good-humored man. (5/12)

ATTRACTIVE AFRICAN-AMERICAN woman, 40's, young at heart seeks attractive, caring, stable, romantic gentleman Like salsa, dining out, converts, theaters walks, fun to be with. (5/12) \$\tilde{a}\$ 23265

watks, fun to be with. (5/12) \$\mathbb{T}\$23265 LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere. Nonsmoker seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it, big boy! (5/5) \$\mathbb{T}\$23229

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FEMALE, 35, 5'2", brunette, blue eyes outgoing, passionate, happy, sweet, seeks male, 33-40, self-assured, outgoing, honest, communicator, humor, for friendship and fun. (5/12) ↑23254

Me: 47, blonde/brown, enjoy watching the sun set over the ocean, scuba, self-growth seminars, cats, travel, dining, pampering. (5/5) ☎23224 BLACK FEMALE, 47, seeks white male, 23-55. No games please. Looking for long-term relationship, just us. Let's see what magic we can make together. (5/12) 27-23250

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HONEST, ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, adventurous, entrepreneur woman seeks similar physically fit, intuitive, white, spiritual, 30's-mid-40's. Friendship first, meditation, yoga, intimacy, hiking, fun, dancing, monogamous, childless. (5/12) 🕿 23272

INDEPENDENT, HONEST, CARING, giv ing, Christian, loves animals, kids, peaci, novies, music, 4x4ing, barbecues, family gatherings, margaritas. Prefer younger man, age 30-39, with similar interests. (5/12) \$\mathbf{2}\$23268

ests. (5/12) \$\tilde{\Pi}\$23268 **BLUE-EYED BLONDE,** 5'8", 125lbs., attractive, vivacious, and 54. Seeking tall, nice looking, educated professional, 49-56 who enjoys music, art, and an active lifestyle. (5/12) \$\tilde{\Pi}\$23277 THERE MUST BE SOMEONE out there

who's caring, thoughtful, easygoing. I'm brunette, 51, petite, hoping to meet 50+, for dinner and a movie. (5/12) \$\frac{1}{2}\$23246 LOVING, PRETTY LADY, cheerful personality, good figure seeks romantic, adventurous, tall, 58+ gentleman to share fun times in a monogamous, sincere relationship, (5/12) \$\frac{2}{32361}\$

SENSUAL. ATTRACTIVE. LOVING. vouth ful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (5/12) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$23252

36-YEAR-OLD, QUALITY lady, 5'4".
125lbs., brunette/blue, petite and attractive seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 34-46, for long-term relationship. (5/5) ☎23222

ship. (5/5) ☎23222

THE COMFORT ZONE. African-American female seeks nonsmoker full of laughter, professional. Please call. (5/12) ☎23274

PHOTOGRAPHY LOVER, 59 years young. Perky, enthusiastic. Don't drink/smoke. Museums, outdoors, travel, laughing. Raised in Georgia, 30 years in San Francisco, now San Diego. (5/5) ☎23231 ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN MEXICAN

sexy, 5'9", 40, fun, 145lbs, wants to m attractive make, 38-49, tall, financially cure, fun, for friendship or possible retionship. (5/12) 23275 OUTGOING, (b/12) ★23275

OUTGOING, HUMOROUS, friendly, attractive, white female, 36, seeks tall, sensitive, active, humorous, outgoing, emotionally, financially secure white male, who would like to explore San Diego. (5/12) ★23255

PRETTY BRUNETTE/BLUE, young look ing, sincere, and romantic seeks attractive, sincere, caucasian male between 55-68. I enjoy dining, movies, plays, sports, conversation, laughter. (5/5)

FUN. SECURE. FULL FIGURED beauty seeking honest, stable, nonjudgmental, romantic, successful guy to share fun evenings, hand holding, old-fashioned romance, travel, hopes and desires. (5/5) 23234

RUSSIAN DREAM LADY for special gentleman. Beautiful blonde, 58, 5'4", shapely, romantic, affectionate, easygoing, concerts, movies, laughter, cooking, dining out. You 58-65, charming, kind, intelligent. (5/12) \$\overline{\textit{T}}23248\$

HEALTHY, LOVING, ATTRACTIVE, fun and fit, white female, 65, nonsmoking. Seeking same in a white male with the possibility of a long-term relationship. (5/12) \$\mathbf{2}\$23269

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IMAGINE KATIE COURIC AT 61. 5'3-1/2",
118lbs., playful, healthy, active, retired, professional. You are healthy, active, attractive, financially secure, 58-65. Seeking friend, possible relationship. (5/5)
\$\tilde{\pi}\$23232

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LOVING, CARING, old-fashioned, down to earth female, seeks white male, 35-48. (5/5) ↑23237

46-YEAR OLD white female, shapely, pretty, loving, seeks black male for romance, passion, and fun. Enjoy home time as well as going out. (5/12) ↑23247

BLONDE. RADIANT. BLUE-EYED. European, striking, attractive, sexy, romantic, lady seeks tall, good looking, upbeart, accomplished, caring, soul mate to enjoy life to the fullest, 44-52. (5/5) \$\frac{1}{2}\$23239

TELL ME WHAT YOU LOVE about your life. Female, active, curious, curvaceous, and maverick seeks male, 62-72. Be kind, smart, and serious. (5/12) ☎23267

BLACK MAN WANTED, 40-55. White, full figured lady seeks romance, fun, possible long-term relationship. (5/5) \$\infty\$23230

I AM FUN, INTELLIGENT, pretty, creative. Enjoy movies, theater, fine arts. You Enjoy movies, theater, fine arts. You should try my chicken soup. 5'8". Seeking gentleman with fine qualities, 60-75. (5/5)

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ATTRACTIVE, SCOTTISH REDHEAD, 49, mild herpes, otherwise healthy, fit, cute personality, music, dining, movies, concerts. Seeking special friendship, tall, attractive, fit, 48-52ish, black/white gentleman. (5/5) 26/32326

TRUSTING, LASTING FRIEND wanted. Someone to count on, build relationship with, caring, thoughtful, authentic communication, patience. 5'7", attractive, 45, curvaceous, enthusiastic, fun, healthy, thoughtful, youthful. (5/5) ☎23238

AFRICAN-AMERICAN LADY, seeks white/hispanic friend. Me: 5'5", 120lbs., 40, You under 40, not balding, fit, confident, happy, social eclectic. Seeking a lover. Me: same. (5/12) 222241

ENTHUSIASTIC, GENUINE, sexy, attractive, romantic, 54, 5'5", 136lbs., fit. You: 5'9"+, 49+, nonsmoking, charming, sincere, handsome, successful. (5/5)

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing, adventurous. Let's share movies, dining, great conversation. Seeking outgoing, professional, romantic, intelligent man for friendship, laughter, and exploring the city. (5/12) \$\mathbf{2}\$23273

SINGLE, BIRACIAL FEMALE, 40, seeks same or white male, for fun times, good personality, spiritual, financially stable, nice, guy. Movies dining, music, travel, etc. (5/12) \$\Pi\$ 23251

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SEXY, great smile, nice legs, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, norsmoker, compatible, financially stable, 35+ caucasian professional. (5/12) 223266

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MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

TALL, THICK, KINDA CUTE, 41, black, geek, loves to cook, laid back, professional. Seeking cute, fun, smart, great kissing woman. Seafood lovers welcome. (5/12) ☎23069

DEL MAR. Handsome, charming, romantic, executive, 60, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, well educated, fit, professional lady, 35-60. (5/5) ☎23038

DUDE SEEKS BABE. Local adolescent, 49, Pisces, funny, funky, eclectic, cooks good, mutable, reverent, housebroken with references, wanting humoresque, monogamous relationship with serious growth potential. (5/5) \$\frac{1}{2}\$2003

DN QUEST FOR PETITE, CURVY, passionate lady. Loyal, sincere, stable, Hispanic male artist seeking your chess play. ong-term relationship. Child OK. (5/5) LOVER, GIRLFRIEND, WIFE, wanted. 30-40, dark hair/eyes, kids OK. Me: 38, blond, 5'10", never married, childless. Homeowner, RVing, vacationing, romantic, humorous, serious, sensual man. (5/12) \$\mathref{Ta}23048\$

FALLEN ANGEL GETS UP. Sexy, 36, blue/brown, 5'11", fit. Why am I single? Herpes! If you're in same boat, I'm actively seeking my match. (5/5) \$\alpha\$23042

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR kisses, hugs, and hopefully romance? You: athletic, honest, reliable. Me: 6', blue/brown, good looking, honest, a great kisser. (5/5)

CHRISTIAN PRINCE, 49, seeks his princess, 28-48. I'm good looking, 6'3", successful, sexy, sweet, funny, GO dresser, great listener, and smart. Seeking very attractive, honest, fashionable, sensual, great personality, uninhibited, for spontaneous, upscale fun. Friends first. Let me spoil you. (5/5) 223040

FUN LOVING, TALL, SLENDER, white, 50, intelligent, sense of humor, kind, who loves dinner, movies, beach, etc. Seeking

an attractive woman to enjoy life with. (5/5) ☎23028

CYCLING PARTNER WANTED. Me: 42, athletic, professional, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, healthy lifestyle. You: 34-48, athletic, and fun. Thick legs are a plus! (5/12) 223053

plusi (5/12) \$\tilde{2}\$\tilde{2}\$\tilde{3}\$\tilde{3}\$\tilde{0}\$\t

SEEKING DECISIVE, ASSERTIVE woman who likes her man to listen and take care of her. I'm 48, 5'11", white, spiritual, articulate, neat, with humor. (5/12) \$\infty\$23061

ASIAN LADY SOUGHT BY white male, new to San Diego. Be under 48 and ready to show me the best. Let's check out the chemistry. (5/5) \$\frac{1}{220998}\$

36, TALL, HANDSOME, very creative, never boring on dates, real, into all activities, doing well in life. Looking for active, attractive, sincere, 26-38, gal pal. (5/5) **☎** 23002

AFFECTIONATE LADY, 70s-80s, sought for companionship, relationship by affluent widower, 80s, to go cruising, traveling, shows, dinners, concerts. I'm retired, healthy, active, unencumbered. You too? (5/12) \$\alpha\$23076

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GREAT CATCH! DOWN TO EARTH, Jewish male, 34, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, '80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (5/5) \$\mathbf{x}\)23025

ASIAN LADY REQUESTED by gentleman, because you are honest, bright, slim, sensual, happy, jazz lover, a sense of humor. Please call me. Thank you. Ciao. (5/12) 223051

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COFFEE? 65 YEARS OLD, retired, handicapped, divorced male seeking charming companion for afternoon coffee and conversation. TGIF jazz lover. (5/5)

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outside. (5/12) \$\frac{23075}{\text{LOVABLE, CUTE, financially secure,}}\$ 5'10", physically fit, and slightly compulsive, North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45 to go out and have fun with. (5/12) \$\frac{12}{2}23056\$

SENSE OF HUMOR, passionate, intelligent, open minded, adventurous, caring, SENSE OF HUMON, passionals, gent, open minded, adventurous, caring, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/gray, enjoy coffeehouses, books, movies, conversation, music, nature walks. Seeking friendship/relationship. (5/5) ☎ 23001

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TALL, 6'1", HANDSOME, fit, 185lbs., fi-nancially secure, 42, seeks slender, at-tractive, professional for marriage. Must be adventurous, authentic, kind, and fun. (5/5) \$\tilde{\tild

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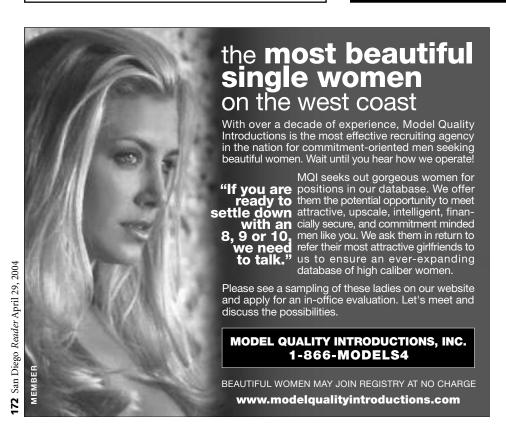
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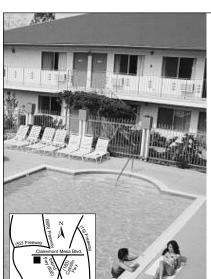
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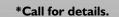




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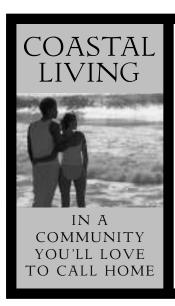
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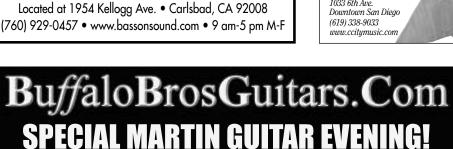
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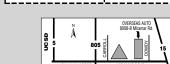


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Nightingale Way. 858-204-8274. ENCINITAS. Estate sale. 9am-5pm, 5/1. Whole household belongings, furniture, 1950-1960s collectibles, hospital bed, Kirby vacuums, appliances, office furni-ture/equipment. 155 east D Street.

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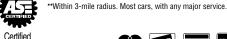
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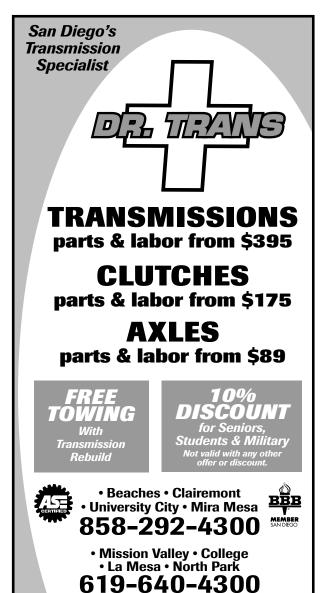


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Location: 1400 Quivira Way, Mission Bay Time/Date: 11:20 p.m. on 4/16/04

Officer's Investigation: Unknown suspect(s) fired a weapon at Alvaro K.'s vehicle, K. went to Hospitality Point with two females and two males. They went in two vehicles. After K's vehicle was shot at he pulled over to the side of the road to see what had happened.

The dispatcher told me there were no calls in North-



ern Division referring to gunshots heard in the area. I retrieved my map book and asked K. to

show me where he was. He pointed to the area. I called over to Northern Division and asked if a unit could check the area for shell casings. Officer Garcia #4428 found five shell casings.

K. has a 1996 Volkswagen Jetta. He had two shots through his rearview side window. One of the rounds was lodged in the car frame. The other round was lodged in the front passenger's seat. There were three holes in the driver's side rear panel.

Victim's Statement: We got there about 11:20. We were minding our own business. We were looking at everything. We were watching the bonfire across the bay. Time passed and we saw some cars coming. They passed us and parked across from us. They were drinking and playing their music loud. We decided to leave because my friends and I were getting bored. When we were taking off I saw a bunch of males by their cars. I passed by the people slow because I wasn't trying to go fast. I was trying to talk to the girl I was with. I heard the car ahead of me get hit with a bottle. It was loud. They threw a bottle at my car too. There were guys in the middle of the street throwing things at our cars. I kept driving and started to

hear shots. I heard like 6 shots. I heard my back window break.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Location: 12750 Carmel Country Road,

Del Mar

Time/Date: 2:35 p.m. on 4/17/04



Officer's Investigation: An

unknown suspect exposed himself to Tobi B. and her employee, Kari R. Evidence Technician Officer Rosser #3548 took semen samples of evidence left at the crime scene, located on the floor near the entrance of the business.

Victim's Statement: The guy was hanging around for about 10 to 15 minutes. I asked him if I could help him with anything. He replied no. The next thing I know the guy is pulling up his shirt, and he had his pants down while exposing his penis. He asked me how do you like this? He was stroking himself, and he left some semen on the floor where he was standing. He ran south, down toward the stairs, and he was gone. I could identify him again if I saw him.

Witness Statement: He came in and out of the store, like he was building up the courage to ask us out or something. He lifted up his shirt

and pulled down his shorts. I screamed and went to get Tobi.

IDENTITY THEFT

Location: [4500] Hawley Boulevard, Normal Heights

Time/Date: 2:20 p.m. on 4/9/04



Investigation: Samantha B. discovered an unknown suspect has purchased items over the Internet using her name and credit card. Officer Banuelos #5912 and I were patrolling the area [when] Samantha B. flagged me down, advising me she was the victim of identity theft.

I spoke with B. and she essentially told me the following. B. was balancing her checking account via the Internet. She noticed three charges that she did not make. One charge was in the amount of \$200 to Sharper Image. The second charge was in the amount of \$46 on Zoo Drive. The third charge was in the amount of \$170 but the information had not yet been posted.

B. called the telephone number listed for Sharper Image. The customer service representative told B. that the charge was for a gift card purchase over the Internet. The customer information listed for that transaction was to a Samantha B. with an address on Anguin Drive, San Diego, CA 92123.

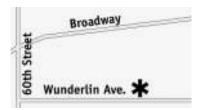
B. used an AOL service to obtain a

telephone number for the address. B. called the number she had found. A male answered. B. asked to speak with Samantha B. B. then pretended to be a representative with Sharper Image. She told the male she needed to speak with Samantha concerning the transaction she had made. The male [said] Samantha was not at home and that she would return at 6:00 p.m. B. asked the male what his name was and he said Robert.

STABBING/SHOOTING

Location: [6100] Wunderlin Avenue, Encanto

Time/Place: 7:55 p.m. on 4/14/04



Summary: A Hispanic male teenager got jumped by 5-6 gang members. He went home, got his older brother and went back to confront the suspects. A fight started and someone pulled out a knife. One of the suspects got stabbed multiple times. After the fight, the victim and the brother went home to the listed address. A short while later two of the suspects drove by on a scooter and fired multiple rounds at the residence, hitting the victim and the brother. Their wounds are not life threatening. The suspect that got stabbed went to the hospital and is being treated for serious stab wounds.

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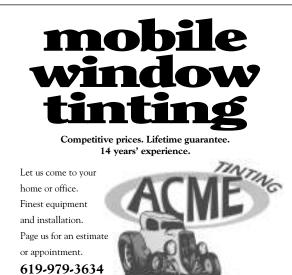
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Now he says, "Okay, I find a used motor...\$900. A mechanic tells me, 'No problem, I'll install it for \$500.' But after he picks it up, he calls and says, 'There's a huge problem. This motor's from a later year. We have to switch out all the electrical and stuff. It's going to cost \$750.

"I say, 'Fine, whatever.'

"So they install the motor. I'm thinking it's going to run perfect, but the steering gear breaks. I go to the junkyard for a steering-gear box. While I'm there, something slices my tire. Then, on my way to the used-tire place, I'm making a U-turn and boom. Two

dudes in a lowered Cadillac smash into the door. But no big deal, I get home and use the plunger. The dent pops out.

"At the used-tire place, the guy says, 'I can give you this set for 80 bucks.' They look killer. But after two days, they start making a screechy sound from uneven wear. But I've got a friend who works at Firestone. He says, 'Hey, I'm just going to charge you cost.'

"Five hundred dollars later, brandnew tires. I put in the steering box, which takes all day. The next day, it won't start. The solenoid's bad. I put in a new one, then I take it to the mechanic and tell him, 'Look over the whole thing.' He does a 20-point inspection, says, 'It's fine. Just carry extra radiator coolant.'

"I spend six hours detailing the Bronco, and we're off for San Diego for Darcy's baby shower. The truck's running perfectly, I'm going 80, and every time we pass a landmark where we had broke down before — Casa Grande, Stanfield, Tacna, Yuma — we cheer.

"Now all we've got to do is make the grade up into the mountains, then we coast. On the grade, I'm going a little slower, watching the temperature, when I see smoke coming up. I pull over. And a woman pulls over, too. She vells, 'Fire, fire,'

"I jump out and look underneath. It's a fire right in the middle of the motor. I yell at Darcy to get out, and I run around and help her, and we throw our bags out. She's brought lots of water, since she's pregnant; and I start throwing it on the fire, but it just flames up worse. Two truckers pull over. I'm shoveling sand on the fire, which does nothing. I remember the radiator coolant, so I pop the hood and dump the coolant. The flames shoot up over my head. I think, it's over.

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Something Extra

My father, may he rest in peace, believed that other people sailed through life. Our family, on the other hand, always experienced what my father called "that little something extra." Like the time we moved from Pine Valley to Mammoth Lakes and the U-Haul trailer pulled the bumper off our 1973 Volkswagen van. We transferred all our worldly possessions from the trailer to a U-Haul truck in the parking lot of the Burbank Travelodge. Or the time he lost his job a month or two after we'd bought a new house just south of Mammoth with a new mortgage and new insurance and new moving costs. "Yep," my father would say and nod his head, "we always get that little something extra.'

I thought about my father last Sunday. My husband Jack

and I took our kids to a friend's house in Julian. "We'll have a day in the country," I told Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben as we drove east along the 78 toward Ramona.

'Will other people be there?" Angela asked. "I think there will be lots of people," I

"Will we know any of them?" Angela continued.

"We'll know some of them."

"Will we be late?" Rebecca asked.

"A little late," I answered.

"Two hours late," Jack mumbled next to me in the passenger seat. As usual, we had gotten a late start and underestimated our travel

"I feel carsick," Lucy called from the back

"Hang in there, sweetie," I told her. "We'll be there soon.

When we arrived at our friend's house a half hour later, I drove the van up a long gravel driveway. Grassy slopes fell away on either side. White, puffy clouds sailed across the unreasonably blue sky. The hillsides looked so green and the entire scene so idyllic, I half expected leprechauns to leap from behind the trees and start singing "Brigadoon."

'This is beautiful," Angela sighed.

Yes, it is," I answered as I steered the van off the driveway into the grass alongside some other cars. "I guess we park here."

As I applied my brakes, a horrible crunching noise came from the front of the van. We stopped abruptly. The engine made an alarming tocket-a-tocket-a sound. "I think I've hit something," I told Jack.

"Back up," he said.

Some teenagers from the party walked over and gazed at the front of the van. "You hit a rock," they said.

"Is the car okay?" Rebecca asked.

The tocket-a sound continued. "I don't know," I said. "Should we take care of this now?" I asked Jack. "What if we have to have the car

Jack hopped out and walked to the front of the van. "There's no damage to the bumper," he said. "You must have hit it underneath. The car's still running," he paused. "It'll be all right. We're late as it is. Let's go up to the house. We'll deal with whatever happens when we leave."

I shut off the engine, and the kids piled out. We carried our cooler and swimsuits and towels up to the house. I set the desserts I'd brought at the end of a very long table laden with potluck goodies - barbecue beef and soft French rolls, fried chicken, pasta salads, seven-layer dip, and tortilla chips.

For the rest of the afternoon, I didn't think much about the car. We ate lunch. We talked with friends. The kids swam in a heated pool built into the hillside like a stony mountain pond. We hiked down to the creek bed where a lazy silver ribbon meandered among the rocks. As the sun headed west, a breeze came up and blew waves across the long spring grasses. A few earlyevening clouds had rolled in when Jack said, 'We should think about going.'

We said our thank-yous and good-byes

and gathered up our plates and towels and children and walked back to the car. "I hope this works," I told Jack as I turned the key. The tocket-a-tocket-a noise resounded in the quiet

"That doesn't sound good," Ernie, a friend, said as he walked by. Ernie lay on the ground and reached up under the front of the van. "You've crushed your oil pan, and it's hitting the engine. You really shouldn't drive this home."

We walked back up to the house. I called AAA. Jack took the kids for another walk down toward the creek. Our friends apologized for the rock in the grass. "You can stay here tonight," they offered.

"We've got work and school tomorrow," I told them. "But thanks."

While I waited for the tow truck, I sat in the back of the van and looked down the valley. I listened to the wind sigh through the pines and thought about Mammoth and my dad and the busted Volkswagen bumper. After a half hour, I heard the crunch of steps on gravel. "The tow truck called," Jack said. "They won't be here for another hour or two. Ernie and Mary have offered to give you and the kids a ride home. Rebecca and I will stay and wait for the tow truck."

Which is how I found myself careening back down toward Ramona in the front passenger seat of Ernie and Mary's giant van. They had strapped four of my children in with their five. Mary and I talked about kids and cars. Ernie sang opera and nursery rhymes so the kids wouldn't think about getting carsick. The fresh air helped, too.

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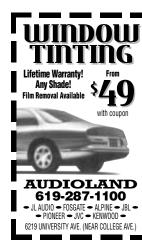
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