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#### **Bong Exploitation** Ya done good!

Your article ("City Lights," July 29) on trolley light timing forced the City of Lemon Grove to retime the lights at crossings back to how they were. Now the sequence is reasonable: three bongs / warning arms begin to fall / short green light. When you reported it, it was green light / two bongs / red light / warning arms begin to fall. Thanks for exposing this deliberate exploitation. We (Lemon Grove citizens) have been trying for over a year to do what you accomplished with your article.

Keep up the good work! Tony Walecki via e-mail

#### CLARIFICATION

In the August 19 story "Truth Addict," the *Reefer Madness* video cover should have been credited to Alpha Video (*www.oldies.com*).

#### **Friend Loss**

I am in tears! As a mom and longtime reader of Anne's column ("Kid Stuff"), I feel like I have lost a friend. Her articles are down-to-earth and at times mundane, but they are so true to life. She is the reason I pick up a *Reader* every week. I wish her well and will miss her terribly. Helen Humphries

via e-mail

#### **Final Sadness**

Last week I went to the last page as usual to read the column by Mrs. Albright. It was not there. Surely it is here, I thought. It has just been moved to another page, hidden among ads. With growing panic, I tore through every single page. I had a sinking feeling: something must have happened to her or her family. I'd read with sadness the previous column about her marriage and figured she had taken a break. But to read this week that this is her final column: I am more than sad. I have always looked forward to reading her stories every week, so please pass on to her how so many of us will miss her.

> R. Delgadillo via e-mail

#### Why?

I never thought I would miss Anne Albright, but I am sorry to see her column go. It was one of those things I loved to hate. Having grown up one of five kids of a depressed Catholic mother, all I could think was "Why? Why would she make those choices? Women can have careers now. We have birth control!" But the stories compelled me as they reminded me again and again of my own childhood. My mom, like Anne, is a great mother. However, I and my sisters surely never rushed into motherhood based on her example. Remember that, Anne: your example of sacrificing your life and mental health is your daughters' best advertisement for birth control. I'm truly glad Anne is going to work on her marriage. I hope she will also work on demonstrating to her children that a mother does not have to be a slave and a doormat. Good luck, Anne, I will miss reading your column.

Name Withheld by Request

#### **Choice Applause**

It is with sincere regret that I read Anne Albright's column detailing the end of her weekly chat with us. Her column did indeed seem like talking with a friend. I've come to care for her as well as her family. While I am sad to see the end of her weekly "Kid Stuff," I definitely understand her desire and need for privacy to deal with her relationship with her husband.

As for her girls, I grew up with a father who preached, using us to illustrate some point or other. We hated the embarrassment of having church members and other kids stare and tease. I applaud Anne's choice to spare her girls that humiliation and pain.

I wish her and her family all the very best and will pray that she and Jack can work things out between them. Nancy Riggins-Hume

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# Summer Frost Nips Biotechs

By Don Bauder

s usual, biotech stocks — including San Diego's — had a frigid summer. But there are signs that fall may come early

this year. San Diego's biotechs are showing some strength. If the overall market finally does what it's supposed to do in an election year — rise — then some biotech stocks could be winners.

Just keep in mind that biotechs are speculations, not investments. The few solid, money-making biotechs are almost always generously priced. So are the money-losing ones, the vast majority of the breed. So, bad news can send them down in a hurry, often pulling their cousins down, too. Biotechs traditionally ride a roller coaster.

Of San Diego biotechs rated for volatility by Standard & Poor's, more than threefourths are in the "high" volatility category. And one in the "average" category, Invitrogen Corp., which provides products and services to companies in genetic engineering, plunged 22 percent on July 21. Such a one-day pratfall smacks of volatility to me.

Matt Potter *is on vacation.* 

How cold was the summer? Biotech Holders Trust, a portfolio of high-quality biotechs and a good proxy for the better ones, almost hit 160 in May, then plummeted below 130 this month, before bouncing back over 130 recently.

Eric J. Ende, biotech analyst for Wall Street's Merrill Lynch, believes that blue-chip biotechs that actually ring up profits could rise in coming months, particularly if the economy continues to weaken. Normally, when the economy softens, investors jump on the largest pharmaceutical stocks, figuring that healthcare won't suffer, no matter what the economy does. This time, however, big pharmaceuticals face many high-profile threats, such as importation of cheaper drugs from Canada. So the few solid biotechs could profit. On the other hand, Ende believes many lower-tier biotechs are overpriced "and likely to remain under pressure."

jaded."

Much depends on how the

overall stock market does. It's

been down for the year, al-

though it has made a bit of a

comeback recently. Stocks al-

most always rise in an election

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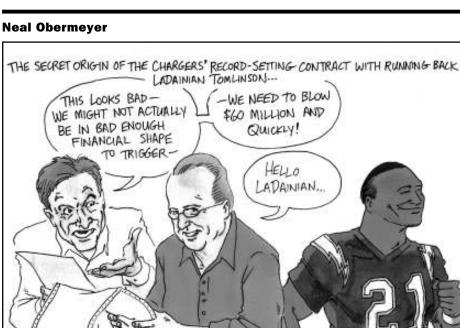
politically sensitive Federal Re-

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San Diego biotechs "are showing relative strength now," says Bud Leedom of Comstock Advisors, but past disappointments "make many investors





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voters soused on election day. This year, the central bank has indicated it will continue raising interest rates, but it could abruptly stop doing so before the election — boosting the stock market. Or, President Bush could get his Saudi friends to ramp up production and bring oil prices down. That would boost the economy and stock market, but some scholars, pointing to a dearth of energy capital investment in the past two decades, doubt that the Saudis could pull it off.

Unfortunately, San Diego doesn't have many solid biotechs. One of our two most successful biotechs, Idec, is now part of Biogen Idec, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Merrill Lynch's Ende recommends that people buy that stock, partly because of Idec's Zevalin (a treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that should enjoy \$1.55 billion in sales this year) and other Idec drugs in the testing phase for allergies, asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, auto-immune diseases, and cancer. Biogen Idec disappointed analysts last week, however, when it decided to keep clinical data on a hopeful new multiple sclerosis drug secret until the Food and Drug Administration makes its decision in November. Standard & Poor's considers Biogen Idec a better investment idea than 92 percent of the stocks it rates.

San Diego has a few profitable companies that are classified as biotechs, but they either make diagnostic tests or



Bud Leedom

provide services or research equipment to other biotechs. Now that Idec is part of Biogen Idec and Agouron is part of Pfizer, San Diego has no highly successful, stand-alone actual drug maker.

One profitable test maker is Biosite, whose tests help physicians diagnose such things as drug abuse. It earned \$1.50 a share last year, but if it would have reported the costs of issuing stock options as an expense, its earnings would have been cut by two-thirds. Its profits of the previous two years would have been losses under accounting rules that are likely to take effect before too long, although some in Congress are trying to thwart the reforms. Biosite's sales are rising sharply, and Karen J. Sack of Standard & Poor's puts the stock in the top 30 percent of rated issues.

Quidel, which makes rapid tests for such things as pregnancy and strep throat, enjoyed profits for three years through last year, but lost money in this year's first half on sharply lower sales. The stock sells below \$4.

Equipment maker and service provider Invitrogen is also making money, although last year's earnings would have been halved under sensible accounting rules. Mark S. Basham of Standard & Poor's sees sales rising 32 percent this year and puts the stock in the highest 16 percent.

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## **Squawk** Like a Hawk

By Joe Deegan

### ast November Rolando Park residents formed the Rolando Park Community

signs and red curbs on their streets. Now the council's top priority is to fight the possible loss of a neighborhood school. Due to declining enrollments throughout the district, San Diego City Schools in early June selected Rolando Park Elementary School, along with two other schools, for possible closure in 2005. The two others are Crown Point Elementary in Pacific Beach and Barnard Elementary in Point Loma. The district will decide the fate of all three schools on November 9.

J. P. LaMontagne, who is director of gift and estate planning for Sharp Health Care Foundation, presides over Rolando Park Community

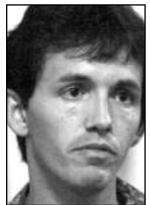


J.P. LaMontagne

Council to address concerns such as stop Council and puts out its monthly newsletter, The Rolando Park Reporter. Just as LaMontagne was mustering some organized resistance to a potential school closure, the Canyon Defense League of Rolando Park, an ad hoc organization, blindsided him. The group wanted to publish a short article by Jim Dickinson, one of its members, in the newsletter. The article explained the formation of the defense league and announced an upcoming walk through Zena Canyon to be led by the San Diego Sierra Club. LaMontagne refused to

> It turns out the issues of Rolando Park Elementary's

take the article.



Lee Rittiner



Vicki and Jim Dickinson, Zena Canyon in background

closing and Zena Canyon's defense are related: the school's buildings and playgrounds sit on the edge of Zena Canyon. The school resides on property consisting of over 26 acres, 14 of which are unoccupied land in the canyon. What many local residents fear is that the closing of Rolando Park Elementary School is the beginning of opening the canyon to urban development. At the monthly Rolando Park Community Council meeting on June 17, president LaMontagne dismissed questions about the danger of development in Zena Canyon. His reasoning, according to Jim Dickinson

and others, was that the community needs to remain unified in its opposition to the school district's plans and not splinter into competing groups with different interests. In "The Prez Sez" column of the July newsletter, LaMontagne again urged that the community come together.

"We love our canyon," says Alicia Navor, whose house on Billman Street overlooks Zena Canyon from its western side. "We want to protect its different species of plants and wildlife." Navor and Dickinson say the canyon is home to a group of two dozen coyotes. They say it also has red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, foxes, and opossums.

"I'm an instigator," says Dickinson. He and his wife Vicki also live on Billman Street, and their back yard slopes halfway down the Zena Canyon hillside. The Dickinsons printed and distributed throughout Rolando Park the flyer that first invited neighbors to join the Canyon Defense League. "But the league is strictly libertarian," says Jim Dickinson,"in that it has no officers, it will dissolve when no longer needed, and everybody gets to speak their own mind. Right now we need to speak loudly." The last words of his organizational flyer are "Squawk like a hawk, howl like a coyote, bite like a snake! No development, no way!!"

But "the fears have been unjustified," says LaMontagne. "What happened is that a panic reaction set in. The school sent a letter home with the kids say-



Lemonade berry bush

ing it might close in a year or two. Then, an article appeared in the Union-Tribune talking about school superintendent Alan Bersin's Foundation for Teacher Housing."

Written by Maureen Magee on June 23, the article began, "To help teachers hurt by the region's housing crisis, the San Diego Unified School District may build apartments on unused property to give its lowest-paid educators a decent place to live at an affordable price."

On Saturday, July 10, Eric Bowlby and Carrie Schneider led a group of 40 Rolando Park residents on a three-hour walk through Zena Canyon. Bowlby is the San Diego Sierra Club's canyon-campaign coordinator,

and Schneider is president of the California Native Plant Society's local chapter. The two emphasized a crucial environmental contribution canyons make. Dirty runoff from San Diego's streets leaves its pollutants in canyon soil as the waters flow toward the ocean.

On their walk, "We also saw lots of native plants," says Bowlby, "such as laurel sumac, lemonade berry bushes, and cholla cactus." Vicki Dickinson notes, however, that all but James Budlove, among members of the community council, were "conspicuously absent" from the walk.

Still, the Canyon Defense League's activities and loud voices must have had an effect. I went to the July 15 monthly meeting of the Rolando Park Community Council. At the meeting, J. P. LaMontagne announced that protecting Zena Canyon had become the council's second priority after saving Rolando Park Elementary School. Previously the canyon's defense had not appeared anywhere on the council's list of priorities. Also, Debbi Blake, an early participant in the defense league, assumed leadership of the council's new Zena Canyon task force.

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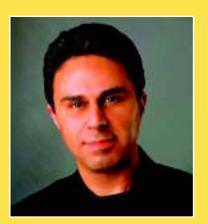
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which provides biological materials to biotechs, is reporting good profits on solid sales gains. Its stock sells below \$12.

After five years of big losses, Discovery Partners International made a modest profit (four cents a share) last year. This company, which provides products and services to other biotechs, suffers from sharply dwindling cash and rising current liabilities. Its stock trades between \$4 and \$5.

Then come the money losers, a bushel of them — and I'm omitting the flimsiest ones. Ligand Pharmaceuticals, attempting to develop cancer drugs, has lost money every year for a decade. Early this month, it plunged almost 40 percent in one day upon reporting more bad quarterly earnings and the resignation of its auditor. "The nearest to profitability would be Ligand, but it has continually overshot the runway in predicting profitability," says Leedom. Nanogen, a money-losing maker of diagnostic products, saw its stock crater more than 20 percent in after-hours trading early this month when it announced disappointing profits. Hollis-Eden Pharmaceuticals, working on products for immune-system disorders, has been recording losses for seven years.

Biotechs in the gene field such as Corautus Genetics, Diversa, Genetronics Biomedical, Sequenom, Isis, and Illumina continue in the red. Last Thursday, Illumina settled a potentially damaging patentinfringement lawsuit, and its stock rose. It expects its losses to accelerate next year. Genetronics, a consistent money loser since 1995, is now focusing its efforts on cancer. Diversa is a consistent money loser, but Standard & Poor's puts it in the top 38 percent of companies it ranks. Sequenom recently slashed employment. Isis Pharmaceuticals is in Standard & Poor's bottom 8 percent, although an experimental anti-cholesterol drug may be promising.

Some biotechs, touting their anti-terrorism technologies, are considered homelanddefense stocks; Vical is developing an anthrax vaccine. But it has a \$129 million cumulative deficit. Aethlon Medical says it is developing products for biological warfare. As of March 31, it had only two full-

#### time employees.

Don't put money in a stock for an emotional reason — say, a company working on a disease that killed a family member. Among some of the money losers are Vista Medical, tackling morbid obesity;

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Maxim Pharmaceuticals, battling leukemia; Amylin, working against diabetes; Avanir, taking on central-nervous-system disorders; Arena Pharmaceuticals, concentrating on better oral drugs; and La Jolla Pharmaceutical, working on

autoimmune diseases. "Amylin is one that some people are betting their marbles on to develop the next potential blockbuster drug, but it has a storied past, and many investors are skeptical," says Leedom.

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One money loser is an in-

vestor favorite: Neurocrine Biosciences. It is taking on insomnia and other neurological disorders. Despite its steady losses, Standard & Poor's lists it as a four-star stock (five stars is highest). Merrill Lynch's Ende says that "insomnia is an

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underpenetrated market," although he is only neutral on Neurocrine.

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If there is a stock rally, some, all, or none of these San Diego biotechs could rise. But picking a winner is like getting *continued on page 6* 



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## **Biotechs**

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continued from page 5 a winning lottery ticket. Don't bet too much on any one stock — and don't bet too much on biotechs in general — unless you have lots of money to lose.

## Like a hawk

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Blake now also heads up Friends of Zena Canyon. The new organization replaces the Canyon Defense League of

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Rolando Park, which dissolved in July. Eric Bowlby helped establish Friends of Zena Canyon as one of 23 friendsof-canyon groups that the Sierra Club's canyon campaign sponsors locally. "There are dozens of canyons in San

Diego," he says. "They make the city unique in having a dispersed natural habitat in the urban environment."

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Despite a greater openness to the canyon issue in the leadership of the Rolando Park Community Council, when the July meeting ended, I listened to half a dozen people grumble about a secret agenda they suspected J. P. LaMontagne shares with the group's vice president, Lee Rittiner, a San Diego contractor.

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Park in 2003, Rittiner was vice president of the community council in Darnall, adjacent to Rolando Park on its western side. Currently Rittiner also serves as a board member of the Eastern Area Community Planning Council, which represents both Darnall and Rolando Park. Rittiner says that the reason he takes so many leadership roles is that "nobody else in the community is willing to do it." His work as a contractor, he says, is confined primarily to the remodeling of residential units. "I now have an 800-square-foot house that I'm turning into 1400 square feet. It will make a nice place for somebody to live," says Rittiner.

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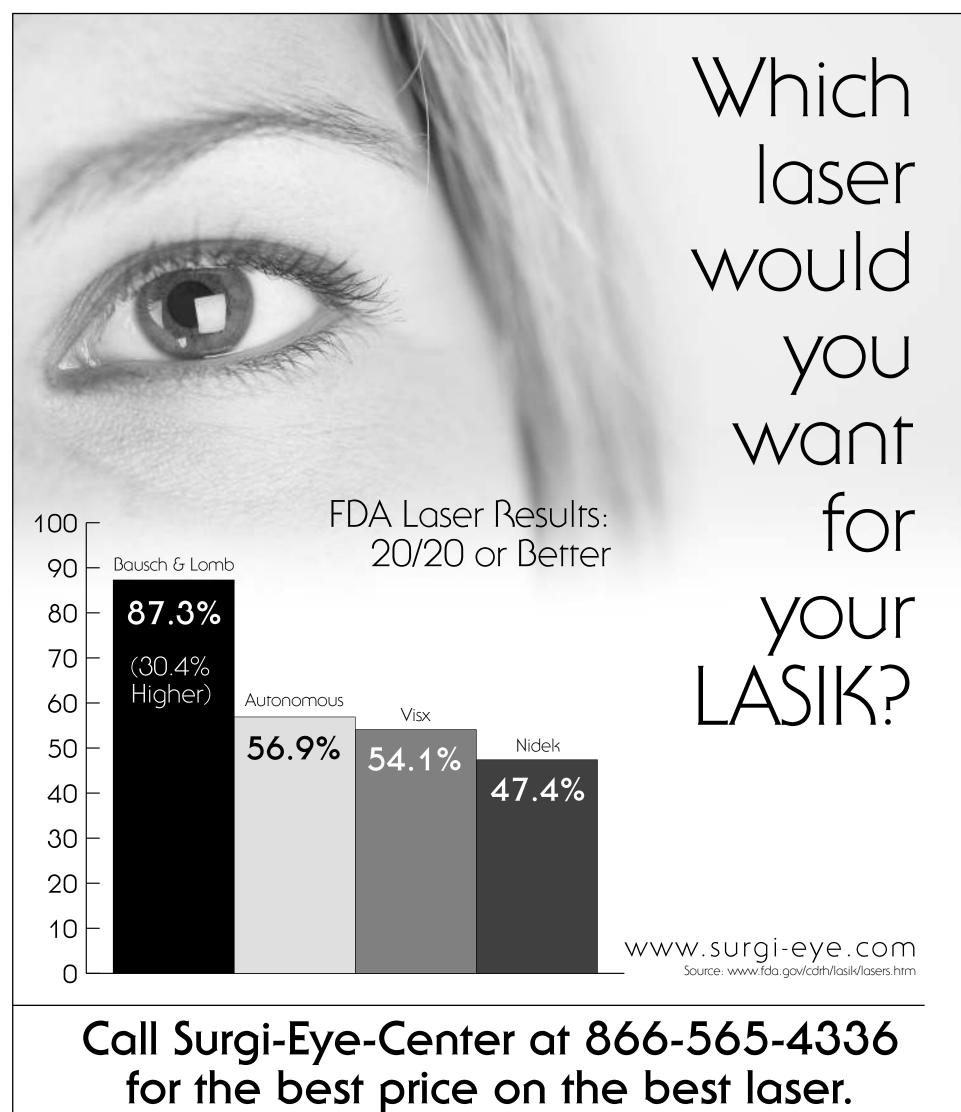
Realtor Rene McMillen shares the house with Rittiner. She also has the office of secretary of the Rolando Park Community Council. In an advertisement for her real estate services, her picture appears on the council's website. J. P. La-Montagne and Lee Rittiner "don't share information," says Debbi Blake. "Why can't any of the rest of us go to the meetings with the school district? I don't trust them to get it right," she says in reference to discussions LaMontagne and Rittiner have had with school-district officials. At the July 15 community council meeting, Rittiner did report on his latest discussions with the district. But when the meeting reached the time for response by the community, president La-Montagne offered the group a chance only to make statements of opinion. He said he hoped that the meeting's reports made even those unnecessary. But "no questions," said LaMontagne from his podium.

Yet after Debbi Blake researched the zoning of Zena Canyon, Lee Rittiner "now wants me to help him," she says. "He showed up at my door unannounced. He has been looking up the zoning situation and said he is very worried. He doesn't think the city knows what is going on and asked if I had any new information."

But when I ask Rittiner about the canyon's recent zoning history, he says he doesn't think there is anything to worry about. "They might be able to put one house on the entire property Rolando Park Elementary owns," he says. A check with Marlon Pangilinan in the city of San Diego's plan-

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ning department supports this view. In 2000, the city rezoned the school's canyon land from R-1-40000, one residence on 40,000 square feet, to OR-1-1, or open-space residential. According to Pangilinan, such zoning would allow only one residential unit per 10 acres of the school's 14 acres of openspace canyon.

Since developers can always seek a zoning change at city hall, the greatest fear of Friends of Zena Canyon is that condominiums still might go up in their canyon. A rumor went around Rolando Park earlier this summer that the school district seeks a place to build low-income housing for teachers.

So Billman Street resident Lois Gage requested help from District 7 councilman Jim Madaffer. She reports, however, that Chris Matter in the councilman's office told her that the school district, not the city, had jurisdiction over potential development of school land. "You'd better back right up," Gage says she told Matter. "When it's a zone change, it's in your office. Mr. Madaffer better pay attention to his constituents over here."

According to Konstance Mitchell, a Darnall resident and member of the Eastern Area Community Planning Council, a possible parallel to what is now beginning in Rolando Park did occur in the early 1980s. Darnall School's property was a 1951 donation by former San Diego City Schools boardmember Orton Darnall, with a proviso that the district never sell it. To get around that, says Mitchell, the district "traded" some of the school's land for other property. Then condos went up on what had been school property.

"We tried to stop it," says Mitchell. "But by the time we found out what was happening, it was a done deal. Then, within a year's time, the condos became apartments."

San Diego City Schools director of parent and community involvement Tom Mitchell says that the district is not considering sale of Rolando Park Elementary for development of condos or of anything else. Instead, he maintains, the district will use the site for other uses of its own, if it decides this November to close the school. With Darnall in mind, however, Friends of Zena Canyon is remaining alert.

They don't want to wake up some morning to a "done deal." Eric Bowlby of the Sierra Club adds fuel to their anxiety. When I ask him who poses the greatest threats to San Diego's canyons, he names San Diego City Schools. The district is now planning a school in South Park's 32nd Street Canyon. "We can't stop them," says Bowlby. "But we do think we were successful in negotiating with them not to fill in the canyon's streambed."

Meanwhile, Debbi Blake is working to increase membership in Friends of Zena Canyon and to get the city to increase the canyon's protection. Currently the canyon has a city classification of "designated open space." Developers can build on land in that category if they meet higher standards of environmental protection than those covering undesignated areas. So Blake is appealing to the city to classify Zena Canyon as "dedicated open space." Land in that category cannot be touched by developers.

Lee Rittiner tells me he thinks someone already tried

that tactic five to seven years ago — and it failed. The prospect of failure is not likely to deter Debbi Blake, however. She notes that the leaders of the Rolando Park Community Council "have been awfully quiet lately. They think we are going away, but we are not."

But community council president LaMontagne was busy arranging for this year's school board candidates to come to his August 19 meeting. Five out of six came to speak against the closing of Rolando Park Elementary. "I had to pull the fragmented groups in our community together," says LaMontagne. "And I think we've convinced them that we have no designs on the canyon."



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The triple jump involves a run up, then a hop on one foot, a step landing on the other foot, then a jump landing (usually) on two feet. The old Irish event was actually a run up, a hop, another hop, and a jump, with both hops on the same leg. And this is how it was done when it became an Olympic event in 1896 (the first revival of the ancient games). The triple jump might seem quaint, but track and field events are the oldest Olympic contests, and some consider them the truest tests of pure human athletic ability. Well, these days, athletic ability and pharmaceutical ingenuity.

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Hey, Matt:

In regard to the middle name of Jesus, I'm a military brat, and ever since I was old enough to caddy, I've heard the expression "Jesus H. Christ." When I asked, I was told the H. stood for Horatio. Throughout my years I have found that people either don't know what the H is for or they know it's for Horatio. I would make a guess that it originated with the Navy, but all the military I ever encountered used the phrase.

— Michael Faught, Clairemont

The military, especially in wartime, is very good at coming up with its own original slang, but "Horatio" does sound like a seagoing adaptation of an expression already in general use. Jesus, of course, had no middle name, since "Christ" isn't a family name but a descriptor or title, as in Jesus the Christ — the leader or savior. There is a school of thought that treats the H, no matter what it stands for, as a variation on what's called an infix - a word inserted into another word for humorous emphasis, like a-bloody-mazing or un-theFword-believable. Word fun with sacred symbols.

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# SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

# Ten Cents On The Dollar

ontinuing with Jim Miller Jr., president of Off-Tackle Sports Management, an El Cajon sports-management firm representing 27 professional football players and one race-car driver.

I wanted to know about his sports

background. "I was a multisport letter winner at Valhalla High School," Miller says. "I threw javelin for San Diego State." Miller graduated from SDSU in 1993 with a degree in business and went on to acquire a law degree from Thomas Jefferson University. Miller, 34, is married with three kids at home. "My father is an attorney, my uncle is an attorney, my first cousin is an attorney. My uncle played football professionally and was in camp with the Chargers back in the early '70s."

I sense a genetic imperative. "So, it was understood, early on, that you were going to go into sports management?"

"That's what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a litigator because I enjoy the argument portion of law. And I needed something to keep me active in the world of athletics."

A tribe of sports attorneys. "Seems a delicate balance — keeping good relationships with NFL teams while trying to get everything you can get for your client. Sounds difficult. Is it?"

"Contract negotiation is the easiest part of my job, as far as the NFL is concerned," Miller says. "The money comes with the value of the player. You have historical precedent. You know what the salary cap is. You know what the rookie portion of that salary cap is. You know where your client stands in the draft or in free agency. If your client is a veteran, you know where his peers are and what they've signed for. So, the contract negotiation is not the most difficult part unless you have such an outrageous posture by either the team or the player/agent that the two sides can't come together. But, there's no reason for that to happen."

"Let's say you're a third-round defensive tackle."

"When you get into the nitty-gritty of third round," Miller says, "or further down, you're talking about how many draft choices did the team have. If they only had three picks, and your player was the first of their three picks, there should be more money available for that player to grab. It won't be a lot more because there's still the slotting system. And it will be based upon how long the contract runs. In general, three- and four-year contracts in the third round are standard. If you want extra money as a signing bonus, you bump up your player's contract to six years. Then, the team can allocate that money over six years versus four years."

It is about the money. "How much of that is guaranteed?"

"The only money in the NFL that's guaranteed is your signing bonus, unless there are other specific guarantees included."

"So, the captive media reports a \$20 million contact when, in fact, it's a \$2 million contract."

Miller says, "If the signing bonus was \$2 million and salary is \$5 million every year, yeah, he's only guaranteed \$2 million because you can be cut at any time in the NFL."

"How about this situation?" Silence while I think of a situation. "You've got your guy signed, he's a journeyman player, not great, not bad. He performs adequately his first year. Now, he's coming into his second year, he's in camp, and he's on the bubble. What do you do in that case? Can you do anything? I assume you follow your players very carefully?"

"Absolutely. Technically, you can't violate the tampering clause in the contract. If you think your player is on the bubble, you're not supposed to turn around and contact the other 30 teams in the league and say, 'My player has done well, but he's on the bubble. Keep an eye out for him.""

Ten to one there's a way around that. "Okay, let's say he's cut. Now what?"

"He's cut, he goes on to a waiver wire; which means any team, for \$100, can claim him and assume his contract. Once he's on the waiver wire, I make a bunch of phone calls. I'll call everybody who had an interest in him prior to him playing for his previous team. And, I might have heard from my contacts, 'If something happens to your player, let us know,' type of thing. That happens. I have a player right now who is on the bubble. He made his team last year and was a standout player in previous years. If he gets cut — and it might happen because in the NFL anything can happen — I would expect a number of other teams who previously had an interest in him to grab him."

"I assume most of your clients are with the San Diego Chargers?"

"No. In fact, I don't have a single player on the Chargers right now."

"Lucky you."

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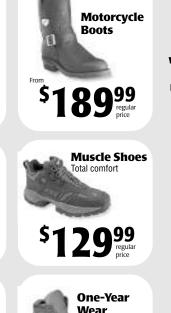


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Denomination: Union for Reform Judaism Address: 15905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-451-2000

Year founded: 1974 Senior rabbi: Rabbi Deborah Prinz Congregation size: 640 members Staff size: 22 full-time, many volunteers Hebrew school enrollment: 300 Annual budget: \$1 million Singles program: no Diversity: white, African-American Dress: casual to dressy casual Length of service reviewed: 60 minutes Services: Service times vary, call for details

"Our congregation has a senior rabbi who's a woman, an associate rabbi who's a woman, and a cantor who's a woman. I suppose some people might walk in and look at that and think it's a political statement. In fact, it really isn't. Our congregation wasn't out to make a political statement. The congregation just

happened to hire three really great women to fill those positions." Rabbi Deborah

Prinz, senior rabbi at Temple Adat Shalom in Poway, laughed at her "great women" remark.

"When I first got to this synagogue I was very careful about how often I addressed women's issues. I have complete freedom to speak from the podium about whatever I want. But I didn't want to be perceived as a one-issue person."

I called her last Tuesday to ask about the role politics played in Reform Judaism.

"Judaism is intertwined with politics in ways that other religions are not. In Israel certain denominations are represented by political parties that have seats in the Knesset. Here in the United States, Reform Jews have a long tradition of involvement in social justice. And we see this

as something that's spiritual in nature. The Torah commands us to pursue justice, to care for the weak and the poor and the disenfranchised. When we consider immigration issues, for example, we know that the Torah admonishes us to 'Remember you were once strangers in a strange land."

Some 200 people gathered in Adat Shalom's courtyard for last Friday evening's Shabbat service (during the summer, the synagogue holds its Friday-evening services outside). A ficus tree grew from the courtyard's center. The congregation filled chairs that faced the courtyard's northwest corner. At that corner stood a podium and, behind the podium, a tall wooden box that held a Torah scroll. Associate Rabbi Tamar Malino, a young woman with shoulder-length brown hair, led the liturgy. The service more or less followed the Reform movement's New Union Prayer Book (the 1975 edition).

"Classical Reform" is the term, Rabbi Prinz later told me, now used to describe the

variety of Reform Judaism that views religious ritual and Hebrew-language liturgy as anathema. "There are very few 'Classical Reform' congregations left," she said. Rabbi Prinz's synagogue is "Contemporary Reform." I noticed that Rabbi Malino used a great deal of the Hebrew portion of the New Union Prayer Book liturgy. Cantor Lori Wilinsky Frank sang most of the traditional songs in Hebrew. What surprised me most was that, toward the end of the service, ushers passed out prayer shawls, the large kind used by Orthodox men, for families to drape over themselves during a blessing for children. This seemed to be a modified version of a ritual that's part of the traditional Sabbath morning liturgy.

'We were looking for ways to make the service more inclusive, more participatory for families," Rabbi Prinz later explained. "One of us had seen this done not long ago at a summer camp. We thought, 'Why not try it?'" Rabbi Prinz's Sabbath evening sermon was

a "family sermon," meaning that it was geared to the 60-odd children present. She asked how many of them had read a Harry Potter book. Almost all squealed and raised hands.

"Harry and his friends are very concerned about treating others fairly," she continued. "Harry is a mensch. Harry and his friends fight against racial purity at their school. Some students believe that the school is only for fullbloods. Harry and his friends are very concerned about treating others fairly. Harry's friend Hermoine is very concerned when the house elves experience discrimination.

"Although these stories are make-believe, they follow what Torah teaches us about how to treat others. This series of books is really about choosing between life and death. There are Jewish values in these books. They teach a

commitment to equality for those who are different. They teach the values of good, strong leadership and of saving life.'

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By the time the service ended, volunteers had filled tables on the east side of the courtyard with a large wedge of brie, raw vegetables and dip, cheese sticks, eight kinds of cookies, fresh pineapple and watermelon, lemonade, and coffee. Some 60 people lined up for the "prospective members dinner" in the social hall that also functions as Adat Shalom's synagogue.

I dragged Rabbi Prinz away from her dinner to ask if she felt that Reform Judaism was in its very nature political.

"That would be fair to say," she said. "If you look at our history, you see that political events, like Jews becoming full citizens of Germany, gave rise to the thinking that produced Reform Judaism. However, it's definitely our religion that informs how we deal with political issues."



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#### Dear Saffron,

I'm freaked out and seeking your opinion. I'm not going to use anybody's real name here. Recently my seven-year-old daughter was invited to the birthday party of one of her classmates. To me, a birthday party for second graders means cake, balloons, games, and lemonade. There were plenty of adults at the party, so I was told I could drop Francis, my daughter, off at the birthday girl's home and pick her up in a couple of hours, which I did. Since I know these parents from Francis's school, and knew other children and parents who were attending the party, I thought this was okay. Later that evening, while I was making dinner, I asked Francis if she had a good time at the party. She told me that all the children at the party were taken on a trip to the cemetery. I couldn't believe this was the case, but Francis insisted she was telling the truth and I was unsettled because she isn't normally a kid to make things up. I asked her what they did at the cemetery and she said they put flowers on Lynette's brother's grave and said some prayers. Lynette was the birthday girl. Now, I know that Lynette had a twin brother who died at birth. I called one of the other mothers whose child had attended the party and she verified Francis's story. Everyone at the party went to the graveyard and the children were told that it was the dead brother's birthday, too. They sang "Happy Birthday" to the dead boy. I am rather shocked. Why the parents present went along with this bizarre plan I don't know. I don't contest anybody's right to visit their dead relatives whenever they want, and if Lynette's mother wants to make her daughter spend part of her birthday at the graveyard I guess that's their business. Personally, I think it was a morbid thing to do with such young children and I certainly won't allow my daughter to play over there without me being present ever again. What's next, a trip to the morgue? It's like an episode from The Addams Family. Francis had never been to a cemetery before and I think it scared her. I don't feel that was an appropriate activity for seven-year-olds at all and I'm pretty mad at Lynette's mother for taking them there. I know it must have been awful to lose a baby but I don't think that young kids need their faces rubbed in such a tragic death. Your reaction?

PROTECTIVE POINT LOMA MOM

#### Dear Protective,

Yes, it would be horrible beyond imagining to lose a child. There are cultures, I think, in which spending a holiday picnicking on a dead relative's grave wouldn't seem unusual at all, and perhaps even taking young friends along would be viewed as perfectly normal. Obviously you weren't raised in one of those cultural traditions (and neither was I). The

thing Lynette's mother should have done was to let all the parents know about the planned field trip in advance so they could decide whether they wanted their kids taken to the cemetery or whether they preferred to opt out of the whole deal. Or bring their kids by the house later for ice cream and cake after the graveyard contingent returned. Even if the children at the party were going to be taken someplace less controversial. like the circus or the zoo, all parents should absolutely have been informed ahead of time. I understand your chagrin and I think I'd feel pretty much the same way under the circumstances. I'm sure you'll use this opportunity as a good excuse to chat with Francis about any lingering fears or questions she might have after that unexpected birthday fete among headstones.

#### Dear Saffron,

You left out something very important in your reply to "Scratching Our Heads About Our Friend in Solana Beach," the guys who wrote in about their male friend who won't get a job and how his long-suffering girlfriend is supporting him and his kid. There is no mention of Sylvia's part in this scenario. She is choosing to stay with Chad so she needs to take some responsibility for staying with a guy like that. If Sylvia chooses not to say anything to her loser boyfriend, then that's her problem! The friends should butt out!

NOT SCRATCHING MY HEAD IN NORTH PARK

#### Dear Saffron,

In response to JK, who wrote to you wondering where there are cool bars if you're over 40 and want to listen to good music: I hope it isn't too late to suggest the Onyx Room on Tuesday nights, which has awesome jazz - if vou're into that.

PP IN KENSINGTON

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Carne asada burritos were my salvation. While I was pregnant with my son, Thomas, woozy stomach sickness hit me hard around six weeks in. The porcelain bowl and the kitchen sink became intimate acquaintances in those days. But sometimes, I wasn't close enough to either as the

sudden hurling feeling came on. Around our house we called it SLE, for sudden lunch eiection, though it wasn't limited to lunch. One evening during a shopping excursion, my purse moonlighted as a barf bag. Anyway, I'm sure you've had enough of my upchucking stories. I only brought the subject up because my college roommate is newly married and newly pregnant and feeling yucky. I thought I would call around to some veteran moms I know and find out their home cures for pregnancy morning sickness.

"Just keep eating," laughed sister Nancy. "Start with a high-protein breakfast and keep the eating going until about 3 p.m. My friend Lucy couldn't stomach a lot of the protein foods when she was newly pregnant, but she found that yogurt and fruit smoothies for breakfast worked well.'

"Keep a little something in your stomach all the time," agreed friend Monica, an intrepid mother of four who always seems to have the answers. "The downside to that is I always gain a lot of weight that first trimester, but it does help keep the morning sickness at bay. I like cold milk, or meat or cheese and crackers, a good carb/protein combo. I know a couple of ladies who liked the magnetic bracelets. They seemed to tame the morning sickness. But they didn't work for me. What did work, when I was having a real bout of nausea, was to do an acupuncture

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THERS REMEDY FOR MORNING

PUREST VERSTABLE.

pressure point. I'd press my left thumb into the center of my right palm, and as long as I kept pressing, it seemed to help the nausea. The problem with that is you can't get anything else done," she chuckled.

"Women's instincts are not to eat when they are feeling sick," offered sister-in-law Serena, who has endured morning sickness during ten pregnancies. "They go the whole night without eating and in the morning they feel awful. It is a blood sugar thing. So if you can eat some protein before even getting out of bed in the morning, that helps. Also B6 vitamins are good for keeping morning sickness minimal."

I'd press my left thumb into the center

of my right palm, and as long as I kept

pressing, it seemed to help the nausea.

Friend Liz took it a step further, waking in the night to eat. "If I can get up in the middle of the night and eat some crackers and milk, the morning sickness the next day is minimal," she said.

"A friend of mine told me that exercise helped with the morning blahs," explained sister-in-law Margaret. "I pooh-poohed it, but the next time I was expecting, I tried it and it did help. I think it is because exercise raises endorphin levels and that helps suppress pain. So now I am an exercise freak during pregnancy.

Old pal Bernice swears by ginger. "Ginger ale keeps the puking at bay for me," she replied. "I think it is a combination of the ginger and the carbonation. Though I do keep ginger capsules in the cupboard for when I run out of ginger ale and they work almost as well.

After all of that phone calling, I was eager to get off my research booty to check out some stores. So I ambled down to our nearby Henry's Marketplace in La Mesa. "Legally I cannot rec-

ommend anything to you," a store clerk in the expansive vitamin section told me. "But I can say that ginger supports digestion. We also sell a lot of the Pregnancy Tea by Traditional Medicinals." (\$3.59 for

16 tea bags) I noticed in the ingredients list that it had 350mg of raspberry leaf in it, which I have read elsewhere, helps strengthen

the uterus for labor — a second benefit. A different saleslady at Henry's led me to Ginger Honey Tonic by New Chapter. (**\$8.99** for a 4-ounce bottle) I noticed on the bottle that it touted, "Clinically shown to safely reduce nausea in pregnancy." "I used this when I was pregnant

and nauseous," she smiled, "and it is really delicious. You just put a few drops into your water, and it makes a homemade ginger ale."

To leave no natural remedy stone unturned, I called Kemp Homeopathic Center in South Park. "Our best-sell-ers are Nausea, by the company BHI [\$12.25 a bottle] and also Morning Sickness by Newton [\$12.99 a bottle]." Both contain numerous homeopathic remedies. "We have a lot of ladies coming in for those two reme-dies," the saleslady explained.

Back home again, I placed one last call to friend Angela who, I found out, is the luckiest mother on earth. "I have never gotten morning sickness," she stated. While I seethed with envy, she added, "So for those ladies getting weak reading your column and thinking about the morning sickness ahead, have hope. You might not get any." If only.

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# **BACK WHEN**

In the Reader

#### Thirty Years Ago

Out of all the feedback to this run-down column — some of it reaching me by way of letter-to-the-editor, point-blank, and some of it by way of grapevine, snaking from the blindside — has crystallized a gripe that seems to me somewhat astray. But, in various shapes, it revisits me persistently, to hound me or haunt me. And so, to many people, evidently, this gripe seems not astray at all, but sure and just and pounding at the right door. It appears to be a case of a misunderstanding, somewhere, and it seems worthwhile to delve a little into the substance of the gripe, on the chance of waving off any further rappings.

If an imaginary movie title may be inserted to cover the actual causes for complaint, then what the complainer has to say, simply, is this: "I liked Brussel Sprouts, my friends liked it, Time magazine liked it - why doesn't he like it?"

- "SHOOT IF YOU MUST THIS OLD GREY HEAD," Duncan Shepherd, August 29, 1974

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Joe Applegate happened to be on hand the day the tranquility of my home was raped through an unlocked window. He neither taped nor wrote verbal quotes. He did not request an on-the-record interview. He did not review obvious facts before submitting his article ("Anything Else Missing?" August 16), therefore printing numerous inaccuracies.

It was an angry day. The attitude of the officer present seemed to reflect my own, rather than remaining objective and uninvolved. Applegate "re-created" a polemic discussion between the officer and me concerning my use of the word "pig," much of which was fabricated.

- LETTERS: "THIS IS RIDICULOUS." Anne. August 30, 1979

#### **Twenty Years Ago**

Mayoral candidate Dick Carlson scored no points for diplomacy last week when he talked with city council aide John Kern about working as press secretary for Carlson's mayoral campaign. Carlson neglected to tell Kern's boss, Councilman Dick Murphy, of his interest in Kern, and the usually quiet Murphy says he was enraged to learn that "Carlson was raiding my staff and not even bothering to tell me about it." Huffed Murphy, "It's like he was having an affair with my wife."

— THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Krueger, August 30, 1984

#### **Fifteen Years Ago**

"You've lived here nine years now. What do you make of California?



San Diego Reader, August 25, 1994

"The sense of the state as a place that tantalizes immigrants with the promise of happy endings and then dashes their hopes, said [author John] Brizzolara, makes California "a particularly rich area for novelists and particularly for writers of detective novels. This fiction focuses upon the peculiar, even grotesque events that take place as a result of broken promises, the actual imaginary promises, promises not fulfillable in the real world, that people carry around in their heads.

"People come out here chasing a dream - the rock and roll dream, the newage dream, Hollywood dream - everyone has his own version. And in California, as everywhere else in the world, 99 percent of the time, the dream goes sour, gets incredibly bent out of shape, perverted, turns into something else than its original intent. The dreamer feels cheated out of something, he snaps." - SADNESS AND STRANGE ENDINGS,"

Judith Moore, August 31, 1989

#### Ten Years Ago

What is the difference between a turtle and a tortoise?

These differences are chiefly of importance to turtles and tortoises themselves. But if you insist on a definition, tortoises are landdwelling, vegetarian turtles with high-domed shells and elephant-like legs.

- CALENDAR: "SOUP FIXIN'S WITH ELEPHANT-LIKE LEGS," Jonathan Saville, August 25, 1994

#### **Five Years Ago**

A band called Clipart Chef had its one and only gig broadcast live on KUSI-TV and on Jeff and Jer's morning show (Star 100.7). In the middle of a song the drummer threw his sticks down. The bassist abruptly stopped and refused to continue. KUSI's Laura Buxton announced there were technical difficulties. They cut away to a commercial and never came back to that morning's local band segment.

KUSI had been had. The fake band was put together by Jeff and Jer show producer Tommy Sablan in order to create an embarrassing spectacle on live TV.

— CALENDAR: "BLURT," Ken Leighton, August 26, 1999



San Diego Reader August 26,

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# **C**rasher

# WHAT RHYMES WITH CRASHER?

#### by Josh Board

was in a bar, and the bartender and I started talking about poetry. I know a handful of poets. Well, enough to keep a conversation flowing in a bar. Usually the poetry I see in bars consists of "There once was a man from Nantucket..." It's usually written on the bathroom wall. When I came back from the bathroom (disappointed to not see any "poetry"), this bartender, Seretta Martin, handed me a book of her poems. I saw it was dedicated to her parents. When I saw her dad was James Dickes, I asked if she read any of author James Dickey's poetry (he's best known for Deliverance — the "squeal-likea-pig" movie). It was the only time I brought up a poet she wasn't familiar with.

Her book was titled *Foreign Dust Familiar Rain*. The first poem I read was "To My Editor, J.W." Anyone who's ever had an editor would love it.

> I bring you my poem. As you take the red pen from your pocket, your edit hand begins to twitch. You make incisions on tissue, cut words, sever phrases, slash stanzas and dissect the remains.... we leave the park.

You carry my bag with all those



There were poems about children and a library with old books. An interesting poem was called "Dixieland Doll," about a woman in a feather boa and too much makeup. I liked the line "Her brittle eyelashes click as she blinks." A few pages had short poems that were almost haiku-style. One was simply "Coming home, the two-timer

diately think of the Billy Joel song "Piano Man"). She then went into detail about all the things she does with poetry. Aside from events like the 12th Annual Border Voices Poetry Fair (which is in April at

#### "Her brittle eyelashes click as she

#### blinks."

removes his watch." There were poems about a homeless man and 9/11 that brought tears to my eyes; my racquetball buddies are going to kick my ass for even saying that.

I ask Seretta what she's doing serving drinks in a bar (and imme-

SDSU), she hosts poetry workshops and readings and is involved with the California Poets in the Schools. They're in the 40th year of having poets go to schools and talk poetry.

Seretta invited me to a party at her house after one of the poetry readings. They take place on the third Monday of every month at Barnes & Noble in Hazard Center. The first time I was late. One young lady started crying as she read a poem about somebody she lost. Seretta comforted her, saying, "You're with friends."

Top: Seretta Martin; bottom left: Fred Longworth; bottom right: open mic poetry reading

There were two big-name poets in town for this reading. Ilya Kaminsky is a deaf poet from the Soviet Union. His book *Dancing in Odessa* won the Dorsett Prize and was also a finalist in various competitions.

The other poet was Larry Jaffe, in town from New York. He has five published books and is cofounder of Poets for Peace/United Poets Coalition. He read one poem I loved called "Miles Showed Me His Trumpet." This is a poem any aspiring musician can appreciate. It ended powerfully with:

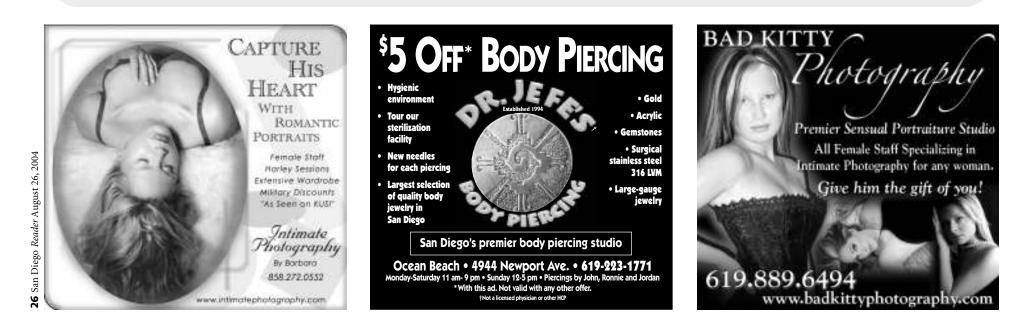
...When I was a kid I dreamed of

- playing trumpet
- Wanting it more than sex
- but I wore braces on my teeth and they said I would cut my lips to
  - ribbons
- and bleed on my horn
- I looked up with tears and thought Miles
- Miles always
- always bleeds on his horn.

It's interesting to listen to different poets read their stuff or read from poets they admire. One man read a poem that included the line "A poet keeping himself awake to write about insomnia."

One enthusiastic guy got up when it was his turn and unraveled a long scroll. Seretta asked, "You're not going to read all that, are you?" He laughed and read just a few poems. He read a humorous and moving poem about being a child and witnessing a funeral, wondering why his uncle was wearing makeup and didn't shoo the flies away from his nose. Another poem was about how his wife was a horrible driver, yet has fewer tickets than he did. The crowd of mostly women didn't laugh.

A bookstore was the perfect



5U), she hosts poetry workshops

place for this. Some customers walked by, stopped, and listened for a few minutes. And it wasn't as loud as when I've seen bands play at Borders, where a few customers usually complain. I did think it was odd that a few people walked by talking on their cell phones louder than the poets at the microphone.

One lady in her 70s got up and read a poem about a camel. I found out later it was Seretta's mom, Marion. The poem is "How the Camel Got His Hump" and has the humorous lines:

- ...When featured on the evening news, Carv's fame was made:
- a kangaroo and a giraffe both said they'd gladly trade.

He advertised to sell the spare, so buyers scanned

the bump; they haggled over how to pay, installments or a lump.

When the reading was over, the party moved over to Seretta's house in Kensington. I noticed the artwork she had on the walls was all by her and her mom. She was in the kitchen making Mexican food as we all drank wine and talked about poetry. Fred Longworth (that's a poet's name if I ever heard one) was complimenting Kaminsky on his poem. Kaminsky could read lips, but he got a bit embarrassed by the praise. He said, "Let's not talk about my poems." Fred told me at one point that he had a girlfriend who passed away. He said, "It was really sad, but I got a lot of great poems from the experience." He was wearing a funky bead necklace, so I asked about it. He told me he was studying to be a shaman. Someone else at the party told me, "He's really smart. He's in Mensa, and he's great at everything he does."

I asked Seretta about how they monitor content in a bookstore, where families are walking around. She said, "Different coffeehouses have different crowds. If I see children, I may say something to make others aware. We once had a guy who was reading a lot of sleazy stuff. It was more prose than anything. I finally told him I didn't think this crowd was the right place for him to be reading his stuff. He didn't take it well. At one

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bookstore we had a Catholic priest who heard the word 'breast.' He complained, and for a month we weren't allowed to have any readings."

Kaminsky and Jaffe left the party early. They were going to Los Angeles to do another reading the following day.

I talked a bit to Megan Webster. She's one of the founders of the San Diego Writers Cooperative and also INK. When she found out I worked for the *Reader*, she said, "Oh, I read it each Thursday. The price is reasonable."

I drank a little too much wine, and I had trouble walking as I left. As I unlatched the lock on Seretta's white fence, I thought of the poem she wrote about hearing that gate, as a lover left carrying his poems, never to call her again. I also thought about a few writers and poets who drank themselves to death. Lord Byron came to mind.

I decided to sit in my car and listen to the radio until I felt comfortable enough to drive. I opened Seretta's book and read "Ashtray Psychom-

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etry." It starts with her finding an ashtray in a thrift shop while on vacation with a lover. The second half of the poem priests might not like. It gets risqué. It ends wonderfully with the lines:

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to their bored friends at home. And the only witness to this event, the hotel room itself, floats in luminous light. From the thirteenth floor, they open the curtains. In a pool of light they show the world their transformed bodies. But the world is traveling fast leaving them behind.

The radio then played a Doors song. I always thought of Morrison as a great poet — another one who drank himself to death. I decided to wait another half an hour before leaving.

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#### **STEVE RASKY & MIMI GRIFKIN**

Met: December 19, 2003 Engaged: March 5, 2004 Wedding: July 17, 2005

**( T** met him online," Mimi Grifkin says of her fiancé, Steve Rasky. "He lied about his age."

Sitting at a corner table in a College Area coffee house, Miss Grifkin, 42, shoots Mr. Rasky a teasing look. "He said he was 42. On our second date, I asked him for his ID." "She actually asked to see my

driver's license," Mr. Rasky, 47, agrees. "Can you believe it?" "I had just gone out with a guy

who said online he was 46," Miss Grifkin explains. "He was really 53." "Funny thing was," Mr. Rasky

continues, "I had left my driver's license at Home Depot." "Likely story."

"But I came clean with the age. I told her I was 47."

Prior to their meeting, Miss Grifkin and Mr. Rasky had both spent time looking for love on the Internet. "I had been dating people I met online - Match.com, places like that — for about eight months," Miss Grifkin reveals. With her long, curling hair and expressive hands, Miss Grifkin looks like the belly dancer she is. "I dance at Troy's Greek Restaurant once or twice a month," she says. "I've been dancing there for the last ten years." When she's not dancing, Miss Grifkin is a math professor at Southwestern College.

"I am Jewish," she continues. "It's hard to find a nice Jewish guy. I finally looked on JDate last November. I saw Steve's profile. I thought, 'He's cute.' I e-mailed him."

Mr. Rasky responded. The couple spoke on the phone. "I don't really like to write back and forth," Mr. Rasky explains. "I think my personality comes out better on the phone."

On December 19 of last year, they met at El Torito in La Jolla for drinks. "It wasn't love at first sight," Mr. Rasky remembers. "She was a little forward."

"He told me he was taking a Spanish class," Miss Grifkin explains. "So when we said good-bye, I told him in Spanish to call me."

"I didn't understand her. When I asked my professor later what Mimi had said, he told me. But he said she hadn't said it correctly."

"We had a nice conversation that first time," Miss Grifkin says. "But the good-bye kiss is what sold me. I said, 'This man can kiss.'"

For their second date, Miss Grifkin and Mr. Rasky went to a Jewish Singles dance on Christmas Eve at E Street Alley. "It's one of those places where you run into all the people you used to date," Mr. Rasky says.

In fact, Mr. Rasky did run into an old girlfriend. He left Miss Grifkin's side to say hello. "I was actually impressed that he was able to keep it clean with an ex," Miss Grifkin reveals. "Not everyone can do that."

On their third date, dinner at Third Corner in Ocean Beach, Mr. Rasky asked Miss Grifkin if she would spend New Year's Eve with him. She agreed. "He rented a room with a view of the bay at the Sheraton Harbor Island," Miss Grifkin says. "When we checked in, he already had the room set up with a dozen red roses and a chilled bottle of champagne. When we went out that night, he wore a tux, and I wore a red-sequined minidress with matching shoes. We looked great."

"I definitely knew there was a future with Mimi," Mr. Rasky says. "Within four weeks, I asked her if she would be my girlfriend."

"I had never had anybody ask me that before," Miss Grifkin says. "It shows a lot more commitment than just a kiss."

Within the next few weeks, Mr. Rasky asked Miss Grifkin, "At what point in a relationship is it appropriate for a man to tell a woman he loves her?" He said "I love you" a week or two later. Two or three weeks after that, he asked, "At what stage in a relationship is it appropriate for a man to ask a woman to marry him?"

"I read [the book] The Rules," Miss Grifkin says. "I would never say I love you first or ask him to marry me."

"She let me be a guy. I liked that."

When Mr. Rasky proposed, he didn't plan it. "I don't really think ahead of time about what I do," he says. "It has to come from the heart. One night I was just holding Mimi, and I asked."

She said yes. They went looking for rings. "That was another way he showed me his commitment," Miss Grifkin explains. "He wanted the most unique, most beautiful ring he could find." Miss Grifkin holds up a truly gorgeous ring - a large center solitaire with two side emeralds.

The couple plans an Orthodox Jewish wedding next summer. "I'm not moving in with him until he creates a dance studio for me," Miss Grifkin says. "And I have a lovebird. So he's getting rid of his cat."

"I love Mimi deeply," Mr. Rasky confirms. "Every month, we celebrate the anniversary of the day we met. The romance is still alive. I don't take her for granted. We have great passion and stellar conversation."

- Leslie Ryland

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# **Minor Preferences**

*by* Barbarella

"But society has now fairly got the better of individuality; and the danger which threatens human nature is not the excess, but the deficiency, of personal impulses and preferences." — John Stuart Mill

areful, the plate is hot," she warned, before placing my dinner on the table, obviously unaware of the real danger of putting anything of extreme temperature

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nately. Right,
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(hot or cold) within my grasp. Reaching for the fork, my left thumb knuckle inadvertently brushed against the searing ceramic. As the sting of the burn ebbed, I intentionally brushed my right thumb against the plate. Still feeling uneven, working on compulsion, I deliberately touched each thumb to the plate again, applying equal amounts of pressure. I took a deep breath, steeling myself for the familiar urge that would direct every other finger to take its turn with the hot plate, but it never came. I sighed with relief, picked up my fork, and did my best to ignore David's knowing smile.

Early in our relationship, when I explained my symmetrical requirements, David was quick to turn my "issues" into a form of amusement. He still does. Just the other night, I was lying comfortably in bed, on the edge of sleep, when I felt it - a short puff of air that finished with a subtle pressure on the back of my left hand. I tried not to move. I knew that if I opened my eyes, I would see him watching me, waiting for me to "perform." I don't have to do it, I told myself. As if he read my mind, David said, "Yes, vou do." I don't have to ... but I want to. Convinced of my self-control, I turned away from him (hoping he would think I was simply changing positions to enhance my comfort) and casually exhaled, fast and hard, as quietly as possible, on the back of my right hand. Missing nothing, David giggled, earning himself a healthy slap; this

only made him laugh harder.

I've never been, nor will I ever be, "diagnosed" with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). I'm not debilitated by my urges and impulses, as was Jack Nicholson's character in As Good As It Gets. I find it odd that more people haven't discovered the peace of mind that comes with maintaining a sense of order, however arbitrary and insignificant it may seem. I've heard it said that "victims" of OCD are subconsciously seeking to bring an element of control to their lives, which may otherwise be lacking. But despite being an avowed control freak, I don't believe that the specific things I do are manifestations of a perceived lack of control. I don't think of OCD (or at least my diluted version of it) as a "problem." As one might choose yellow over orange, I choose to do these "crazy" things.

One time, David and I were out for a stroll in our Kensington neighborhood. As we walked, chatting about our day, he paused in the conversation to ask, "What are you doing?"

"What are you talking about?" was my deft reply.

"I'm not sure; it's something in your step...did you just go out of your way to avoid walking on that line?" Playing dumb seemed ineffective, so I chose to fess up. I explained to my baffled lover that I wasn't exactly "avoiding" the lines, as much as I was ensuring that my feet passed over them sequentially. He looked befuddled, so I spelled it out for him: "I am adjusting my step so that my feet fall over these lines alternately. Right, left, right, left, without the same foot passing over the lines twice in a row. Okay?"

David smiled at me. A moment later, three syllables escaped from behind his Cheshire-cat grin — "OCD" Determined to make him understand that my choices are not the result of a "disorder," I returned his grin with a smirk and spoke for the first time the words that would become my mantra of rationalization: "Minor preferences, beh-beh. I don't need my feet to step alternately over these cracks. I prefer to walk this way. So you see, I don't have OCD; I have minor preferences, like everyone else. Like the way you prefer one radio station over another; it's as simple as that." This may have made him laugh, but he had no argument, and I considered the battle won. But the war waged on.

Months later, I would again unsheathe my mantra in self-defense. Ascending the stairs at home, I muttered complaints to myself regarding the number of steps — 15, an odd number. David said he had never noticed how many stairs there were. Then, narrowing his eyes, he asked me why it mattered. I confessed that it bothers me when I can't climb a set of stairs beginning with my right foot and ending with my left. It's not as important for me to start with my right as it is for me to end with my left, so when encountering a staircase, I can tell at a glance whether or not it's "safe" to begin with my right foot. He pointed at me as he cried, "OCD!" I remained calm. "No, darling, what I



meant was, I prefer to end with my left foot. It's not the end of the world if I can't certainly I'd be able to get on with my day."

It's true; I can suppress the urges when situations require conformity but not without distress. When David wants to toy with me outside of the bedroom, he'll give me a sloppy kiss on one of my cheeks and refuse to kiss the other. This game has become familiar: I struggle to get his head into a position that allows me to press my unkissed cheek against his whisker-framed lips — he strains to deny me the sensation I crave — laughing, always laughing — until either I succeed or he gives in. I admit I have fun with these games, partly because I know that my so-called strange urge will be sated. But not every situation is as preferable as I would like.

I'm a creature of habit: it makes me happy to take a lunch break and go to my local Subway on El Cajon Boulevard. Carlos, El Jefe del Emparedado, knows exactly what I like, because my order never changes (with the exception of the recent and very bold additions of pickles and olives to my turkey creation). The same bag of chips - Miss Vickie's jalapeño flavor — is the perfect match. So perfect that if the restaurant is out of them, I skip the sandwich altogether. My system of selecting and rationing chips is so complex, even I don't completely understand it. It was during a typical visit to Subway that David discovered yet another one of my minor preferences.

He always knew there was something odd in the way I consumed my lunch ---a subtle, mystical pattern operating below the surface of our midday repast. This day he was eyeing my hands closely, trying to break the code. Aware of his attention, I feared for my chips. I don't mind if he takes one when I've just opened the bag, because I can adjust the soft/crunch, spicy/mild ratios to compensate for the loss. However, once past the Sandwich Failsafe Point (when I can count the remaining chips at a glance),

losing one spells dining disaster. David's hand moved toward my pile of Miss Vickie's best, scooping up a chip. Instinctively, my hand shot out and clutched his wrist as I commanded him to release his tasty prey. When I realized what I had done, I

felt guilty, humiliated, exposed as a greedy miser of crispy goodness - how could I not share my last bite with the man I love? I beseeched him with puppydog eyes to understand my plight as my mouth told him, "Back off, Buster, I've got

plans for those."

His look of shock and hurt quickly gave way to a visage of queer understanding. He released the chip, even as I begged him to take it, the recognition of my inappropriate behavior overriding any sense of taste pref-

erence I had just moments before. "No, babe, it's okay; I don't need it. I know it's just one of your OCD things, and I don't want to disturb whatever formula you have going on there." Intent on explaining my selfishness, I told him about my ratios; how partic-

ular combinations maximize the pleasure I derive from my simple lunch. Then I said, "Not OCD. Minor preferences."

He smiled that knowing smile and nodded his head. "Sure, babe. Whatever you say."∎

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# Scary Dictures WHAT YOUR KIDS SEE ON TV

Ten-year-old Olivia Palmer, a fifth grader at Pacific Beach Elementary, picks up the television remote, presses "on," and touches two numbers, 3 and 6, on the keypad. The TV goes to MTV's *Real World*. It's a program about real people being video-taped while they're doing real and really mundane things. One of which is to sit on the couch and watch reality television shows. Olivia knows *The Real World* well. Much to her parents' chagrin, she's seen its episodes dozens of times. Indeed, Olivia, who seems older than ten, in a way already *aged* by the media, has watched all kinds of shows: the new reality TV, music videos, horror films, programs like *Lizzie McGuire* (an old favorite) and *That's So Raven* (a new joy: "I'm into *That's So Raven* but not, like, into-into. I'm not obsessed with it") and her all-time favorite, *The Simpsons*, which, besides its goofy improbability, does, for Olivia, have a message: "Like, chill out and don't be so frustrated."



*"The Real World* is reality TV," she says. She points the remote at the screen. "That's the alcoholic woman. She has this really bad lung disease, and she still smokes. I think she's, like, 21. And the first night [of the show] she was, like, so drunk she couldn't even walk. She's an alcoholic." Why do you think they're showing us their lives? "I don't know why; it's just reality TV." For me, the program appears to have no other reason for being than the camera as voyeur. But for Olivia — whose medium-long brown hair has that tangled middle-part where chunks are unevenly pulled to one side or the other — *The Real World* does have a purpose. "They want to make [the show] so it's, like, different. And I bet this isn't the real girl. I think they made her, like, a total alcoholic." Do you think it's a "fake reality" show? "Yeah, because the producers and the writers edit it and stuff."

Olivia explains why the editors give people these exaggerated traits. "Well,





because, like, they want to sort it out so they're characters. So she's the alcoholic. And then the other girl's the wildand-crazy one. And that guy she's talking to..." — that guy is drinking from a bottle in a brown paper bag, probably beer, according to Olivia's theory. So what we're watching is a real part of their lives? "This isn't part of their lives. What they do is they pick people that they think are, like, good, from all over the country and from Southern California, and they put them in one house together. There are secret cameras everywhere. See that guy? They make him look like he's the nicest person. They're making him look even more nice" than he is normally, in his life. The scene shifts, and somebody is taking a shower. The body, though, is behind frosted glass doors.

This installment of The Real World, Olivia says, is brand-new. And yet she has the "performers" pegged already — whatever trait the person has in abundance (looks, habits, talk), the editors emphasize via editing. Olivia thinks critically about the characters' depiction. She likes the show as much as she likes to see through it. It's part of the cynical allure of TV for kids. To figure out its fakery. A calling few parents care to answer.

Another flick and we're at VH1, "the channel I watch." A promotional "biography" of pop diva Jessica Simpson, called Jessica Simpson, is playing. "She is, like, one of the popular people," Olivia says, "and she is, like, tortured, but, like, she really wanted to be a role model to other girls, but people didn't like her because of the way she looked. But when she was coming out to sing, Britney

Spears and Christina Aguilera were coming out with their 'Oops!...I Did It Again' stuff." Olivia presses the

vertical of the electronic guide. Here, there's information about the program we're watching — stars, story, rating. It says *Jessica Simpson* is rated TV-PG. I ask whether she got her parents' permission to view it. "Yeah," she says, "but I've seen this. I'm allowed to see PG stuff because, with me, it depends on why it's PG — if it's for violence, if it's for foul language." If you see a show is

rated TV-PG, would you go ask your mom or dad whether you could watch it? Olivia says, "I would see why it's rated PG" — the electronic guide explains the show's rating for age and content, such as TV-G, TV-PG, and so on; its genre, say, comedy or drama; and warning info: sexual situations, adult situations, adult language, violence — "and if I think it's interesting, then I can watch that. I won't watch anything that's, like, horror." With cable, Olivia's viewing possibilities seem endless and end-

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lessly distracting. She does like Jessica Simpson.

"Have you seen The Newlyweds?" Olivia asks. "It's a program," she says, "that features Jessica and her husband, Nick." I confess I haven't. But I've heard that the cameras follow the couple around and show Simpson to be kind of dumb. "She's not dumb," Olivia says, "she doesn't think. The argument she had with her husband: 'Is it chicken or is it tuna?' And then they had buffalo wings, and she's, like, 'Oh, I don't eat buffalo.' "By now, such "Jessica Simpson" sound bites, spanning the globe, are known to, what? a billion people.

Suddenly there's a video of Britney Spears. "That's who Jessica is competing against," Olivia says. Jessica Simpson looks like Britney Spears. "Yeah, they all look alike. But now Christina Aguilera, she's dyed her hair black and

she's gone, like, bad, and does drugs." How do you know she's gone bad? "Oh, it's obvious. [Her videos] are, like, dirty, and her butt is hanging out and stuff, and there's, like, a fight in there, and she's punching this girl out." So you decided that

this Christina Aguilera video was okay to watch?

"It was on the Top 20 Countdown. I didn't know it was going to be there."

Scrolling through the guide, Olivia spots an announcement for Rabbit-Proof Fence. "It's a true story about a girl my age," she says. "She's going on this journey and has to walk" 1200 miles, reads the blurb. It says TV-PG, adult situations. Olivia says she'll have to ask her mom or dad about it.

Next, Olivia finds an ad for the movie Holes. It reads, "A woman forces boys at a detention camp to dig holes. Violence and adult language, rated PG." "But it's not that bad," Olivia says. She's seen it. An example: "Like, one of the guys, he doesn't talk, so he throws the shovel at somebody." Does violence or adult language bother you? "Adult language - I'm used to it," she says. "Like, my cousins, they use bad words all the time. And their parents don't care whatsoever. And their parents even say that to them."

Back to Jessica. Is she the kind of girl you'd like to be?

"No. Like, I could be like her, but I wouldn't want to be her." What part of her do you like? "Her fame. And she has a really good life. And she's, like, really comfortable with the camera and stuff. Like, she's always happy, but she used to be pressured. She has a lot of money." Is that something you'd

like? Olivia hesitates: "I guess I could use a lot of money." Anyone else you'd like to be like? "I like Christina Aguilera because she has a really good voice."

\* \* \* On this Sunday afternoon, right before handing Olivia the remote, Olivia's mother Martha Kinkade said I could watch TV with her daughter. Kinkade and Dave Palmer, Olivia's father, are divorced, and they live in Pacific Beach apartments adjoined by a patio. Olivia lives half the week at Mom's house, half the week at Dad's. Kinkade owns a TV but refuses to buy a cable hookup; she uses her monitor only for videos. Palmer has the cable and a 36-inch TV. Olivia watches G and PG movies with Mom, sports and Survivor with Dad, and the forbidden stuff with her cousins. Both parents express

dismay that Olivia has seen shows on MTV and VH1.

Kinkade hates TV and says without it on, she doesn't have to "process all this imagery that comes at me. My head is not all messy; it's cleaner." Olivia thinks it's "boring sometimes" at her mom's place without a TV. Olivia is often on her PlayStation 2, while Kinkade wants her to practice piano and read. She says Olivia mainly watches TV at her dad's house and is aware that at her cousins' home, Olivia has seen scary movies (like The Ring, where a dead ten-year-old girl walks out of a mirror). "That's not good at all," Kinkade says. "It's caused problems for her." She notes the most potent issue that's come up for her and Olivia is the "sexual connotations" in PG-13 movies. These things, she says, "Olivia doesn't need to

be exposed to. She is anyway - at school, as part of our culture." Kinkade recalls hearing on a prime-time show a gaggle of seventh graders getting together to do homework. One girl said, "I'll bring the condoms." Such flippant jokes anger Kinkade. "It's not appropriate for me or for Olivia."

When Olivia was six and younger, and before Kinkade left the marriage, Kinkade felt her daughter was enslaved to consumerism. And TV played its part. Olivia wanted everything, many things directly from commercials. She never seemed happy, her mother says. "She thought something was wrong with her if she didn't get lots of presents at Christmas."

Dave Palmer's TV is tuned mostly to sports, though Olivia will watch some of her Disney programs on the 13-inch in her dad's bedroom.





Palmer says when Olivia watches sports, he detects no "positive influence. When I was a kid, if I saw an athlete, I'd go out and emulate them. But she's definitely not like that. She's not very outdoorsy. I thought when she saw [televised sports] she'd want to do that, but she's a scaredy-cat, and these sports, she was telling me, are too much a risk for injury." She used to "idolize" the Lakers and Kobe Bryant — before the scandal. Right after her dad explained the charges to Olivia — "he had sex with her"-Palmer recalls, "She didn't want to have anything to do with him anymore."

Palmer is adamant: "I don't like her watching MTV." He says he'll be in his room or in the kitchen and he'll hear her "flip to it. I tell her that it's not appropriate for her to be watching that. I explained that The Real World is about twentysomething kids, and the problems they're facing is not what tenyear-olds are facing." According to Palmer, Olivia hasn't discussed the rating system or asked to watch anything rated TV-PG. But he does see himself as a "hands-on" dad who can "talk to her about everything. To me, we're in control of the [TV] situation. The situation is not in control of us."

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We're in control. That's what many San Diego tube-monitoring parents say when you ask about TV in their family life. The kids, though, beg to differ. Because of their ages, preferences, and peer influences, children don't share Mom and Dad's worries about the media cosmos. Small children can barely talk about TV, they're so hypnotized. Older kids and teenagers are loyal to, but get bored with, their

they watch even in reruns (a huge percentage of cable TV fare). Parents react warily to TV, fearful of the unexpected. Their shock at TV content is reflected in the skyrocketing number of complaints received by the FCC about radio and TV programming — from 13,922 in 2002 to 240,342 in 2003. And this was before the Super Bowl! Nowadays, parents feel assaulted by television. Outrage over the Janet Jackson–Justin Timberlake raunchfest signaled that in its wake change would arrive. Sure enough, in early February, MTV removed its explicit music videos to the more "adult" slot, after 10:00 p.m. But by early March, the sexually graphic videos of Britney Spears and others were back in normal rotation. Thus, though parents — and a nation — complain, the complaints go nowhere.

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Parents say they're exhausted from supervising the tastelessness, the violence, the sex, the commercials. Thirty-five years ago, Marshall McLuhan declared, "The medium is the message." Today's message is, an incessantly on medium of 75 to 100 cable channels must show some program. One father recalls that while channel-surfing one day he became "really depressed for my society. I went from The Man Show, with women jumping on a trampoline and [the men] looking up their dresses, to Anna Nicole Smith — just what was on. That there's enough people out there obviously watching this stuff made me feel depressed about our civilization." And TV executives also have an opinion: let's leave questions about television content to the family to decide.

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John and Karen Zlatic are anxious about their children's media consumption. Husbandand-wife massage therapists, they work at home and recall, in the early lives of their three kids, that TV was important. John Zlatic says, "My own feeling is that when they're really young, even before language, TV can be a really good learning tool." But soon John was noticing how the commercials began to influence his kids. When nine-year-old Carly wanted a Barbie doll, they knew she'd been "watching TV ---the doll came on, and she wanted it." Karen Zlatic says it's an age thing. "The younger the kid, the more they're influenced by TV." For six-year-old Thomas,

"His Christmas list was everything he saw one day on a commercial." Says John, "Outside Sesame Street and PBS, I talk with the kids a lot about the commercials, what they're doing to you. 'They're making you want to buy what they have.' When I was a kid, these toys on the commercials did these great things. They looked really, really cool. Then you got them home and you said, 'Wait, they were moving by themselves on TV. You have to push them.' We try to educate them about consumer awareness."

When the kids were very young, John and Karen could watch Friends because the sexual suggestiveness was "over their heads." Then, one day, Friends lost the subtlety it once had, says Karen, and they turned it off. She believes the salacious messages had already entered the children's "subconscious. It influences them that way. Why allow it now, when they're children. Allow them to have that childhood for as long as possible."

Other programs became problematic. Karen calls The Simpsons "raunchy, not a child's program in my eye. It's adult humor." She abhors its political and racial slant. Though John disagrees about the show (sophisticated humor is something the kids should understand, he says), he and Karen became "more wary," previewing other shows the kids wanted to watch. That meant even more time. Once Thomas was in a preschool program that required parent participation, they adopted the director's suggestion. No TV during the week. Many parents have instituted this, and for good reason. It eliminates the discussion about TV watching and TV content after school and

evenings when kids are doing extracurricular things and homework and families want to eat dinner together and talk.

In the Zlatic household, media watchfulness seems as sane as it does fearful. The Internet scares John the most. "That's going to be the most challenging thing, especially for adolescents. If we were 'lucky' when we were 14, we found a Playboy magazine. That was our exposure to sex. But now any halfway literate computer kid — it's everywhere. Every fetish, every deviance." The entryway for kids is an e-mail account. There, they get spam with sexual messages, which Zack, their 12-year-old son, is "instructed to delete." As for the rest of Zack's browsing, "Right now, I monitor it." Have you discovered anything? John says one of Zack's friends was with him on the computer in John's office, and the friend went to an adult chat room. "I don't think they actually went in, but just the fact that they were there was enough to sound the alarm."

In contrast to his parents' worry, Zack regards TV aesthetically, which is to say, he's evaluative and cynical. He often describes its shows as mindless, uninteresting, and duplicitous. "I don't like to watch TV unless I'm bored or there's nothing else to do." (No doubt it's a San Diego prerogative: our temperate weather accounts for less media addiction here than in middle America.) Zack often watches basketball games because he's playing the sport.

One Saturday morning, Zack and I find Teen Titans, on KSWB/Channel 69. "My brother really likes this. I don't like it too much. I think the cartoons are really bad — how they move and stuff. I really

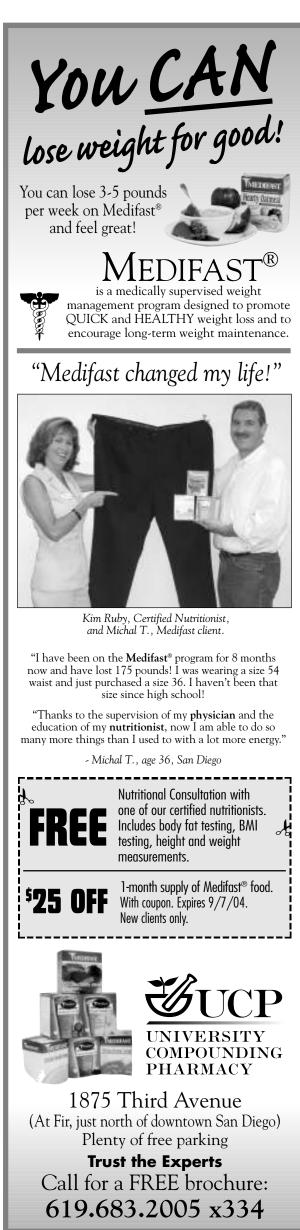
don't like the plots, usually." What's this show about? "They're just a bunch of superheroes and all this bad stuff happens and they have to save the world." In the episode, an African-American cyborg, who is a friend of the teens', is running low on power, so he needs his battery recharged. "That guy," a cloaked figure in his cyborg-repair-shopslash-dungeon, is "the bad guy." He speaks with the demonic flatness of

HAL 9000, from 2001: A Space Odyssey. "There's always an evil guy," Zack says. Zack calls it "not very exciting" and "predictable." The teen titans can fly, and one of them, a kid in green, turns into different beings. They

are unaware of what's happening to the cyborg, when suddenly they're fighting some Joker-like nemesis throwing bombs, dodging firestorms, making wry comments. Does that violence trouble

you? "Not too much, because it's just crazy stuff. They don't do anything that would really happen." Zack says he and his friends don't "act out" what they see on cartoons. But, he says, "some younger kids do.





They like these shows a lot. Especially Pokémon. They usually playfight, or it's always on their mind." The shows "have a magician like this who can do all these great evil things." Zack says his mother worries that his younger brother Thomas will be warped by these "showdowns." Your brother doesn't fight, does he? "No, not at all. He just likes it." Thomas becomes so hypnotized that "he doesn't listen to anybody else." The cyborg is fighting back against the evil guy, who's trying to reprogram his mind to become his disciple. But the cyborg is resisting. He doesn't want to be changed. As the evil guy

begins reprogramming

aloud, Will he be saved?

Zack says, "Of course he

the cyborg, I wonder

will." I can't help but

notice the Barbie-like

appearance includes a

girl titan, whose

very short skirt and well-developed breasts. At last, a tube-connected mind-meld joins cyborg and evil guy; for a moment, before cyborg is irrevocably changed, his life flashes before him. Evil guy's mind sees into cyborg's mind, sees how precious life is to the cyborg. He's overcome with emotion. Zack says, "Oh, happiness saved him. That happens a lot in these movies. Like Harry Potter." Cyborg gets up after the evil guy is vanquished, and "He's fine," Zack says. Then, in the denouement, cyborg doesn't take the evil guy to jail but brings him to the city park, where the teen titans are tossing the football. "He's going to play with this freak?" Zack says. Show over, and with nothing better to do, Zack and I giggle our way for another half hour through the sublime dumbness of Gilligan's Island.

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During the 1980s, evidence began to coalesce about the bad effects of TV on kids: inattention at school, interference with homework, use of violence to solve problems, sleep disturbances and nightmares, overexposure to products (kids see between 15,000 to 20,000 commercials per year), and numbness or insensitivity in the face of dramatic real-life situations. A common refrain of the time was that people who witnessed an act of violence felt as though they were seeing it on television. Kids were watching a lot of tube - on average, three hours a day; some were watching six to ten hours a day. One study showed that the more kids watched, the more likely they'd have symptoms of anxiety and depression. Though the

national discussion was often steered toward television's potential to teach children valuable lessons and skills largely because of the success of PBS's Children's Television Network — commercial stations seldom tried to follow PBS's lead. With broadcast television creating indelible memories for children of violence, trauma, and horror, Congress decided to do something. In 1990, it passed the Children's Television act. Among the act's several guiding principles are these three: that Congress had a responsibility to regulate the content of kids' TV; that children's TV viewing had "an overwhelming impact on their lives"; and that commercial broadcasters, who transmitted their programming over the nation's airwaves (this was before cable), must "render public service to children." In





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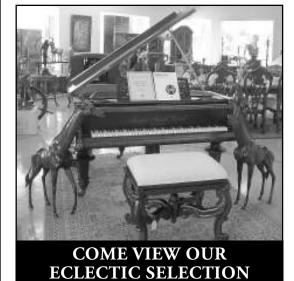


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order to "serve the educational and information needs of children," Congress and the FCC, charged with enforcing the act's guidelines, required stations to air what they called "core programming."

Core shows have several basic requirements: They must be 30 minutes long; be shown between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; be targeted to one of three children's age groups; and be identified as E/I educational and informational — at the beginning of each show. E/I shows must also limit commercial time and do away with selfreferential commercial content (a rule occasioned by shows like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, whose action figures advertised during the commercials were indistinguishable by young viewers from the show itself: thus was born, "We'll be right

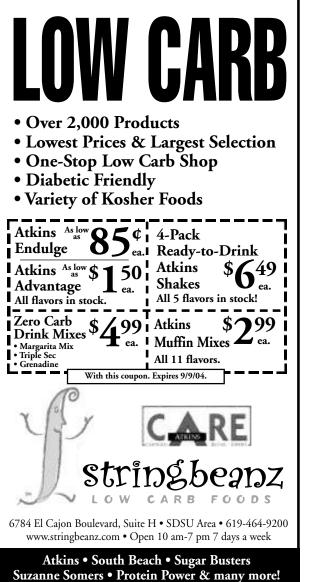
back after these messages"). To comply with the act, each broadcast station fills out Form 398, explaining why its E/I programs meet the standard for core programming. In 1996, the FCC toughened the act by requiring such programs to have "education as a significant purpose" and by adding the three-hour rule: run E/I programming a minimum of three hours per week.

What characterizes the content of an E/I program? The FCC specified that the content of such programming should further "the positive development of children 16 years of age and under in any respect, including the child's intellectual/cognitive and social/emotional needs." But, in a triumph of noninterference (some might say toothlessness), the FCC refused to approve that content: "It

is the broadcast station - not the FCC — that has determined that a program is designed to educate and inform children." The FCC notes that a station, whose license must be renewed every seven years, "will receive stafflevel approval of the Children's Television Act portion of their renewal applications" if the station complies with the three-hour rule. Though stations couldn't get around the three-hour rule, they could invoke the First Amendment to dispute the FCC's notion of whether a show's content possesses "education as a significant purpose." With the station and the show's producers determining the quality of a show's content, the FCC's guidelines are far more vulnerable to manipulation than one might prefer. The FCC won't discuss content with broadcasters, so it's up to the

viewers to raise concerns about a show's education and purpose. Few, if any, viewers ever do.

What categories of shows further "the positive development" of kids? Prosocial and academic. Prosocial is about friendship, cooperation, self-respect, and the importance of diversity; academic offers instruction in science, history, math, and humanities. Animal shows that feature cooperating and ethnically diverse instructors satisfy both categories. Program directors and producers speak of targeting these programs — and their advertisers — to specific age ranges: 2 to 7; 8 to 12; 13 to 16. In most markets (San Diego included), programmers focus half of their E/I shows on the middle group of elementary school kids and a third on teenagers. Where do these E/I programs come from? Most are syndicated, that is, produced independently from the networks. They are labeled by the producers to conform to the telecom industry's TV parental guideline: TV-Y for all children; TV-Y7, for those children who can "distinguish makebelieve from reality"; and TV-Y7 FV, a "content rating" for kids seven and older in which Fantasy Violence "may be more intense or more combative" than other TV-Y7 shows. (A recent story in Newsweek, "Family TV Goes Down the Tube," quoted a media watchdog who believes many parents think FV stands for "family viewing.") Station managers preview shows and slot them at certain times of the weekday or on Saturday. Six of San Diego's eight local stations show their core E/I programs at 7:00 or 7:30 a.m. during the week, from 3:00 to 5:00 after school, and on Saturday mornings and afternoons. E/I pro-



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gramming is never aired during prime time. Prime-time TV is too lucrative to target to any audience other than adults, the largest group of viewers.

Cable TV networks are not licensed by the FCC because they do not use public airwaves. Cable is exempt from E/I rules. That exemption is unfair, says Robert Ramsey, vice president and general manager of KSWB. A former station manager of WGN-TV in Chicago, Ramsey feels that despite KSWB's "strong ratings" with kids, their viewing habits have "drifted" from broadcast to cable, where cable networks "specifically program 24/7 to kids." Children, Ramsey says, "don't know the difference between broadcast and cable." Indeed. Any cable viewer (like Olivia) can bounce from TV-G The Fairly OddParents, on Nickelodeon, to TV-14 Jerry Springer, on KUSI/Channel 51, where "strongly cautioned" viewers will find such carnalities as "woman says her boyfriend is a pig."

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An affiliate of the WB network, KSWB's programming for children airs in the afternoons and on Saturday mornings. The station has no input in reviewing the network content or when it's shown. The station does program E/I shows for children weekday mornings. Ramsey, who's run KSWB for three years, says before he purchases an E/I show like *Sherlock* Holmes in the 22nd Century, he asks the producers to "prove" that the series is what it claims. The producers provide some documentation (for example, child psychology reports), but Ramsey is always skeptical: "Does the research prove something, or does it come to a conclusion which is an opinion. I don't know." Stations submit quarterly paperwork to the FCC. If there were a question about their E/I claim, it would come up during the licenserenewal period.

In San Antonio, Texas, a station labeled Jackie Chan Adventures as core educational. The station's "explanation,"

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which typically the show's producers supply to the affiliate and the affiliate files with the FCC, states that Jackie Chan is "super in the way each of us has the power to be." Because of his "empathy," "strength," and "concern for others," "he is able to vanquish opponents and

achieve amazing goals." Such a character may "inspire" children "to act proactively and heroically." In San Diego, KSWB, which shows Jackie Chan every afternoon, chose not to label it as core-educational and, instead, identified as E/I Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd Century and

three other shows. Does it make any sense that one station saw Jackie Chan as E/I, while another did not? Ramsey's response is, "We identify the things that are identified to us, and that makes us feel comfortable to say it's educational and informational." He says stations differ. Where one sees "educational," another might see "pure entertainment."

I wanted to know whether KSWB shows like Jackie Chan Adventures, Teen Titans, and *Yu-Gi-Oh!* are *not* given an E/I rating by KSWB because they contain violence. Ramsey says such a question opens a can of worms - defining violence. He says, "Since people began programming to children, this debate has raged, from the Three Stooges to superheroes." Does Ramsey himself feel such shows are violent? He says, "Your opinion of violence is valid for you. I don't want to sound like I'm parsing words, but the word 'violence' is a buzzword. Violence doesn't have a positive or a neutral connotation. You have in your mind, and everyone has in their mind, a definition of violence. Whether it's fantasy action or whatever, I don't want to say that everyone's interpretation" will always be the same — "a riot is violence, a fight in the street is violence." Ramsey refused to label any particular kids' show violent. Moreover, he recalls no one ever complaining about so-called violent content of the KSWB's children's programming: "What's appropriate in an individual household is not my decision. I cannot tell any home what's appropriate, and God help us if the television industry or the federal government or whatever tells us. The moral compass of the home is the family, not the television. As a television station, the one thing we try to do is to please as many of the people as we can. Give them something that they want to watch. It does us no good to tick people off. If I get a viewer upset, that viewer's not going to watch us. If

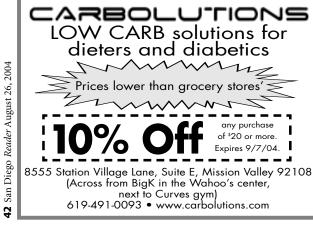






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they don't like a show, they may not watch us. But if we *upset* them because we are one of many [stations]" viewers can go elsewhere.

And yet, almost every parent I spoke with complained that action-adventure cartoons are too violent. For decades, innumerable studies — among the most celebrated are reports from the surgeon general's office in 1972 and from the National Institutes of Health in 1982 — have linked television's depiction of violence and the incidence of violence among children who view such programs, a connection that one researcher wrote is "undeniable and incontestable." In 2000, the

Annenberg Public Policy Center issued a report that found a more responsible TV environment for children than the center's previous study had found. Still, the report concluded that the Sherlock Holmes cartoon, one shown daily on KSWB, was violent, using "intentional and/or malicious threat[s] of physical force or the actual use of such force." For Ramsey, such reports typically present opinion, not fact. "Unless there's a list produced by the government," he notes, "that says these are the shows which we [the government] accept, anything that regards an opinion is going to have people on both sides." Some people, he grants, will

find that what KSWB calls appropriate for one age range of children is not suitable for all kids. "It's the parents' decision, not ours." Television, he says, is "the ultimate democracy. We program what the audience wants, and if they don't watch it, we don't program it."

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What recourse do parents have about programming they find offensive for their family? Short of V-chips or channel-blockers, little can be done about cable shows. As for FCClicensed commercial TV, parents might clamor for greater disclosure to the TV-listing agencies, which *could* but don't carry the E/I label. The FCC guidelines state that stations must provide a listing of core programs to "publishers of program guides," but there is no rule that these publishers have to include an E/I symbol. (Some have said that stations won't list the E/I label because kids equate educational with boring.) The company to whom many local stations send their program listings is Chicago-based Tribune Media Services, which includes E/I labels in its database and makes that information available to print and electronic TV guides. Jennifer Casolaro, executive director of marketing for Tribune Media Services, tells me it's "common knowledge" that the E/I is available: any print or electronic publisher can request the information and include it in its publication. Many do; many don't. Those who don't, she says, usually cite space limitations.

None of the print or electronic-guide publications in San Diego uses the E/I icon. Patrick McGrath, editor of the *San Diego Union-Tribune's TV Week*, was not aware that E/I labels were available from Tribune Media Services.

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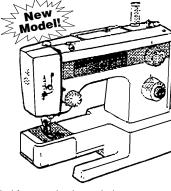
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Besides, he says, getting another icon into the guide would require a "sledgehammer." No one has ever requested his publication list the E/I label or, for that matter, the TV parental guideline. At Time Warner Cable, a spokeswoman says she's never heard of E/I programs. At Cox Communications, media manager Judith Morgan Jennings disputes what Tribune Media Services offers as "common knowledge" within the industry. A three-decade veteran of broadcast TV, she knew nothing about the E/I label. After asking her media contacts, Jennings discovered that only TV Guide knew about E/I — the famous publication once carried its icon but doesn't anymore. She, too, has received no requests from viewers to list it. The FCC guidelines

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also state that stations must identify each E/I show with an on-air statement or icon at the beginning of the program. A check of local E/I shows reveals that most stations do display the icon for five seconds. In the upper-left corner is the TV parental guideline (TV Y7, for example) and in the lowerright corner is the E/I icon. KNSD/Channel 39 has it inside the bobbing jaws of a shark.

Because local print and electronic guides don't include these icons and because the stations have not educated parents about E/I shows, the E/I option is largely unknown in San Diego. No parent with whom I discussed family-viewing habits had heard of the FCC rules for children's educational and informational programming, and stations receive few, if any, requests by parents to inspect their public file about such programming.

Two San Diego stations are not licensed by the FCC because they are owned in — and broadcast from - Mexico: XUPN/Channel 13 and XETV/Channel 6. Consequently, neither station has to follow the Children's Television Act. XUPN is a house of reruns, and it broadcasts programs specifically for young children on Sundays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. XETV, an affiliate of the Fox network, shows the Fox Box, a Saturdaymorning block of cartoons from 7:00 to 11:00.

I asked Bay City Television vice president and general manager Richard Jones whether XETV or XUPN, Bay City's stations, serve the educational or informational needs of children,

a federal obligation the six commercially licensed stations in San Diego must adhere to. Jones cites Life Lessons, a documentary about real-life problems like alcohol and drug abuse that teenagers face. Each year XETV produces two one-hour and several half-hour programs that are supported by study guides and shown in local middle and high schools. Life Lessons, which Jones started two and a half years ago when he began working at XETV, has won numerous awards, among them a Golden Mike and an Emmy. Jones calls Fox Box "kid friendly, but it's not E/I." Shows like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Shaman King, and Sonic X are labeled FV for fantasy violence. About these, Jones says, no one has ever complained to him or his program



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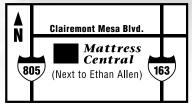
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director, Deirdre Keane. He says the cartoons generally are "in no instance number one" in the Saturday-morning ratings; several of the shows were "tied for last" during the November 2003 sweeps period. I asked Jones whether such low ratings troubled him.

"At one time they might have, when 90 percent of children's programming was the domain of broadcast TV. Kids were the first demographic group to begin watching cable," because they could tune to Nickelodeon day or night, and it was branded as their channel. Today, Jones says, he's doing "incredibly positive things for the community" with Life Lessons and other informational shows, which is a "more efficacious use of our time than to compete with the

onslaught of 24-hour-aday [programming] for kids." Both Jones and Keane say there is little programming, E/I or otherwise, that's produced for children and offered for XETV to purchase. According to Keane, KSWB and other local stations, who are "scrambling to meet their E/I requirements," have snapped up "all the quality kids' shows."

Besides, Jones says, even if XETV and XUPN were compelled to show E/I programming, kids wouldn't watch it. Speaking of his eight-year-old son, Jones says, "I could not even under threat of physical force — force him to watch this E/I programming." Television has "changed dramatically" from that which Jones's older children used to watch when they were eight. "This is the biggest

problem. The kids all want to grow up, get older; they don't want to view the really soft, soft shows. They're just not interested in them. If it isn't entertaining, they won't watch it. Especially the boys. You might have half a chance with the girls, but the majority of kids' programming is directed to boys." As an example, he cites the "whole Yu-Gi-Oh! craze." Marketed with trading cards to boys, "It's very hard to stop" such crazes because "trends and fads" affect kids the most. As for parental guidance, Jones notes, "For many years, when my kids were really young, my wife and I had them mostly watch videos that we controlled, rather than television. And I'm in television. Everything follows the money," Jones continues. "If stations could

figure out how to make every E/I show the standard, that would deliver large audiences and make money, they'd do it." It used to be that way before cable, before the WB and UPN. Then, of the total revenue for Fox and independent stations, kids' programming was close to 20 percent. "Now," says Jones, "it's virtually nothing."

\* \* \* Many parents said XETV's Saturday-morning lineup and KSWB's weekday-afternoon shows contribute little or nothing to the "positive development of children 16 years of age and under." (These two stations were singled out more often than the local ABC, CBS, and NBC affiliates and the independent KUSI for carrying objectionable kids' fare.) As a result,

these parents are on guard, their moral shields raised. Those over 40 are nostalgic for an age when one might put a child in front of the TV and feel that nothing bad could happen.

Terrie Relf monitors her 20-inch Teknika while seven-year-old daughter Willow plays and watches the set on a large futon couch every day after school. "We can't turn it off or we'll lose the Cox signal," Relf says. "If we do, we'll have to wait 10, 20 minutes to get a signal again. So we leave it on." When they're not watching, they mute the sound and "turn it to face the wall." Willow goes from being transfixed by a TV show to playing with her Barbie, to showing me her video stockpile, to paging through activity books and finishing her bean-and-cheese burrito on a SpongeBob SquarePants plate. On occasion, the TV may be background while Willow and Mom do art projects or cook. But since the TV's going most of the time, Willow says, "I watch whatever's on. Every day." (Willow does go to school, play with her friends, and visit her Japanese grandmother regularly, where the TV is most likely to be on baseball.)

Willow likes what's on Disney — That's So Raven; Lilo & Stitch; Sister, Sister; Dave the Barbarian; The Legend of Tarzan — and the Toon Network. On Sister, Sis*ter*, Roger has been hit by Cupid's arrow and he's singing to Tia below her window. Willow says, "It's just like Romeo and Juliet." You know that story? "I love that story," she says. A commercial comes on, and Willow clicks on the

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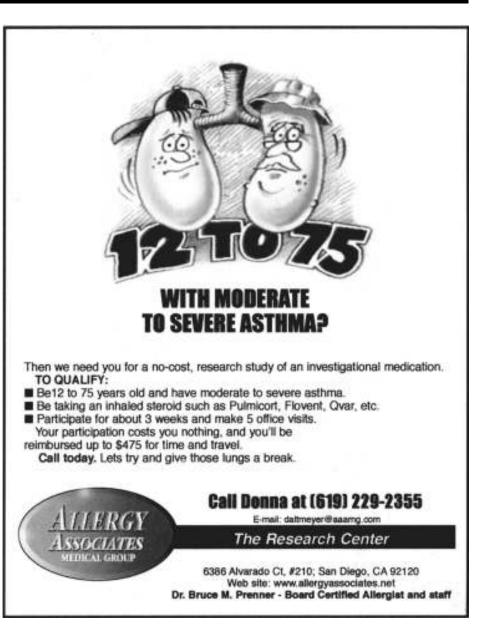
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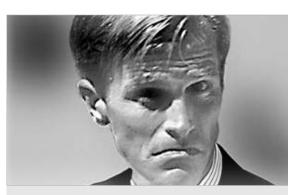
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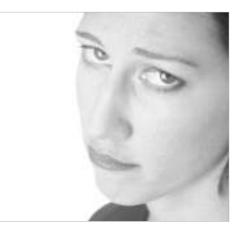


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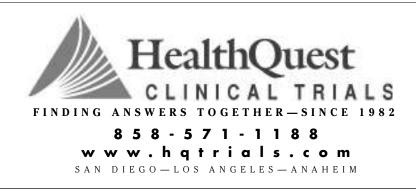
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Medical research and clinical trials allow people to have the opportunity to try investigational medications or treatments that would otherwise be unavailable. guide. She scrolls through what's coming, movies and shows whose titles she recognizes. It seems she's seen everything, movie or TV serial. She reads to me about *Fillmore*, the story of some safety patrol kids who solve crimes, which, she says, "I love."

Relf is always there when Willow is watching, so she knows her daughter's preferences. She tells me (when we speak later over coffee) that every so often she just turns off "the Disney crap." She's offended by "sappy kids who are always smiling, and everything's always so positive. I like Raven and *Lizzie McGuire*, but, in general, it's the way they package the [other]

shows. It's Up with Peo*ple*; everyone gets along; everyone has enough money for everything; every problem gets solved. It's unrealistic." Relf is aware of the "mixed messages" the Disney shows send to girls. "Be smart, but still be goofy. Be athletic, but it's okay if you're a bit of a klutz. Hide who you are from others, but don't hide who you are from others. And it's okay to be a little overweight, but if you are, you'll be the weird kid." Relf likes That's So Raven because Raven has an edge: she's psychic, the family is kooky, and Raven and her mischievous friends often form cliques. Which provides an opportunity for a Relf family talk about why cliques are bad.

After watching several shows and scrolling through the guide, Willow becomes bored. With the futon as support, she makes clocklike poses with her body. She shows me her guitar: "My brother and my dad are giving me lessons." Her brother Brandon is a drummer who's also been teaching her to play. Willow arranges four pillows on the futon and beats them fiercely with her sticks.

We find Jackie Chan Adventures, and right away Willow says she likes it. "He's a kung fu fighter, and he looks like my dad," who is

Japanese. "He fights bad guys. His enemy is called Daolon Wong. His niece is Jade." Where does this take place? "Everywhere," Willow says. "He's really an archeologist, but he still fights crime." In this episode, the plot is built around a girl character who, as a temple guardian, changes into a monster whenever an intruder enters. Five minutes in and Willow and I are glued to the action the monster has a dozen tricks for attacking Jackie and Jade, who must be creative in fighting back. The pair aren't strong enough, so they need to outwit the monster. Lots of Jackie and Jade running away, lots of things crashing

with metal-rasping sounds, lots of "oh no!" moments when Jade is trapped by a crashed rafter or faced with an oncoming boulder. Lots of Jackie standing and fighting. Lots and lots until the final confrontation, when Jackie releases some "fung chow mojo," a typhoon of powers that discombobulates the monster and — well, you can guess the rest. The last thing Jackie says to Jade, after their way-cool battle in the temple, is, "Ancient wisdom: Wise monkey know when to stifle spirit of adventure and concentrate on schoolwork." Jackie's as much fighter as spoiler. I ask a mesmerized Willow what she's thinking. "When I watch TV, I pretty much [think about] nothing, nothing at all." Your mind goes blank? "Yeah, I forget about everything, and I just start watching it." Willow, who's been studying kung fu for two years, tells me she has never used kung fu to fight or defend herself. In her class, she says, "We practice fighting each other." But in the show they really were fighting each other, weren't they? "Yes, but that's just a cartoon."

One day, Willow announced that she wanted to quit kung fu. Why? her mother asked. "Because it's not normal," Willow said. "I want to be normal." Relf says, "Something on the

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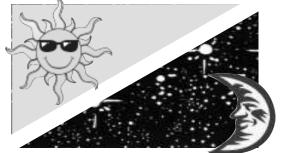
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call-in products, 'I want that.'' This war against the underclass, Relf says, no one discusses. It's a war against those who don't have or don't aspire to

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have what television's upper-middle-class families have. (Trading

Spaces: Boys vs. Girls is a teen reality show in which pairs of girls and boys are given \$5000 to make over each other's room.) Relf tells Willow, who's seen commercials that show little else but kids possessing things, "In your life, you're going to run into people who care only about how they look, what kind of house they live in, what they wear and I think that's superficial. Willow says, 'So do I.' But then she says, 'I

still want it."

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The television in Sue Vespremi's home is part of her family room's entertainment wall, which also has a PlayStation 2, VCR and DVD players, three sagging shelves of videos, a tall shelf of sports trophies, and three bookshelves. There's a foosball game, an upright piano, and a moosh, or beanbag chair, for TV lounging. This room is where she and her kids - Barbara, 18; Alex, 14; and Miko, 12 — watch the tube, fold laundry, chill. It also tapes, she keeps an eye on the TV. The tube's placement is strategic: it's for family togetherness. The 47-year-old says the girls "have begged for a TV in their room, but," her voice flutters with laughter, "nothing doing."

Vespremi says her kids "want the TV on a whole lot more" than she did while growing up. "It's almost like 'come home and turn it on.' They need to unwind." Unwinding on the couch, Alex has a flighty relationship to what's on. After dinner, she says, "I go right to MTV because I like watching music videos, but when it's only music videos, I want to change it because it gets boring." She "switches out" to the Disney Channel, ABC Family, Nickelodeon, then returns to MTV. Eventually she settles on a rerun of Full House, which she'll often do: once, she vegged all day with a Full House marathon. She and I watch an episode that dramatizes concern for those with Alzheimer's; its message is, while they're losing their minds, we'll suffer because we can't help but grow attached to

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Miko's in his moosh, tabulating the dollar worth of his baseball card collection; it's now up to \$173. Like his mother, he's a multitasker, looking for a show on the guide and counting his cards, each one preserved in tight plastic. He sees The Simpsons and is pulled in for a bit, then cruises to The History Channel and describes for me a recent episode about men who escaped from Alcatraz by making a raft out of inflated clothes. Next, he switches to his favorite, SpongeBob SquarePants, but realizes he's seen it before, saying, "This one's funny," then clicks

it off because his mom reminds him that he said he was going to practice his piano at least once today and twice tomorrow, since tomorrow there's no school. "Oh, yeah," he says.

Vespremi tells me that Miko recently spent a night at a friend's house where the family rented an R-rated movie. Miko called for permission. "He knows to call." Once he described the content, she was satisfied the movie would be okay for him. "Even when I did give permission, I said —" and here Miko had interrupted her, repeating Mom's admonition, " 'This isn't a real situation; this doesn't

happen in real life.' "

When the girls turn on MTV and Miko's in the room, Vespremi will ask that they change it. It carries "the wrong message for a 12-year-old boy. There's a lot of sexual innuendo, women in scant clothing. I just don't want him thinking that it's socially appropriate - that's how women behave, or that men treat women that way. Because he's in a house full of women right now." Does she object that Barbara and Alex watch MTV? She doesn't mind. They already know not to "dress or act that way. I've talked about it with them too. I think Miko is still getting opinions" about boys and girls. As

far as TV restrictions go, she says, "If I forbid it, they'd want to see it even more." She believes the girls don't take the videos seriously. "They listen to music far more than they watch TV."

Vespremi abhors violence, particularly the gratuitous kind, as in The Terminator, which she didn't see, or in cartoons with superheroes. "What makes violence so super?" she asks. She'll tell Miko from her computer perch to turn off anything violent. Why? She has a story. When Barbara was three years old, Vespremi bought a video that featured cartoons and advertised itself as The Best of Disney. Vespremi watched the half-hour

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video with her daughter and was abhorred at Barbara's reaction. "She'd be so excited and nervous," Vespremi recalls, "after she watched it. I started paying more attention to the video, and it seemed like every clip had some act of violence. So I wrote a letter to Disney that said, 'Of all the wonderful movies that you've done, why have you picked these violent scenes as the Best of Disney? because I think it changes the behavior of my child after she watches it.' They sent me my money back. But that was the first instance in which I thought [the show] created a different persona" in Barbara. "I don't want [my kids] ever to think that violence is the way to solve anything. To tell you the truth," she goes on, "I would prefer having them watch sexual things on MTV rather than violence. Because sex is a more natural thing; you see it everywhere. If you talk about it and put it in the right perspective, I think [sexual content] is not so bad."

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Max Roop, 13, comes home from school to the familiar safety of his family's 52-inch Toshiba TV with digital cable. He turns it on every weekday and watches until bedtime, with or without his mom and older sister in the room. He

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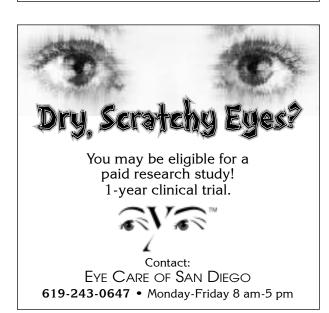
admits he's a "media junkie," a cartoon addict. Sixteen-year-old Chelsea likes Court TV, with its forensic focus and blood-spatter analysis. Forty-year-old Star Roop, the mom, lets Max and Chelsea watch what they want. "If they see something that they feel is inappropriate, they've always been able to say, 'This doesn't interest me,' and they change the channel." Roop says she's never been shocked by what's on TV. She says both kids are "smart enough to know what feels uncomfortable to them." Has Chelsea ever seen her family represented on television? "Absolutely not." TV families, she notes, are either "messed up or perfect." But it doesn't bother her. The "falling apart" families on Lifetime — "the old ladies' channel," Chelsea laughs — the Roops find absurd. Star is loyal to several sitcoms, but she also bristles at their hype: "They own that house? She's a

waitress and he's a UPS driver? There's no way I they're obviously not in San Diego." Chelsea sees no "bad effect" from her TV viewing. Except for forensics, "It's a fake world" that TV shows. Besides, she continues, the TV runs on in the "background" of her life. "Sometimes," Roop says, "it's on, and there's nobody in the room watching it." Chelsea objects to her mother and brother's reality shows like The Littlest Groom, a version of The Bachelor for "dwarfs" (or little people), calling such things "stupid." She rolls her eyes while Roop defends the show by saying, "Max and I watch it for comedic value." Again, they laugh over these guilty pleasures: whether they indulge or avoid or criticize the box, mom and son agree that yes, it's moronic, but we watch it anyway.

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don't know enough to turn it off. To be programmed so we'll watch, and if we don't watch, to search for something that we will watch, which amounts to a conspiratorial clawing at our time on behalf of

what is so often - not to all but to most viewers — useless products (sugar-frosted flakes), useless information (panda births), useless intrigue (Scott Peterson and Amber Frey). In the Roop household, in the

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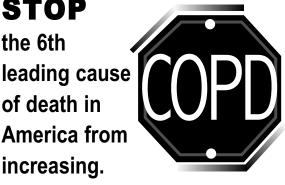
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Vespremi and Relf and Zlatic households, television appears incapable of offering shows that matter. Even by televising programs about the "real world," about young people who have "real" problems with friends, parents, and themselves, the medium still does not (cannot) engage what is important to the families it claims to serve. In the homes of these families, the programs they watch are seldom, if ever, tools for education, self-betterment, problem-solving, community involvement. On the contrary. Many say that television is antagonistic to those things; it is seen as a foe, a worry, an embarrassment, a soul-killer, as far

less personally fulfilling than reading a book, having a conversation, playing the piano. For families, the medium fosters illusions that few people can counter that the world outside the home is more violent and terror-filled than it actually is or that difficult emotions, gender roles, and career hopes can be addressed by a dramatic TV series that portrays high school romance or small-town individuality. I wonder whether television executives and producers know just how low parents' opinions of the medium are — despite the fact that parents allow the set in their homes, rarely complain to the stations, and, in

effect, blame themselves for the TV's ubiquity in their families' lives. It's good to ask questions of people who are trapped between what they choose to watch and what they wish were better. Why can't families turn the TV off when they know how violent and distracting and moronic it can be? Why do mothers and fathers turn on the TV when they disdain and switch away from its commercials, when they deride or abhor the content of the programs? Why do families whose interests and values are not represented on television continue to think that the medium is capable of even speaking to them? – Thomas Larson

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#### **1. SHOPPING SPREE.**

"It used to delight him to go to the market," wrote Jessie Fremont of Kit Carson. "As my mother said, he who so often had to risk his life for a mouthful could appreciate the abundance."

Carson was prodigal with money. Of one binge he wrote: "The amount due was paid and each of us having several hundred dollars, we passed the

by Jeff Smith d dollars, we passed the time gloriously, spending our money freely never thinking that our lives were risked in gaining it. Our only idea

was to get rid of the dross as soon as possible but, at the same time, have as much pleasure and enjoyment as the country would afford. Trappers and sailors are similar in regard to the money that they earn so dearly, daily being in danger of losing their lives."

Of such spendthrift behavior, Colonel C. R. Savage observed, in 1869, "Verily, men earn their money like horses and spend it like asses."

#### 2. A POUND OF BUTTER.

The August 27, 1891, issue of the *San Diego County Advertiser* fretted: "Some of our retail merchants, as well as their customers, are becoming tired of the unwarranted and wholly inexcusable custom of putting up butter in rolls weighing 1 3/4 pounds each and compelling the public to pay for it as 2 pounds. Why on earth 16 ounces avoirdupois should legally constitute a pound in Oregon and every other state in the Union and only 14 ounces be obtainable for a pound in California is past our understanding. Let every consumer boycott the notorious short weight rolls, and it will not be long before the 14 ounce butter racket will be a thing of the past."

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### 3. "HOODS IN THE WOODS."

Local firefighters swear that this expression, which refers to prison inmates working on firefighting crews, began in the San Diego backcountry. The inmates' expression "iron jaws" may have originated here as well. It was slang for rattlesnake. Speaking of which...

#### 4. ESCONDIDO MISNOMER.

Rattlesnake Point, just south of Dixon Dam and the Vista Canal, got its name for the same reason over 200 other California sites got theirs. Only it no longer applies, or at least not as much.

In 1897, a flimflam operator came to Escondido claiming he could charm snakes. According to Frances and Lewis Ryan, he "challenged local schoolboys, 'Bring in a live rattlesnake for a dollar.'"

"Will do," said five intrepid lads. Next day they played hooky. "Armed with gunny sacks and forked sticks, they hied to Rattlesnake Point." After poking around the rocks and crevices, they returned to town. Their gunnysacks didn't just bulge, they moved *and ticked.* The boys had caught 125 live rattlers of various sizes, markings, and dispositions. The flimflamster lit out for the territories. And the boys became a local legend: "an Escondido Saint Patrick, for rattlers no longer abound on Rattlesnake Point."

# 5. THE UNITED STATES OF BOSTON.

In the mid-1800s, many settlers in San Diego didn't call their former home the U. S. or America. Julia Flinn De Frate: "For luxuries, and even for many necessities, San Diego was dependent on the 'Boston ships,' as all American ships were known in California." When De Frate's grandfather came to San Diego, he said, "All of the United States was called 'Boston' by the people of the region, because their only contact with the States had been with the officers and crews of the New England ships, the majority of which sailed from that Massachusetts port."

### **6. THAR THEY BLOW!**

"As late as the early eighteen-forties," writes historian William E. Smythe, San Diego Bay "was a favorite resort for female whales in their calving season. And at such times, on any bright day, scores of them could be seen spouting and basking in the sunlight."

Coronado's North Island had a famous spring that residents of La Playa — the original harbor, just across the channel — rowed to for drinking water. "Often when these whales were passing in or out, it was deemed unsafe to cross, and the boatmen had to wait for hours."

When steamers started coming to the harbor and the whaling industry grew, "[T]he whales abandoned the place and went farther down the coast." As if recalling an ancient memory, "[T]hey still passed by near the shore, however, in the winter and spring

Kit Carson

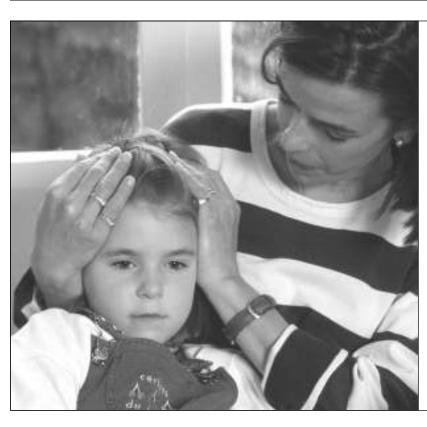
months, and came in near Ballast Point in great numbers."

### 7. MAKE IT UP, NOBODY'D BELIEVE YOU.

Campo, the backcountry community, has one of the world's longest thermometers. In a 24-hour period, the weather can change 20, 30, even 40 degrees.

Archie and Gwen Leach kept the weather station at Campo for 63 years. The Weather Bureau still uses Leach's ranch — and his antiquated recording devices as a backup to today's sophisticated instruments.

When Leach died, the family held a memorial service in the front yard of



## RESEARCH STUDIES

# Has Your Child Suffered a Traumatic Event ...

## ... such as: the recent San Diego fires, a car accident, an act of violence (either personally or as a witness), or any other traumatic situation?

As a result of this traumatic event, is your child experiencing any of the following? • Recurrent nightmares • Sleep problems • Reliving the traumatic event • Avoidance of activities or people • Difficulty concentrating • Unrealistic fears or anxieties

If so, your child may be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and could qualify to participate in a clinical research study being conducted by the Research Division of Psychiatric Centers at San Diego.

Participants must be between 6 and 17 years of age. If qualified to participate, your child will receive studyrelated medical evaluations, three therapy sessions, and study medication, all at no cost to you. Travel compensation is also provided.

For more information about this study, please call: Psychiatric Centers at San Diego, Research Division San Marcos: (760) 510-1734 or Child & Adolescent Center: (858) 571-KIDS (5437) his home. Guests and guest speakers gathered under a huge parachute, which served as a canopy against the high desert sun. Jemma Thorburn, who cared for Leach in his later years, remembers the day: "It was hot. The sun was *out*. Then a cloud came straight toward us from the south, and rain *poured* on the service so bad the canopy collapsed and everyone ran inside.

"It rained nowhere else, not across in the fields, or anywhere. Just on Archie's memorial. He was such a wonderful man, never in a bad mood. Maybe this was his way of saying 'adios.' If not, he sure would've approved."

# 8. SONGS BEFORE SUNRISE.

Until around 1830, in San Diego, Los Angeles, and other Spanish townlets, the oldest member of each family would awake before dawn and sing a hymn, usually to the Virgin Mary. One includes the lyrics: "Singers at dawn / From the heavens above, / People of all regions; / Gladly we too sing."

Helen Hunt Jackson reports that the oldest family member who began the song was often the grandfather or grandmother. "At the first note every person in the house would rise, or sit up in bed and join in the song. From house to house, street to street, the singing spread; and the volume of musical sound swelled, until it was as if the whole town sang.

### 9. SATURDAY-NIGHT FEVER.

At the end of the 19th Century, Alpine's residents, writes Beatrice La Force, included "German, Bavarian, Swiss, Swedish, Irish, Mexican, English, Scottish, Bohemian, Yankee American," and "Western renegades." Alpine had grown enough to need a good-sized meeting place to conduct town business and to frolic. Construction of the hall was completed in 1899 (on Alpine Boulevard and Victoria Drive West). The building sported a lightning rod atop a bell tower. "The ringing of the bell sounded for miles across the mountain silence in that prenoise pollution era."

Once a month, the community would rent the hall for two dollars and have a Saturday-night dance.

Everyone came. They put young children in the room next door ("someone going in occasionally to attend them"). They brought home-cooked food, and locals made music for free. "At midnight they stopped, ate, divided the cost of the Hall and light, the only expenses. A lot of horses waited at the hitching post, families arriving in wagons or buggies, while most of the young people rode horseback, girls as well as boys."

On a hot summer night, all the boys took off their coats. But the Lord sisters, new to town, wouldn't dance with them "because they were 'only partially dressed." Town hall dances were "innocent affairs," at least "as long as horse travel ruled the country roads. But when cars started traveling up the mountain," recalls Neil Galloway, who played fiddle in the band, "riff-raff from the city" made "a lot of trouble for everyone" and kept deputy sheriff A. L. NcNett busy.

#### 10. TO WEST BY LAND.

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way to California in 1846-1847. At one point, near Pawnee Fork, Kansas, Levi Hancock found a piece of cloth on a tree limb. Wrapped inside, a scrap of paper warned, "Look out for Indians." Families became sep-

arated, food and wood scarce (to replace the latter, they burned "buffalo chips"). They often went days without fresh water and 40- to 60-mile stretches through sand and dust without any.

Some, like Daniel Dennett, had a partial solution. He chewed strips cut from his leather belt, writes Norma Baldwin Ricketts, "hoping to obtain a little nourishment as well as moisture in his mouth and throat." Others kept a pebble or small stone in their mouths.

Ricketts: "Nearly sixty years later, when Melissa Coray died, her family found a small, round, smooth pebble, carefully wrapped in tissue, among her possessions. It was the stone she had carried at times in her mouth on her march with the Mormon Battalion. She told her grandchildren it seemed to help if they didn't think about how thirsty they were as they walked along."

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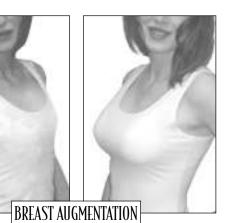
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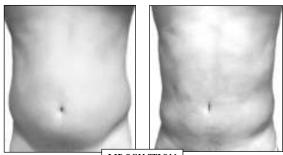
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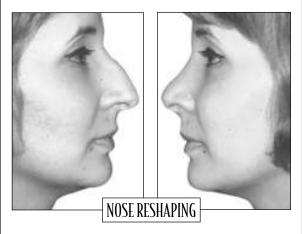
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Hussein Abukar, 35, has lived in the United States for eight months with his wife and four young children. They are refugees from Somalia, a war-ravaged country of East Africa.

Abukar, speaking English at a fast clip, recounted his life before coming to San Diego. "In Somalia, when I worked, the government was better than now. The family that was in power, that family, they were living like a king. They got all the good positions. I just get



a little money from my daddy then. I start to make a business. We opened one small shop, and then I bought a minibus. That was our life.

"First we get that civilian war. We lost a lot of lives there. Then a lot of things happened. You know, my mother, they killed her. And also my father. He was a doctor and was working at the hospital.

"We cannot live there.

We cannot stay there. We just have to move with the family. If the kids died on the way, if they died without food or without water, I have to move anyhow. I say I have to take good care of them. Maybe if I go out from Somalia I will get a good life.

"So when we try to go out from there, a lot of things happen. My wife and my kids, they just get a ship that was moving in the sea. For me, they catch me and they put me in prison for a long time, two years and a half."

One of several warring clans had taken over in 1991, and the clan forced Abukar to do hard labor. During his imprisonment he made contact with the Red Cross, but they were unable to get him out.

"Another family came, and they would start fighting between the two. In that war, I escaped with a group. Then I just came to the border of Somalia and Kenya. I just ask the people because we were sleeping in the town, and we don't know where we are. Then I start to contact the Red Cross. You know, I ask them, 'I am looking for my family.' Anyhow, it takes almost nine months, then some people told me I need to write some letters to the



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BBC. We have the Somalian language also in the BBC. They have radio for Somalia.

"Then they told me at that time that they [my family] were in Egypt. I don't have the money. I don't know how to contact them. I just get a job and come to Egypt and we meet there. At that time, they had a bad life, but, you know, they were not in a refugee camp. They were in an apartment in Egypt. The UN was helping them, but what they was giving them, it was just enough to eat and to pay the rent. You cannot pay the whole house rent. When you take the apartment you have to live in one room. The other room you have to rent to some other ones. You have to help, you know.

"They were living there almost two years. Then

when I come there we go to the [U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees] office. We make an appointment, then we make an interview there. They told

me I had to wait for one week and they would give me the results. Then they said that they believe me. They also have to look into your children. Are they

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your children or not? We was waiting more than one year when they make sure of everything and we finish our programs. Then they tell us, 'You get a

Abdisalam Farah, left

chance to go to the United States. How you like it?' I said, 'Really, if I go to the United States, that's the place for my kids. They will become like kings.' I am 35 years old. Still I am young, but I say, 'I don't want to lose the future for my kids. They are the new generation coming.'

"We came on 4 December 2002. When I came the government was helping me just to pay rent, so I say, 'I'm not sick. I'm healthy.' I know how to speak a little English so I say, 'I will go up to the college or I will go up to the school just to learn more, but I need a job also. I need to work. I need to help myself, you know.' So they said, 'Okay. We'll look at jobs for you.'

Catholic Charities found Abukar a job as a security guard. "They give me the night shift because all the people, they don't like the night shift. But at that time I want to work, so I say, 'I have to work hard, even nights or mornings. I have to work very hard for my kids.' I accepted with them, and I think I have been working almost five months all night. I worked first near the Mexican border. At that time my car break down so I cannot do it. They change me to Coca-Cola Company. Now I'm at Cox Cable.

"I have a car, but I just buy for temporary because Catholic Charities have a program for people who like to buy a car, who like to buy a house. They help. You have to open an account, and you have to just put into your account every month \$100 or \$200 for ten months. Then they

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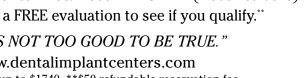
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give you some more money. I think it is \$1000 or \$2000 more just to buy a car. I'm with that program now, and I think I have six months more. Then they will help me to buy a good car."

Although Abukar is grateful for the freedom, he is not without worry. Staying financially solvent is a constant concern. "I'm living in an apartment, and it is so expensive," he said. "But they tell me that California is all very expensive. The money which I am getting from my work ----you know, five days almost \$750 goes for rent, and I am earning \$1100. I have to pay rent, and the kids, my kids are growing up, so each month they need to buy some new things. Now they get friends at school. When they see something their friends have they say, 'Now we need this.'You have to buy, you have to pay insurance, you have to pay bills. That's very hard. I need a good job. Maybe some jobs will pay me more, or maybe I get a cheaper than this house."

Abukar worries about his family's safety when he is at work. Their apartment in City Heights, at the intersection of Swift Avenue and University, offers acceptable housing, but the surrounding area is questionable. Graffiti adorns adjacent walls and mailboxes. Pounding music spews from low-riding cars and ricochets through the streets. Yellowed phone books and flyers litter the ground. Crushed windshield glass glitters on the crumbling sidewalks.

"My kids fear when they sleep alone," Abukar said. "I'm not here the whole night. They cannot sleep. They fear. They need me. I just buy two more locks. Sometimes I call them. That's why I buy the cell phone. Sometimes when I call them and nobody responds to the phone then I say, 'Oh, they are sleeping good tonight.' I just spoke to the company, and they promise to me to give me a swing shift. I like that to be from two till ten."

Abukar's wife does not work. "She doesn't have the good English," he explains, "so now she's going to school. I tell her

just to go to school, to finish, to study good. She was working with the Red Cross when she finished the high school, and she liked that. She worked with the Red Cross in Somalia. I say now I am the one who works for her.

"Right now I have to help my family," Abukar says. "I have to give them a good life and help them to forget what happened before. That's why I say I will work and you will go

to school and just only feel free and do whatever you like."

Once Abukar's wife is finished with her schooling he has a dream for himself. "I would even like to go to college, but it takes a year, it takes three years. I don't know. When my wife finishes school she will go to work, and I will go to college. I want to study to be a mechanic, an electric mechanic. Everybody has a car. You see the house, maybe they have four to six cars. It's a lot of money that people are getting now in the carrepair shops. They get good money. But who knows what's next?"

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San Diego: 6950 Friars Rd., Suite 110 (Opposite Fashion Valley Mall) La Jolla: 9850 Genesee Ave., Suite 355 (On Scripps Memorial Hospital Campus) Abukar is ambivalent. "Sometimes I remember what the people were doing [in Somalia]. I don't want to tell my kids to remember them, but sometimes you just say, it was like a dream, you cannot believe. But I don't think even if they make a good government, I don't think I will go back to Somalia or that I will take my kids there. No. Maybe for my brothers and sisters that I have there, if I can sponsor them, maybe I will bring them here.

"Even when we were living in Egypt, it was a good life there, but we could not survive, and we don't have enough money. Even the kids did not have school back then. But now they are going to school. They are feeling a good, good life. They can eat what they like. They can be what they like. It has to

be a little hard for the first year or first two years. We have to work at the beginning. I get a job. My wife, she is going to school. It's for free. Really, I am very

happy for this life."

Abukar is one of the estimated 10,000 Somali refugees already living in San Diego, with more Somali Bantu scheduled to arrive within the year. (Somali Bantus, mainly farmers, lived much of the 19th Century and the beginning of the 20th Century as slaves in Somalia.

Abdi Mohamoud, right

Although freed from slave status, they have remained a marginalized, outcast group within Somalia.) Abukar's story represents thousands of other Somali refugees who resettle in the United States every year.

Since 1991 warring clans in Somalia have caused widespread upheaval. The United States Committee for Refugees (USCR) reports that between 1991 and 1992 the civil war and its ensuing chaos resulted in over a half-million deaths and left two million Somalis displaced within the country and another 800,000 dispersed as refugees.

Abdisalam Farah, 31, wiry and light-skinned, has been in San Diego since 1992. "Life was like a normal African country," he said. "I was a young man. Go to school. There were ten kids, so it was a large family. My dad was a businessman. My mom worked for a business. You have vour own business. Do a little market thing, a little business shop. They are what you call selfemployed.

"Civil war started by the end of 1990 - December, I think that's what I remember. Everybody thought it was gonna be like a quick thing. It started as an antigovernment movement, but it ended up as a civil war. They kill you because of the civil war. Civil war is ugly, ugly thing. You be killed by the name of your tribe. They know by the way you speak, your dialect. Those who are killing you don't know you. Just seize you. Hatersof-your-gut people. Random killing. Random shooting. Everybody starts to leave. Nobody wants to



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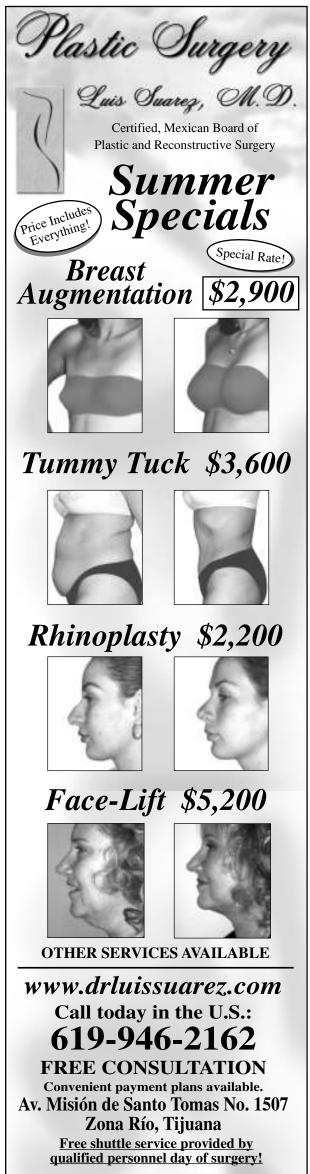
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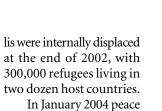
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Prior to 1991 the country had been run under socialist president Muhammad Siad Barre, beginning in 1970. He was overthrown by opposing clans in 1991, and the country remained in chaos until 2000, when an interim transitional national government was formed in the capital city of Mogadishu. That government provided a president, Abdulkassim Salat Hassan, a prime minister, and a 245-member national assembly, but its control was limited to a small geographic portion of the country. Because of continued fighting between clans, the World Refugee Survey 2003 Country Report stated that 350,000 Soma-



talks among the warlords

got underway in Kenya resulting in a plan to inaugurate a new parliament in August 2004. Outbreaks of fighting continue, but the hopes of a new parliament

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and ensuing order has brought an increase in the numbers of Somalis repatriating. With the peace talks and the promise of a new stability in Somalia, the

Bob Montgomery, left

U.N. predicts major refugee returns in the next five years. Closure of the refugee commission's Hartisheik Camp in Ethiopia speaks to that trend. Over the years the camp offered relief to a quarter million Somali refugees. But even with hope for a united Somalia, refugees remain scattered throughout the world, relocating in host countries or refugee camps.

The refugee commission's 2003 statistics reported more than 17 million refugees worldwide. Sixty thousand applied to resettle in the United States; 28,420 were accepted. According to Abdi Mohamoud, executive director of San Diego's Horn of Africa center, "These people are approved in combination with the State and Department and Immigration and Naturalization Services. Everybody goes through a rigorous interview with the INS"

The process may be relatively short, as in Abukar's case, or it may take years. For East African countries like Somalia, the processing has become more tedious since September 11. "Since 9/11 there have been new challenges for the admission of refugees from all over the world," said Bob Montgomery, regional resettlement director for the International Rescue Committee in San Diego. Those refugees from East Africa have been drastically cut. The numbers are still there, but because of increased security procedures the process takes a lot longer. Families are being separated for longer periods of time than was normal in the past. This creates new stresses on the families. It makes the resettlement process, which is already difficult, that much more difficult.

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of the Somalis. The new procedures require what we call a Security Advisory opinion. All men from certain countries — and between the ages of 15 and 60 have to go through this, and it's a lengthy process. It's done by the FBI and other law enforcement and intelligence agencies in the United States. Quite frankly, they don't have the manpower to do it in a timely fashion, which creates these kinds of protracted experiences in the camp for the refugees."

Walter Lam, president and CEO of Alliance for African Assistance, said the East African refugees are mystified by the treatment. "The question they ask themselves is, 'Look at the terrorists that did all this damage. None of them was from Africa.' When you look at the refugee situation, it's the African program that has been affected most. It does not make sense at all."

One part of the problem: 99 percent of Somalis are Muslim, and many have Arab-sounding names. More significant were the accusations made by the United States in late September 2001 that Somalia was harboring terrorists and was connected to Osama Bin Laden's al-Qaeda. UN officials have found no tangible evidence of terrorists or their camps existing in Somalia, but the fear persists.

Yet despite the heightened security surrounding East African refugees, the process of resettlement continues. Dr. Bill McKay, department director for Refugee and Immigrant Services of Catholic Charities, explained the refugee process. "Catholic Charities has been welcoming immigrants and refugees specifically since 1975 and helping to resettle families. The President of the United States determines how many refugees will be allowed into the United States in a given year. Then the Congress allots so much money for that resettlement. The cases are



reviewed by the refugee committee overseas. People are screened and allowed in on a priority

system. When they are approved for resettlement in the United States, they're entrusted to one of about

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a dozen voluntary agencies that do resettlement work." The refugees gain entrance to the United States by appealing for political asylum, as in Abukar's case, whether they are in a refugee camp or not, or by being sponsored.

"Sometimes it might be that there's a local relative or friend that is a sponsor of a particular family," McKay continued, "and there's a connection made between here and the family that's coming from overseas. They might then be located in that city where they know someone, where they might get extra help or connections. There are a number of factors that go into determining where a particular person or where a family is ultimately sent for resettlement."

Hani Mohamed, a 21-year-old Somali woman, came to the U.S. through the sponsorship process. "Our lives were perfect because we had everything we wanted. We lived in some nice houses, just like

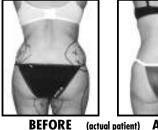
La Jolla, you know; only rich people lived there. I was young. We were having our lives. After that there was the civil war that damaged everything. People became refugees because of the fight and all that. We went to Kenya. We lived in Nairobi. We never lived in the refugee camps. We had a relative who lived in the United States, and they sponsored us. That's how we came here. Once we became refugees we came here to get a better education, to go to school since our country was - everything was messed up. I came in June 1994.

"We first went to Denver, Colorado, and lived there about eight months. Then, because of the weather, we moved to San Diego. It was too cold for my mom. It was okay for us kids because we were excited to go and see the snow and everything. People were calling her saying, 'Oh, why don't you come to San Diego? The weather is like Somalia. It's hot. It's nice. You can

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walk as long as you want.' That was the reason we moved here."

Munir Abdullh, 22, of La Mesa, spent years in a refugee camp in Kenya. "Before it was easy life. It was happy. Our life was very peaceful. You could ask anybody in your family if you need money, and they help each other. But when the war started everything get destroyed, so we moved to Kenya in Nairobi. We stay in the camp for almost seven to eight years, and it was very bad because Kenyans don't like Somalis. When we go outside, they stop us. They take money. I mean, it was very difficult life after our life

in Somalia. Very, very hard times. We got beat up by the Kenyan bullies. Sometimes we make mistake. We go outside and try to make phone call to any of our family outside of Kenya to get some money. They found us. We got beat up many, many, many times. I could not go back to Somalia. I could not go outside the camp. It was very bad."

Out of desperation, refugees often resort to ingenious ways to enter the United States. "I come with fake passport," says Abdullh. "We bought passport from Somalian people in Kenya. If you've got money, they bring you over some other passport. They bring clothes, passport to your place. And visa, American visa. But to Mexico. It's easy to come in through Mexico. I already knew a choice regarding where they will be resettled. "I believe they can make a request in terms of where they would like to go," Catholic Charities' McKay

# "Girls had to stay hidden inside because terrible things could happen to women and girls."

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guy here. They worked with us. I crossed the border with a green card. I just showed them my green card."

Refugees have little

said, "but oftentimes individuals and families may not even know where they want to go. They may not know enough about the United States."

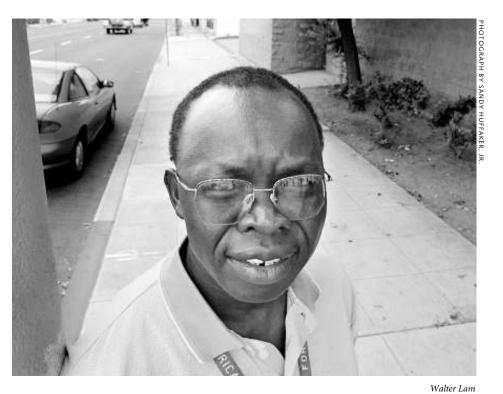
"Most of the times when these refugees are interviewed they wouldn't know the difference between a Canadian and an American," Mohamoud of African center the explained. "They simply would not know. It could be Norwegian. Many did not know what the United States was till they arrived. Just to give you an example, when we were coming we were given small books about the life of the refugee. There was a picture of a man going to a Laundromat, of him going to a grocery store, him waiting for a bus. They were Vietnamese pictures, and I thought I was coming to a Vietnamese country. I was very shocked when I saw that it was predominantly a white country. Before that I had probably seen two white people in my entire life. That was about 1982. I'm probably the earliest Somali that is living in San Diego.

"All the refugees know is that they'll be resettled somewhere, and the life is going to be even as tough. It's really not a choice for them, you know. It's just that they have absolutely no means. They have no choices at all. The primary thing is just basic survival."

McKay said key ingredients in the relocation process are "where there

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is capacity, where there are resources, and where there is an ability in a local community to accept these numbers of people. For example, the Somalis. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops, through its network of agencies called Catholic Charities, would do an assessment. It would ask each of the local agencies, like here in San Diego, 'What do you think you can accept in terms of free cases?' meaning individuals who are not attached or sponsored by a local relative. 'What capacities do you have to provide for these families and help them get started and ultimately become financially self-sufficient?' We would respond, 'Well, we can do this or that. We can do x number of families,' and we would send that back in. There's a certain umbrella consultation that's done between the local agencies and the national office. Then they would put together a proposal for the Office of Refugee Resettlement, who



in turn would take a look nationally at all the voluntary agencies and then determine how many refugees they might be able to provide assistance for. So there is consultation in preparation for groups of people coming over."

Mohamed Abdi Ashur, 31,

arrived in San Diego six months ago. "I was a student, and I used to work for a fish company," He said. "When the civil war erupted I left Mogadishu in 1991. I relocated to another city, Kismayo, which is on the Somalia border with Kenya." From 1992 to 1996 he lived in the UN refugee camp, Kakuma, known for being one of the worst. "It is a refugee camp which is very, very bad. Very big and a lot of different populations live there, including Sudanese, Ethiopians, Somalis, and other African refugees. There are no avail-

able houses, so we built

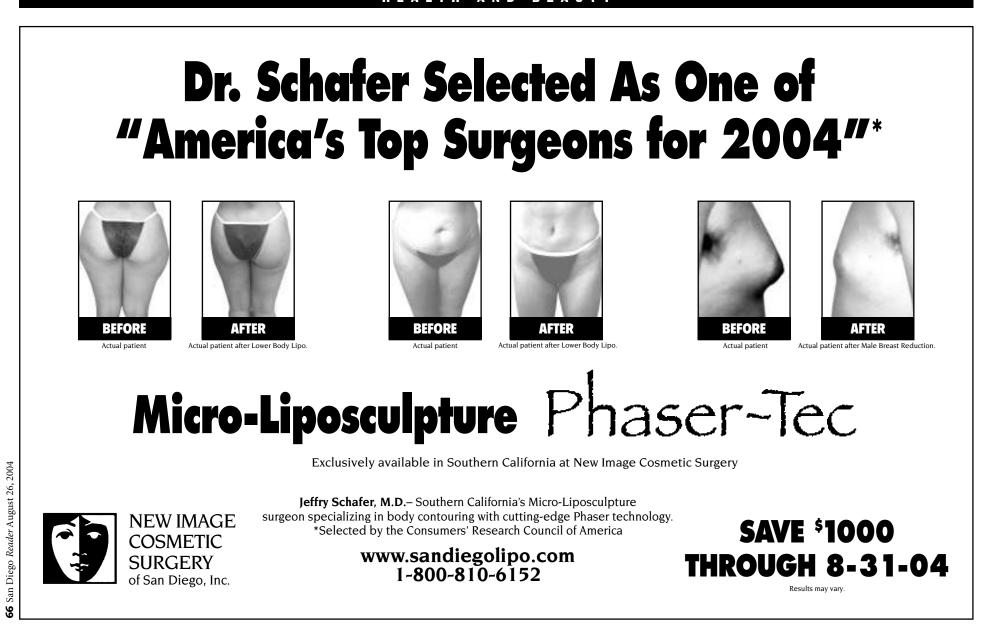
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our own hut. We used to get the food from the international organizations such as International Red Cross. We tried to survive the best we could in the camp by building our own schools or Islamic schools, which we needed to give to the youngsters and to keep the customs in the camp. Not to be idle, we always tried to make ourselves busy in a very constructive way by building schools for the youngsters and schools for the adults to learn English. In 1996 we moved to Nairobi, Kenya, till we departed to the United States."

Farah recounted his family's story. "I was in a refugee camp called Thika Camp. It was for all African countries who had civil war. They come to Kenya. Kenya was kind of stable. Mainly from Somalia, Ethiopia, and Sudan. All of them lived in that madhouse. You built your own house out of mud.

"You go in line for food. A long line. All the single men would go first. Then mothers with children. They get extra for their kids. You go every morning. Go to line, get your food. Come up in afternoon and get your second food. At 5:00 you go back to line and get the dinner. You stand in line at 5:00, but you get your food by 7:00 or 8:00. It's cooked food. You have your little bucket and somebody's gonna serve you.

"Bathrooms, that's an American thing. If you need for nature, you walk into an undeveloped area and you use your nature call. The bath is this way. The faucet was running every night because it was broken. So that water was running, but it's very cold. If you want to take a shower, you need to get the cold water and splash yourself. It was always a long line. All men go one place. All women go another place. You want to take a shower, you take your little towel and a little soap in your hand and you go get in line. Sometimes it takes you one hour.





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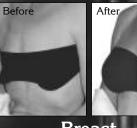




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Fozia Ahmed, 22, married to Munir Abdullh, has been living in the United States for almost five years. She was in a refugee camp as a young girl. She said the girls had to stay hidden inside because terrible things could happen to women and girls. Her husband, Abdullh, said, "They do rape and those things because it was easy." Fozia said she was kept safe from others because her parents protected her.

"It was very scary inside the camp," she said. "Even the animals and snakes. Very scary."

"Yeah," Abdullh agreed, "even nature was scary."

He remembered that his house in the refugee camp was not a house; it was a primitive camp situation. "Even the ghetto is better than that," he said.

"It was very bad."

After surviving such extreme hardship, it would seem living in the U.S. would be pure joy. But fitting into a new culture remains challenging. "They have to find their way," said Montgomery of the International Rescue Committee. "And it's not always easy.

"We miss a lot of things," Nur Rabi, a tall, striking young man said with tears in his eyes. "The weather. You miss food. You miss culture. You miss your own people. You miss communicating love to

your country, love to your people. To everything. You know what I am saying? And the life, really. It's sweet when you live in your country. Much more than in another country."

"I miss my homeland," Ashur said. "I always think about it. The thing that I miss the most is my immediate family. I am alone here. My father, mother, brothers, sisters, they are all either in Somalia or other neighboring countries, and I miss them."

"Everybody misses homeland," Farah said. "Home is home. But circumstances are getting uglier and uglier. It is better to be here than to be dead. One day maybe in older age we'll go back."

The local agencies try to help the transplanted refugees through the transition. "We have a monthly meeting at Catholic Charities that's a newcomers' orientation workshop," McKay said. "We'll have Somali, we'll have Sudanese, we'll have, maybe, Bosnians, we might have some Afghani, Iraqi — all sitting together in the same room. We see that they come here with the American dream in their hearts, yet we know they will have the same frustrations that come with high expectations. It's almost like watching children, knowing that they're going to make it in the long run, but they need the help and guidance in the beginning. That's where we're in the trenches with these individuals and families, at this first stage."

Learning English is one of the biggest hurdles, and all of the agencies provide ESL (English as a second language) courses or assist new arrivals in class enrollment. English is a



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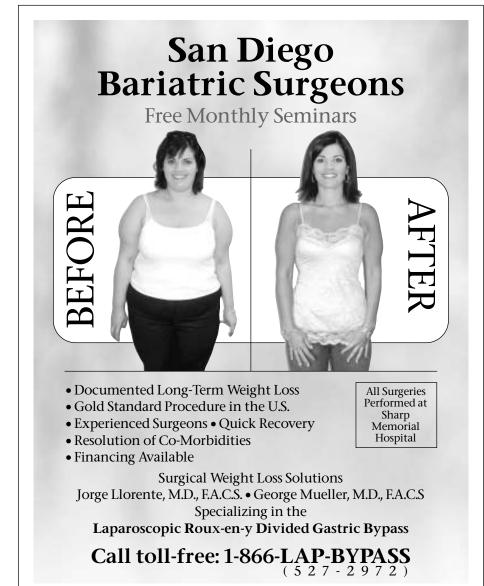
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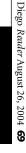
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key factor in the assimilation process.

Rhamo Abdi, 23, came to San Diego in 1995 as a teenage girl. "I went to Hoover High School when I first came here. When I came here I didn't know any English. At Hoover they had English as a second language classes. The kids were, I guess because of the language, the kids were very mean to me 'cause I was wearing a scarf and everything. I couldn't speak to them. But after two or three years, my junior year, things got better. I guess I didn't talk to them. That's why they were mean to me. When I was a junior I got along with a lot of Americans.'

Ashur, who has only been here for six months, said through an interpreter, "The most difficult thing I have right now is the language. The key element is the language. It is a great barrier." He is enrolled in ESL classes.

Mohamed also said her biggest challenge is language. "It still is because I'm still learning English. I would say the language is the most difficult." She mentioned the cultural differences that pose problems for the Somalis as well. "Sometimes it is difficult between the two cultures. If you want to act in the Somalian way, there is the American way. You have to act the same. There's a lot of difference. I just want the American people to understand the Somalian culture, not to misunderstand. Not just judge them without knowing their culture. I want them to learn about the culture."

Rabi agrees; his biggest challenge is adjusting to the American lifestyle. "It's busy over here. More busy. Everything is different. Even the food. We have our own culture back home, but when you come to the United States, the life is gonna be different. It must be hard."

Mohamoud, of Horn of Africa, spoke of the problems Somali parents face with their children. "There is a cultural gap between the parents and their kids," he said, because the refugees have little income and are forced to live in "poorer neighborhoods where there is a lot of gang activity, a lot of delinquency. School is not an issue for a lot of the kids there, and you see many of them involved in gang activities. Many of these kids, either their father was killed or their father is back home. Usually it's just the mother that's come

"You know, a lot of Somalians, they are cab drivers. When they do good, I do good. When they do bad, I do bad."

with the kids. In African tradition the family is paramount. There is always a father and mother. You don't have a lot of singleparent families. Much of the mentoring, the discipline was handled by the father. Much of the nurturing was done by the mother. Now the mothers don't know what to do because the father is not there. It's tough

men go out and make the money. So the women come here and are expected to start work immediately. It doesn't go that way. They have to adjust. Plus, a single woman with five, six, seven children — it's not easy to get employment that would be enough to support the family."

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Lam, of African assistance, elaborated on challenges, cultural and practical, for Somali women. "It's tough. They're coming from a cultural background where the women's place is always at home. They do not drive. All they

do is cook at home. The tude, 'You gotta do some work, too.'

Mohamed summed it

of the family. He is the breadwinner of the family. But, you know, our women are happy. They want the man to be strong and in control in his family, but since we came here there's a lot of difference, because you will see some men who will stay home babysitting and the women will go out and work. It's different, you know. That's the life in America. They get the atti-

lia, "The man is the head

Every spokesperson for the local resettlement organizations said that the Somalis are hardworking people."You go along University, they've got a lot of stores that they've opened up," Lam reports. "When I came here in 1986 it was a neighborhood that people would fear going around in at night. Now they have made it a safer neighborhood. They have transformed it. A lot of them are starting their own businesses. They're doing very, very well. It's not only supporting themselves, but they are employing their own people now."

Rabi had a business background in Somalia as the owner of a wholesale grocery store; now he owns a 99-cent store on University Avenue. When his native country exploded in war, he applied for political asylum in the United States and was granted it in 1993.

"I came to Texas," Rabi said, describing his entry into American life. "Dallas, yeah. I was really surprised. When you come to the United States you think you find the money on the ground. When you stay at home you think America is big. You can get everything. Everything will be okay. And then the life is competition over here. It's not easy to get everything. You have to work hard. You have to work more hours than you do in your country. Then you can make money."

"I started working and created small money and opened my business. I didn't get a loan from the bank or from the government or somewhere else. To generate the money you have to work at least 12 hours a day. We're open every day except Friday. Friday at 12 o'clock we close and open again at 2:30 because we pray on Friday. Like Sunday, the Christians, they pray. The Muslims, they pray on Fridays."

Like other American shop owners, Rabi struggles with neighboring competition and the economy. "The challenge is to get your own customers to do more activity. I have to



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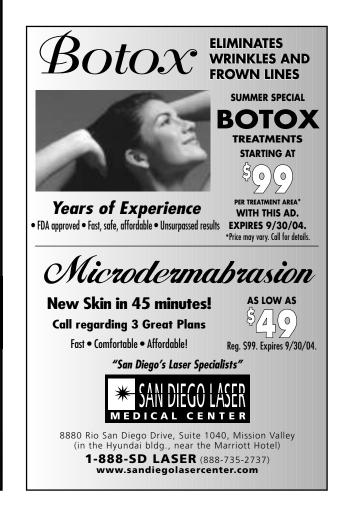
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"You know, a lot of Somalians, they are cab drivers. When they do good, I do good. When they do bad, I do bad. It's depending on the community how they do. I want to do more businesses if I get more money," Rabi said. "I'd try to help my community. I dream a lot of things — to develop myself first and then my community."

"Honestly," Lam adds, "you will find [Somalis] in all sorts of jobs. You find them in electronics. You find them driving large trucks. A million things you'll find them doing. Tailors, sewing clothing that one is special to them. Cooking food and serving. You'll find them work-

ing in restaurants. Car dealerships, selling used cars. They're very, very entrepreneurial. I think we have a lot in the nonprofit field as well."

The rescue committee's Montgomery discussed San Diego's employment and its impact on the refugee community. "San Diego's job market is kind of unique," he said, "where you have service-based industry, and I think that most refugees, including Somalis, find their way into those industries. We see a lot of cab drivers, people working in the hotel industry, entry-level jobs. I know Sony has hired a lot of our refugees in basic assembly-type jobs. It's also true of Qualcomm and other employers. Some may have entry-level jobs but are given opportunities to be trained and educated for job upgrades."

"I was 19 when I arrived here," Farah said. "I went to San Diego Job Corps in National City. I finished my Job Corps electronics classes in 1994."

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that before I got married. Mommy said, 'That's not a life for you.' "When he decided to get married he said, "I can't go back no more for trucking. That became an old subject.

"I now work in community outreach at Africa Corps and the Supreme Council," said Farah. (Both are nonprofit organizations that assist the Somali community.) He is a TB canvasser for Africa Corps. "I just work for the TB program for the eradication of TB in the community. I go house-tohouse and ask who had this shot and who doesn't. Who wants to start if they never took the medicine before?"

The rescue committee helped Ashur find an entry-level job. "I work for one of the hotels in Hotel Circle, Town and Country. I have a janitorial position. I work 8 hours a day, 40 hours a week. It is not the best, but I am willing to take it because it is the first job that I could get in the United States. This might be a stepping-stone thing."

Ahmed, who attends Grossmont College, was placed in her job through the school. She works at Aswan African Café in La Mesa. "One of the assistants from the school asked me if I wanted training."

"When given a choice, about 70 percent of the Somalis would live in Little Mogadishu, but now you see some in La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Southeast San Diego, Linda Vista."

She trained at the restaurant for six months before she was hired. "I work here just 20 hours. I go to school full-time."

Ahmed's husband, Abdullh, tells his job history."It started with a friend of mine. I asked him if he him I need a job. He saw me; I work very hard. He said, 'You want to come work for me like two or three days?' I start with him. Three days for almost six months."

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with him at Kobey's Swap

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and so I worked for him for

almost three months. We

used to sell sunglasses.

After that I found a guy

who came by for sunglasses.

That guy, he owned a store.

I talked to him and tell

Farah's wife, Rhamo Abdi, works for the





Supreme Council. "I started working in January 2003 as an administrative assistant. They do a lot of work with elders. We find them medical help. We also work with First 5 Commission of San Diego [a statefunded project that makes health, medical, and socialization resources availnational Refugee Girls Association. There is no activity for our young girls. Everything is boys, boys, boys. But we need a center, a place where they can come together and talk and share their experiences. Mostly we need a space where we can meet face-to-face. And also we

"There have been at least three or four raids on Somali businesses by federal enforcement agencies in the past year or two within San Diego."

able]. I work 40 hours a week, full-time," she adds.

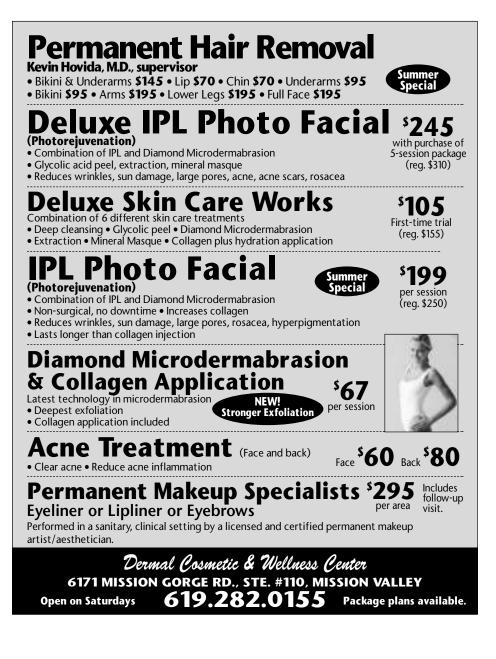
Abdi also puts in many hours with a girls' refugee organization. Before her work at the council, Rhamo attended leadership training in Atlanta, Georgia. "I started my own little organization; it's called Interneed a mentor. Somebody to be involved with the girls. You don't have to be Somalian. Anybody. We have a mentor from Somalia, and we need a mentor from someone in America. They can teach us how to prepare for the future."

Abdi talks about her family's situation. "I live in Bay View Heights, in the Market Street and Federal area. We don't have a lot of money to save. All we have goes to rent and insurance. Actually, now we got an affordable house. We pay, like, \$665. Two bedrooms, \$665. The first time we used to pay more than 700 something. Now we moved, so we save almost \$100, so that helps. We are surviving."

San Diego rental prices are an ongoing issue for the Somali community. Most of them reside between 54th Street and 59th Street in the University Avenue section of City Heights known as Little Mogadishu. "Typically they're going to go where there is affordable housing, like the Mid City and City Heights," McKay said. "You'll have Somalis settling all through that area, but more and more, families are moving to the East County because of rents."

According to Hayi Hussen, immigration spe-







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Little Mogadishu remains the hub, said Mohamoud, "but now they are a little bit more spread out because of the housing crisis, which is hitting much of San Diego. Many of the landlords are raising their rent prices by \$100 here, \$200 there. Many are not able to afford it. When given a choice, about 70 percent of the Somalis would live in Little Mogadishu, but now you see some in La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Southeast San Diego, Linda Vista."

Finances are not the only factor determining where Somalis choose to live. Abukar and his family are not alone in their fear of the surrounding neighborhood.

"The area we just moved from is very, very bad," Abdullh said. "There is noise from the music. We can't sleep. My kids even get headaches from it. They wake up at nighttime. Now I'm moving by the end of the month to La Mesa. I'm not gonna save anything there. I don't care. So my kids are gonna sleep good in a safe area, I don't care. Even if I work and spend all my money on rent, I don't care."

If finances and fear were absent, these refugees would remain in Little Mogadishu. "Most Somalis like to live together, like very close," Mohamoud said. "If this family doesn't have the salt, they're just going to go next door and grab it. If there's no milk, it's the same thing. So we miss all that."

Despite a refugee's yearning for familiarity, Lam stressed the importance of mixing into the community and the new culture. "I see very little of that with the Somalis. They just stay together. This is

a closed group. It makes it a lot more challenging to adjust. Most of the refugees, we can resettle them anywhere. They will not mind," he continues. "The Somalis, you put one in El Cajon city, they will find out where all the other Somalis are and they pack and leave. They will let you know, 'There are no Somalis here. I want to go where the Somalis are.' I think they would do better if they mixed in."

Mohamoud adds, "With so much sensationalism going on about Muslims in general, it's having a huge effect. Because of that there have been at least three or four raids on Somali businesses by federal enforcement agencies in the past year or two within San Diego. Again, nobody has found anything, but it's that there's a group of Muslims and let's-see-whatthey're-up-to attitude. It's a big concern now in the community."

"I think some people are scared," Dahir con-

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cluded."When something happens like September 11, some people find that the foreigners are scapegoats even though most of them are peace-loving people. Some people want to find scapegoats, and the scapegoat is always the foreigner. That's what everybody knows all over the world.'

#### A Year Later:

Over the months since our interview in May 2003, Abukar and his family adjusted to life in San Diego, and their fears diminished. Abukar recently relocated his family to Portland, Oregon, where he works fulltime and takes classes to be an auto mechanic. His wife is continuing her education. Since moving to Portland, the family has procured a newer car. According to Abukar's former caseworker, Hussein Nuur, his four children are also adjusting well.

Walter Lam of the Alliance for African Assistance says Somali refugees still come to the U.S.; 300

are now in the process of relocating to San Diego. "The state department has allowed Somali Bantu who were spread throughout different countries in South Africa and forced to work as slaves - to immigrate to the United States. We had a family of 11 come through here the day before yesterday." Those Somalis who have since acclimated to San Diego continue to advance in the job market; some are doing so well, Lam says, that they are buying homes in Temecula.

Nur Rabi reports that business has improved. He's moved from National City to a nicer home in Paradise Valley. "I am still feeling very homesick. For everyone it is the homeland. I want to visit, but not right now. It's full of hope for peace, but it's depending on how things work out."

Rabi was frightened by the June City Heights fire that destroyed a Somalian restaurant, which also served as a meeting place

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for Somali immigrants. But he says that the restaurant, owned by a fellow Somali, is in the process of being rebuilt.

– Shari McCullough





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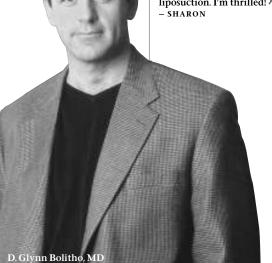
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Dear Anne Albright, I have loved every minute. "Kid Stuff" by Anne Albright has been the reason I rush to get the Reader, the first page I turn to, and the reason my hubby brings me home a copy even while he teases me about "that chick with all those babies." I have felt connected to you and your children, even though we chose not to have them. I've laughed and cried and regaled hubby weekly with the antics of your small (but growing) cast of characters: you have told it that well. By your magical words, I've experienced the thrills and pleasures of pregnancy, infancy, early development, and the forming of a little social pack of splendid human beings. Although I'm a huge fan of privacy myself, and I fully understand and applaud your decision to take back a private life, still I can't go without telling you that you are one hell of a writer and thanking you for painting it in darks as well as brights and pastels, because it felt so real. And if the chasm ever yawns before you, I hope you remember that you are a beautiful writer, and mother, and woman, which is a great privilege and honor. Thank you, and I wish all the best to you and yours, Anne Albright.

Christine Smith Callaway via e-mail

#### **Busy Women**

I just read Anne Albright's final column with a heavy heart ("Kid Stuff," August 19). I'd like to wish her well and thank her for her generosity of spirit in the past. She has graciously shared with her readers intimate glimpses into her family life, her marriage, the challenges of raising a large family, and her own personal struggles, ranging from depression to jealousy, from self-doubt to weight loss. Her column will be greatly missed! With four children of my own, I often related to the things Anne candidly shared, both about the kids and about herself.

Anne, I wish you the best in life and hope you find a healthy balance between nurturing your wonderful family while still setting aside time to replenish your own spirit. (Marianne Williamson's book *A Woman's Worth* offers wonderful reminders for busy women like us.) Thank you again and all the best. You will be missed! Lori Sherer

via e-mail

#### **Babysit Volunteer**

This is a letter to Anne Albright. As I am sitting here writing this letter, I have tears in my eyes. For the last ten years I have eagerly awaited Thursdays. As soon as I get the *Reader*, I open to the back to read "Kid Stuff." This was even before I had kids of my own. When I finally had a child in 1999, the column was even more interesting to me. I have thought about writing to you many times. This seems to be the right time.

First, I want to commend you on the fact that you have shared your faith. In these times, it doesn't seem to be politically correct. Way to go. And good for you for sending your children to a Christian school. I watch disabled children, and one of the families I work for sent their children to Sierra Madre. It's a great school. I also think it's great that you have talked about financial troubles. The realities of life seem to be brushed over in today's media. Talking about your weight and depression was very brave too. It takes a strong person to share the things that you have. Your family sounds delightful.

As sad as I am to see you go, I understand. Family is important. And in parting, may I give you a little advice? Take some time for yourself and your husband. Go on a date once a week. I would love to babysit. I'm partial to redheads (I have one myself). You and your family will be in my prayers.

> Jaimee Irving via e-mail

#### **Tear Falls**

Oh my God, how sad was I when I read Anne's last column. I had a bad feeling last week when her column was missing. The first thing this morning I rushed to 7-Eleven to get my *Reader*. I will truly miss Anne's column. As I read "Good Bye," a tear fell from my eye because I feel that I know Anne in a roundabout kind of way. I wish you and your family all the best, and even though you'll be truly missed, your family must come first always. And respecting the privacy of your children and containing your marriage must be first and foremost in your life. Anne, I have truly loved reading your letters over the years. I wish you all the best in the future, and I'll miss you.

> Tracie Moreland San Diego

#### **Hunker Down**

Dear Anne, I cannot believe that this is your last "Kid Stuff" column. I was worried August 5, thinking that you were leading up to giving your readers some sort of bad news. Then when there was no column last week, August 12, I worried a little more. What I want to say is this: Even when I cringed over all the mundane details of raising five busy kids in an even busier household, I always looked forward to your column, and it was the first one I'd read when I got my Reader each week. Then I'd look at letters to see what reaction people had had to the column from the week before. Even though we've never met, to lose your column is like having a bosom buddy pick up and move far away with no forwarding address. I know that your kids are turning out well. I sincerely hope that you are able to hunker down enough to work out your marital issues with Jack. Thank you for sharing what was in your heart these last ten years. I just feel so sad to say good-bye.

Name Withheld by Request Encinitas

#### **Prayer Strength**

Dear Anne, I have been one of your unspoken supporters for many years. Thank you for sharing your life with us. Your column has been inspirational to me as I struggled with my own babies, miscarriages, and life struggles. I will miss your column immensely. Know that you and your family will be in our prayers. And may you and your husband find strength in prayer. God bless you, too, and your family.

Name Withheld

#### **Supports Decision**

No more Anne Albright? I'm sad. For me, there will be little other reason to pick up the *Reader* each Thursday, but I support her decision for all the reasons behind it. I've enjoyed her writing. In response to the last line in her last column, I pray for God's blessings on her, Jack, and their children. Name Withheld by Request

via e-mail

#### Saddened

I have been a faithful reader of the *Reader* since moving to San Diego eight years ago. One of the first columns I followed weekly was Anne Albright's, although I was never sure why I was so interested in it; as a young single twentysomething, there was hardly much I could relate to in her stories of marriage and raising children and going to church. And yet, there I was, week after week, turning first to her column to see how her life was going. I am not religious, and up until last year I wasn't even a mother, but something about Anne's writing made me care about her and her brood. I am saddened to learn that she is saying good-bye to the Reader. Anne, I wish you all

the best in your life, and I for one will miss the weekly peek into your world. Thank you for sharing your highs and lows, and may your God provide you with much love and strength in the years ahead. Name Withheld via e-mail

#### Life Toucher

I will miss "Kid Stuff." It's the type of column that could make you laugh or cry in a matter of minutes. I looked forward to reading it each week, but I think Anne is doing the right thing by moving on. Her kids are getting older, and she has possibly outgrown "Kid Stuff." I wish her luck with everything, and I hope she realizes how much her column meant to many San Diegans. She touched our lives. Thank you!

Amber Kennedy via e-mail

#### Hopeful

Dear Anne Albright: I have enjoyed your column and hope that you will continue writing in the future, even if you cannot discuss your

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personal life.

Name Withheld by Request via e-mail

#### **Never Happened**

I read with interest the article on Pacific Comics ("Two Men and Their Comic Books," August 19).

While Jay got a lot of it right, I'd like to point out a few inaccuracies, no doubt due to faulty memory on the author's part. I wish he had called me during the writing of the piece.

A big example is the alleged visit by R. Crumb to Pacific:

"Underground comic icon Robert Crumb once spent a day in the back warehouse with us, autographing plates in an art portfolio containing prints by him and various other artists. The creator of Mr. Natural and Fritz the Cat and the cofounder of the original Zap Comix stubbornly insisted on signing with a pencil rather than a pen, causing many of his plates to get smudged and discarded. 'I didn't even want

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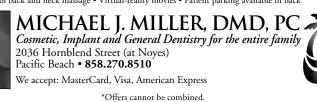
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to do this, but it's the only way I can get paid,' he told us. 'I hate my fans, I hate autograph collectors, and I hope every one of my signatures rubs off later.' I was starstruck. Meeting the wizened little guy in the wrinkled suit was like meeting a comic character — he looked just the way he drew himself in his strips. Not only that, he smelled the way you'd expect Robert Crumb to smell. His personal aroma was a mixture of moldy paper, crotch sweat, dusty old 78 rpm record jackets, decaying food, and powerful fouralarm head-to-toe B.O., surely adopted to shun interaction with other human beings, the bulk of whom he despised."

It is odd that Jay remembers so clearly an event that never happened. If you refer to the portfolio Crumb contributed to ("The Portfolio of Underground Art," which I edited), you'll find that the portfolio itself acknowledges Crumb griping about having to lug 40 pounds of portfolio plates to and from the post office to mail them to Pacific from his then-home in Dixon, California. I think Jay may be confusing Crumb with another portfolio contributor, Dan O'Neill.

I think he also is misremembering the artist who made all those trips out back to the railroad tracks. If I really made all five of those trips, then I guess I'm hazy as to the particulars as well, but I can assure you the artist in question wasn't Neal Adams. He doesn't smoke.

Another smaller error is the misspelling of artist Rick Griffin's name when Jay mentions Grant McKinnon's post-Pacific career.

But I would say that Jay captured a lot of the energy of Pacific's rise and the frustration and bitterness of its descent very well. It's a little piece of comics industry and San Diego history, and interesting to see it recounted.

David Scroggy via e-mail

Jay Allen Sanford replies: David is correct about Crumb not signing the actual portfolios on-site, now that he's prompted my memory. Crumb signed several plates for me and some staffers during an office visit (if not for the portfolio, I'm not sure why he was there) but may have already completed his "home assignment" wherein portfolio plates were mailed to his home for lugging, signing, and return. It was Crumb who visited, however, not Dan O'Neill; I just can't recall the circumstance.

David is, of course, correct about the spelling of Rick Griffin's name, an errant typo from my early draft that I should have corrected.

#### **He Hates America**

In response to J.P. Lopez and Ernie McCray on Linda Ronstadt and Michael Moore (Letters, August 19). The reason she was booed off the stage is because most Americans hate Michael Moore. Not only for his extreme-left-wing wacko politics but also for his blatant hypocrisy. He hates America with a passion, when this is the only country in the world in which he can become a millionaire with his goofy take on life. But everyone's entitled to their opinion. The problem with Michael Moore is, he presents his opinion as fact, his "documentaries" have been proven to be made out of whole cloth, and Mr. Moore has been forced to admit it! Look at www.bowlingfortruth.com. Fahrenheit 9/11 is a pack of lies, and Michael Moore is a thoroughly discredited liar. It's no wonder that a large number of people will turn on someone who blindly supports Moore.

> John Oliver via e-mail

#### Love Letter

Speak the word, Ernie Mc-Cray (Letters, August 19). What a beautifully written letter his letter is. It was just beautifully written and very entertaining. And I'm all for it. Kim Young Alpine

#### **Slander Conspiracy**

I think there is a Ronstadt-Hemmingson-Moore conspiracy going on in your letters section, to keep up the attention on Michael Moore's slanderous, lying movie, Fahrenheit 9/11. I'm sick and tired of you liberals and your dirty tricks, and I know what you're up to here! Enough with that terrible "movie." Let's talk about four more years of the integrity of a clean America.

Duane Thompson via e-mail

#### Shame!

Re "Selfish Homosexuals" (Letters, August 19). Poor selfish 75-year-old greatgranny living three-fourths of a century and not knowing that you win more with honey (love) than you do with vinegar (hate).

Shame! Shame! Granny, for not loving thy neighbor. Calvin Rostilone 75-year-old gay grandpa

#### **Pain Share**

Just read (a bit late) Duncan Shepherd's column regarding TV Guide ("Cold Turkey," August 12), and I wanted him to know: he is not alone! I, too, have been relying on TV Guide since the mid-'60s for all my TV information and have been sorely disappointed at the deterioration of the magazine lately. Why, in an era of more and more choices, they think we need less and less information is beyond me. I have sent several e-mails and old-fashioned letters to the editors protesting these changes and have yet to receive any reply. The slide seems to have started in earnest last September with the elimination of the daytime listings and has gone downhill ever since. (By the way, the prime-time grid was actually initiated on February 21, 1981, though at the time it was a simple halfpage grid listing just the broadcast channels and HBO.) Now it is truly hard to believe that you can pick up TV Guide and have no idea what is on TV between 2:00 and 7:00 a.m. (or 9:00 a.m. on weekends). It seems they have become determined to tell us what we should watch instead of letting us decide for ourselves. Short of spending hours on the Internet, there seems to be no solution to this, but perhaps if people protest enough the editors can be persuaded to change their ways. Anyway, thanks so much for Shepherd's column. I share his pain!

> **Jim Lawson** San Diego

#### **TV Weak**

Re: "Cold Turkey" by Duncan Shepherd, August 12.

Hey, I got an idea. Since TV "Dead" has given up doing listings 24 hours a day, why doesn't the Reader take up the slack and publish TV listings in the Reader? List all of the broadcast channels by antenna, as well as notable basic (not digital or pay) cable channels worth tuning in. It would be great if something like *Tuned In* from the '80s were resurrected again for us locals, instead of depending on some TV folks on the East Coast for telling us what's on San Diego TV from 3000 miles away!

*TV Guide* collectible covers are a farce, nothing but a gimmick to prop up its declining reader base, including this reader who canceled his 19-year subscription last week. Too many fluff pieces take up pages that could be better spent listing all of the dozen Spanish-language TV stations in this metro area.

Get this: *TV Guide* doesn't list weekend programs until 9:00 a.m.! Someone must be smoking some bad weed to come up with that kind of change.

All those makeovers, such as combining the daytime listings into one section, were horrendous, especially when Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day all appeared on Thursdays, and *TV Guide* was no help whatsoever in listing the sports and other specials that were on during the day.

The elimination of the late-night listings of Adult Swim on Cartoon Network was the last straw. Corporate media can't do anything right anymore. Here's hoping for a *Tuned In* resurrection for San Diego by San Diegans only.

Until then, I'll depend on the dreaded *Union-Buffoon* for the *TV Weak* gridlocked listings.

David Tanny via e-mail

#### Perfect

Duncan Shepherd has been a reliable mainstay of your pulp production. Rarely does his method fail me regarding movies. If he likes it, I won't, and if he detests it, I probably won't. However, he wrote the perfect critical piece about *TV Guide* ("Cold Turkey," August 12).

Eloquently, he wrapped each objection in wellthought-through observation. It was startling to find someone who hated Cox's pathetic piece of weekly recycle material as much as I. Unfortunately, it is too small for our puppy. Why do I still receive it? My wife finds it useful. But then, she usually reads a book during any viewing other than *Stargate 1*.

Hats off to Duncan! Fred Crowe

via e-mail

#### Deaf Slap

I just love the fact that Duncan Shepherd devoted an entire column ("Cold Turkey," August 12) to finally kicking his *TV Guide* habit. Congratulations. Smart move.

I kicked my TV Guide habit about a year ago. I recovered very quickly because it no longer served my needs. Yes, listing daytime Lifetime Channel shows as "various programs" struck me as disingenuous at best. Their adulation of lowbrow pop culture was repetitiously boring. The final straw was when they ceased listing closed captioning — just like that. No warning, no explanation. It was a slap in the face for millions of deaf



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and profoundly hard-ofhearing viewers. For what reason? I have deaf family members for whom I would tape captioned shows. I no longer knew which ones they were.

Then, by chance, I discovered a TV Week of programming including the closed captioning designation in my Sunday newspaper. I even stumbled upon the UCSD Channel (not listed in TVGuide), which offers actual culture (lectures, dance, Saturday-night movies). I received huge refunds with my cancellation. Instead, I subscribe to Turner Classic Movies (TCM) Now Playing, a monthly guide to this nostalgic, commercial-less celebration of films and their stars.

A wise, if belated, choice. Nancy Pearson Drew Normal Heights

#### **No-Fault Dogs**

I've been reading your letters column about pit bulls. The letter from Doctors Vecchione in your August 12 Reader leads readers to believe that dogs are aggressive and are bred to attack anything that moves. That is pure bull puckey. Dogs, any breed or size, are no more intelligent than their owners. They learn and react in the manner that was taught them by their owners.

The majority of dog attacks are prompted by children running wild and not being controlled by their parents. The best way to prevent dog attacks is to teach your "run wild" kids to respect other people's property and also to not approach dogs that they are not familiar with. Too many times I have witnessed kids running up to a strange dog and reaching out to touch it. The dog might even be on a leash out for a walk with its master. The kid comes charging up, the dog doesn't understand this, and it goes into the defensive mode to protect itself and its master. The kid's parent is too busy ignoring the kid to prevent this from happening. If this running-wild kid ran out into traffic and got hit, who is really at fault? The automobile, the driver, or the parent?

I have a friend who has a swimming pool in his fencedin back yard. The fence is six feet high. The property is posted "No Trespassing"

and "Beware of Dog." Two kids climb over the fence and are bitten by one of my friend's poodles. Who's wrong here, my friend, the poodle, the six-foot fence, or the parents who let their kids run wild? In this case, the parents were down at the local bar watching a golf game. The kids were left alone. How about this one? My house was broken into twice. Also, a male individual with some evil intention tried to break into my house when my wife was home alone. I have two dogs that have been properly trained to protect my property. My property is posted per the law requirement. What are my dogs supposed to do, help the burglars haul away my property? By the way, I caught two of the burglars. Both were in their early teens. One boy had a rap sheet a page long. Whose fault is this entire situation? Answer: the parents, for not training their kids and letting them run

wild with no supervision. Just like "all guns should be considered loaded, even if they are not," all dogs, any breed, any size, will defend themselves if they are threatened or are protecting their master.

Dogs and children are no smarter than their masters or parents.

I spend a half hour every day training my dogs. I would venture a bet that most people do not spend that much time training their kids.

> John Wanczyk Oceanside

#### **How About Evil?**

I would like to applaud Thomas Larson for an entertaining read that brought to attention several alternate conceptualizations of why dogs, and people, do unwanted things such as wound, maim, or kill other sentient beings ("Grrrrrrr," July 29).

But due to Larson's beguiling prose, readers may have been seductively deluded or confused. The different perspectives he reported are not necessarily compatible with each other, though a casual reader trusting a journalist's judgment might conclude otherwise. I would contend that there were important perspectives omitted as well, approaches to explaining why dogs attack that are useful. Please allow me to begin to disentangle the mess I fear was left in readers' minds and to present promising suggestions.

Dogs may harm and kill people because of (1) genetic disposition, (2) developmental changes, (3) personal trait, (4) rearing, or (5) circumstances, as illustrated in the specific examples Larson showed us. Presumably out of a sense of journalistic fair-mindedness, Larson did not take pains to defend any one of these, or some subset, over another as more valid. My sense is that this evenhandedness, or lack of critical judgment, is problematic because it interferes with people's gaining valid knowledge about a serious problem that could save lives and spare injury.

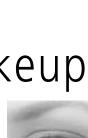
And what did Larson omit? How about evil? I dare suggest that were it people rather than dog attacks, then evil would not likely have escaped acknowledgment as another possibility. Of course, I raise this because of its patent absurdity, in my opinion. There is no evil in dogs (or in people), but clearly there is an abundance of grievously undesired conduct. Why? I submit one reason is people's continuing confusion over the causes of dog attacks such as I believe stems from reportage like Larson's.

To improve the plight of dogs and people, we need to clarify a muddle of vying explanations and use existing valid knowledge better.

A problem with appealing to genetic disposition is that dogs don't always attack. Genes reveal to us nothing about the timing of events they purportedly determine. Of course, there are other limitations too.

A problem with developmental change as an account is that dogs attack as puppies, adults, or, as in the case Larson highlighted, because older dogs can become senile and afraid. That is, at any age.

The difficulty in appealing to personal trait is that there are no validated traits, and that thus includes the purported one to explain why dogs attack. On the one hand, it can be circular to invoke aggressiveness to explain biting if the attack is how we measure aggression. On the other hand, again as noted well in the article, dogs tend to show antagonistic poses as a means for pre-



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cluding an attack, to warn of a *possible* attack. Thus, this is not a predictor of what surely will occur, which is the evidential pattern required to validate aggressiveness as a personal trait.

One serious drawback in resorting to rearing to explain attacking dogs is that rearing is a drawn-out process with many components and nuances that are not easilv summarized or communicated verbally. The facts of rearing are now long gone when trying to explain a recent attack, and they are subject to the vagaries of memory.

Finally, a circumstances account is inadequate unless one has a valid theory of how dog behavior varies across situations. An appeal to circumstances effectively boils down to pure description and an acceptance of ignorance as to why dogs attack. What's needed is a valid theory.

What is left? What else was omitted? I submit that the omission most crucial is our knowledge of behavior from a vast tradition of research in psychological science and economics. In short, learning and vested interest. There is no doubt dogs learn, can be taught to attack, and can be taught not to attack or to submit when threatened. There is no doubt that dogs are influenced by their vested interests in nearly or exactly the way people are. And there is no doubt that in any given instant, there remains uncertainty as to what a dog will do. Indeed, the mechanical toy dogs are programmed to follow probabilistic rules in order to better simulate reality.

And so, so what? First, I plead to readers to please shun the above listed explanations contained in Larson's fascinating tale. They are blind alleys. Second, utilize the considerable knowledge already painstakingly derived from research that stems from critical examination of the lawfulness of behavior. And last, always remember the high degree of unpredictability in what dogs will do so you can protect yourself, and them, from needless harm.

David Case Golden Hill

**Don't Blame Dogs** 

In response to several recent letters to the editor regarding pit bulls, I would like to express my view on the subject.

It is true that some people find pit bulls to be good family pets, while other people find that breeds such as rottweilers, Dobermans, German shepherds, and other large, powerful dogs make good pets and watchdogs.

Every person has the right to own whatever breed of dog he or she prefers; however, like cars and guns, the owner of any animal, whether it be a dog, a lion, a snake, or whatever, should be held strictly accountable for what happens when that animal does harm or damage to other people.

A dog cannot and should not be held accountable for biting a person or even killing them. After all, dogs are the descendants of wild dogs that had to kill for survival. So the animal's genetic code still contains a remnant of the killer instinct. That, unfortunately, also applies to humans.

An animal can be trained and domesticated to some degree, but that does not negate the basic genetic inheritance of the animal or that under certain conditions the animal would revert back to its basic instincts and behavior.

We cannot in good conscience hold a dog responsible if it kills someone any more than we can hold a car or a gun responsible when they kill someone. But we certainly can hold the owner of a dog, a gun, a car, or anything else that has a capacity to be lethal responsible for what happens.

Some dog owners, like people who drive while drunk or leave a loaded gun around the house when children are present, try to

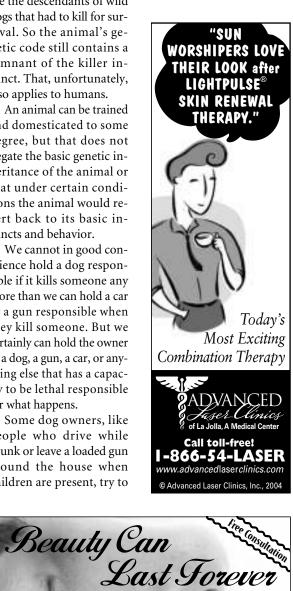
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find excuses when something happens due to their own negligence or lack of awareness. But ignorance of the law, or lack of awareness of the lethal potential of an animal, should be no excuse.

I was absolutely flabbergasted not long ago when I watched part of an actual trial on TV where the accused were two men who had been street racing and going nearly 100 miles an hour on a city street when one of the men struck a car and killed two young people and left a third in a wheelchair. But when asked by the prosecuting attorney if he was aware of the fact that going that fast on a public street significantly increased the risk of an accident, he replied no, and the jury bought it and did not find him guilty



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of second-degree murder, which would have carried a stiff sentence

How could anyone who is supposedly intelligent enough to drive a car not know that going 100 miles an hour down a city street significantly increases the risk of an accident? And

how could the owner of a large, powerful dog not know that given the right circumstances the dog is capable of killing someone? It is the responsibility of dog owners to be absolutely certain that those circumstances never arise, such as not letting the dog run loose, providing absolute secure fencing, not letting small children play with the dog unattended by an adult, etc. And when a dog does kill someone, the owner should be held accountable. John Cheney

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# **Did She Get a Divorce?**

Barbie Discussion and Appraisal

embers of the Golden Girl Doll Club await sister-member Cathy Braun's report from the Barbie collectors' convention. Braun, 47, of Oceanside, went to the convention in Chicago earlier this month. She has been to six in a row of these annual gatherings where she buys Barbies, outfits, and accessories both old and new.

How old is old? Some of hers date from 1959, the first year that Barbies were manufactured. But she doesn't have the first model, the

two. The difference? Very little or

or not you are a Barbie collector.

Barbies in her collection. The

her collection in her bedroom. "I

they're stacked six deep. My dad

think they're ten deep in there."

The collection includes the first Barbie she got as a kid - one she

actually played with, before she

Envall, 50, of Vista, characterizes

her collection this way: "I like

vintage, from 1959 to 1968."

What changed in 1968? "The

manufactured in Hong Kong,

Mexico, and elsewhere, and I

don't like the quality as well.

The condition of Envall's

large collection that's been played

with and be okay with that. I tend to buy nicer quality." Envall says, however, that she is not so picky as

Removed from Box." NRFB is a step up

could have been taken out, but it's still

Envall, have loaned their dolls to an

exhibit of some 30 pristine Barbies at

the Mission Branch Library on view

this month. This weekend the three will

be there for a discussion and informal

appraisal of Barbies that the public is

Three club members, including

those who want NRFB: "Never

nice. NRFB is perfect."

from MIB. "If it's 'Mint in Box,' it

Barbies. Later they were

manufacturer's location. I pretty

became a collector.

have a ledge on my wall, where

Braun says she has over 1000

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welcome to bring. Envall has lent two of her number three Barbies from 1960. "One is wearing [an outfit called] 'Plantation Belle' - that's a pink, dotted-Swiss full skirt to the knee and a big hat. The other is in 'Sorority Meeting,' which is a brown sheath dress with a brown sweater vest and pillbox hat.'

Lee Parker, an accountant who lives in the Normal Heights area, is the lender of the sole number two in the exhibit. A generation older than Braun and Envall, Parker didn't play with Barbies as a kid. "She came too late for my generation,"

Number two Barbie, 1959

earrings, stiletto pumps, and sunglasses with blue lenses. One of its earliest outfits, called "Picnic," consisted of denim pedal pushers, a red-and-white-checked shirt that tied at the waist, and a red hat with a frog on top. The props that came with the outfit were a picnic basket and fishing pole from which dangled a plastic fish.

When Ken came along in 1961 he was first sold wearing red bathing trunks with a white stripe and cork sandals. A little yellow towel was also included. The Ken outfit "Dream Boat," circa 1963, was olive-green slacks, a patterned shirt, a mustard-colored jacket, and a red-banded hat. "Rally Day" came with a set of tiny keys and a road map.

What's the map of? Envall has one but says, "I've never unfolded it. With these things, considering their age, you sort of use the white gloves.

Have there been many others besides Ken in Barbie's life? "There's someone new right now," says Envall. Did Barbie and Ken actually ever get married? "Well, she has many wedding gowns. People also ask us: 'But did she get a divorce?' The answer is: 'I don't know.

Envall bought one of her number twos for \$375; the other, misdescribed on eBay as a number four, was a bargain at \$89. Owners of ordinary Barbies who plan to bring dolls to the library on Saturday shouldn't get their hopes up about values, warns each of these collectors.

What would they like to see come through the door? "A black Francie is very rare," says Envall. The white version, Barbie's cousin, was introduced in 1966; the so-called "Colored Francie" came out in 1967. "And an 'American Girl' would be nice" —

from 1965 and 1966. "They have bangs, shoulder-length hair in lots of different colors, and bendable legs.'

- Jeanne Schinto

"Collecting Barbie Dolls": Discussion and Informal Appraisal Saturday, August 28 11:00 a.m. **Mission Branch Library** 3861-B Mission Avenue Oceanside Free Info: 760-435-5640

savs Parker, who started collecting in the

clothes," Parker savs.

1970s and has about 500. What attracted

when Parker began to shop for them at

flea markets and doll shows. "You had to

hunt and peck to put an outfit together."

putting the outfits together themselves,

the exhibit by 75-year-old Mary Lou

a zebra-striped bathing suit, hoop

Voigt, was introduced in 1959 wearing

The number one Barbie, lent to

Later, dealers got smart and started

then charged more for them.

It was difficult to find whole outfits

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#### BAJA

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An Italian Gala, including music by Vivaldi, Paganini, Castelnovo, Tedesco, and Nino Rotta performed by Orchestra of Baja California, Thursday, August 26, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Fair runs Friday, August 27, through Sunday, September 19, with food, music, arts and crafts, entertainment, at Parque Morelos. Alejandro Fernández performs in Palenque at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28.

Admission to fair is \$4.50 for adults, \$1 for children. 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

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#### G E T A W A Y S

The Making of Finding Nemo by Pixar animator Rob Russ at Salk Institute, August 28 (see Lectures)

#### OUTDOORS

Various Sandpipers are being seen in considerable numbers within San Diego County's coastal wetland habitats and along the ocean beaches. Some have just arrived from the north; others are juveniles that have bred locally.

You'll find sanderlings and willets scurrying along the wet sand on the beaches. Several other members of the sandpiper family can be found in mudflat areas such as the Tijuana River Estuary, the south end of San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel near Sea World, and the margins of most North County lagoons.

Warmish Water Temperatures, hovering around 70 degrees over the past several weeks, won't last much longer. As fall approaches, shorter days and increasingly oblique solar radiation will mean that less and less energy will be supplied to the ocean waters offshore. These waters will soon be shedding more thermal energy than they receive, thereby keeping the coastal area comfortably balmy for several weeks after the end of the summervacation season. Don't give up on the beach after Labor Day - the water's only a bit cooler, and the beaches are relatively uncrowded.

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Johnny Mathis at Pala Casino, September 1 (see In Person)

urday, August 28. 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

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

**Sky Hunters,** Nancy Conney brings live birds of prey to Guajome Park (3000 Guajome Lakes Road) on Saturday, August 28, at 3 p.m. See birds up close, learn to protect birds and their habitats. Day-use fee: \$2. 760-724-4489. (VISTA)

**Search and Rescue** is theme for program by search and rescue volunteers on Saturday, August 28, 6 p.m., in Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Day-use fee: \$2. 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Visit With the State Reptile during program planned on Saturday, August 28, at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Sing-along, refreshments. Meet at trailhead at 5:15 p.m. for easy walk to Lake Poway Campground. \$1 per person. Reservations: 858-668-4781. (POWAY) **Bird Walk,** an expert Audubon Society birder leads outing in Tecolote Canyon, Saturday, August 28. Commonly seen birds: red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, Cassin's kingbirds, common yellow-throats. Walk starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

**Trekking the Refuges,** view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Walk a Suspension Bridge, see Kate Sessions gardens and Irving Gill homes when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour of Bankers Hill, Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations and departure point: 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL)

**Full Moon Night Hike,** Saturday, August 28, 8 to 9:30 p.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Hikers explore sights, sounds, smells of canyon after dark. Bring flashlight. Meet at 4206 Sorrento

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**Explore Scripps Pier by the Light of a Full Moon** when the pier, normally closed to public, is open for exploration on Saturday, August 28, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants learn of structure's history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life.

Fee: \$20 for adults, \$17 for children. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Wildlife Assist Recruiting Sessions offered on Saturday, August 28, at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street); and Sunday, August 29, at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Both programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Extreme High and Low Tides** associated with this month's full moon are a 7.0–foot high tide at 8:53 p.m. on Saturday, August 28; a -1.2–foot low tide at 3:08 a.m. on Saturday, August 28; and a -1.2–foot low tide at 3:44 a.m. on Sunday, August 29. In October and November, minus tides will begin occurring during afternoon periods, a far more convenient time frame for exploring low-level tidepools.

The Full Moon rises dramatically over the east horizon, starting about 20 minutes after the sun sets, on Sunday evening, August 29. Some folk names for the August full moon are "corn moon," "barley moon," "dispute moon," and "moon when cherries turn black," the latter one probably not applicable to anywhere around San Diego.

Grunion may again be active early next week (Tuesday and Wednesday nights), roughly during the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m., following the nocturnal high tide, two or three days after full moon. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer (except in those areas classified as ecological preserves) by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only and should be eaten (not wasted).

#### DANCE

**Classical and Neoclassical Ballet Performance** by San Diego Ballet on Friday, August 27, 1:30 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance

Starting at per person B77-4004-63359 PA Certified Pilots PUC Legal Insurance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-294-7378. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Bellydance Dinner Show featuring Mayah, Yazmina, Zahra, live music by Middle-Earth Band on Friday, August 27, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Festival of Sacred Dance and Altar Art presented as part of "Stories of Faith" programs at San Diego Public libraries, Friday, August 27, 6 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Participants include Kinhal Sisters, Xavier Hicks, Barbara Mintz, Omo Ache, Flamenco Praise with Sylvia and Cynthia Morales, others. Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)









Dancejam! Open, freeform, family-friendly shindigs offered every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$7. 619-298-2687. (NORTH PARK)

Foxtrot Lessons continue during vintage ballroom class, Friday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Followed by open dance requests until 10 p.m. Beginner friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance with music by Lime in the Harp, calling by Steve Barlow on Saturday, August 28, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

All Things Swing — with live music by Modern Jazz Majestics, workshops, music, dancing, performances, Saturday, August 28, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginners' class: 8:30 p.m.; open dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Dance only: \$10 per class, with additional fees for classes and workshops, 619-291-3775, (ENCINITAS)

Ukrainian Festival 2004, the Cheremosh dance troupe — hailing from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada — entertains for festival hosted by San Diego House of the Ukraine, Inc., on Saturday, September 4, 7 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). The Holy Cross Zorianka Ukrainian Dancers also perform. \$20. 619-460-5733. (BALBOA PARK)

#### FILM

"Selves and Others," described as "an intimate documentary" of Edward Said, screens for American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee on Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Donation. 619-840-1945. (MISSION VILLAGE)

"Velocita Massima," directed by Daniele Vicari, screens on Friday, August 27, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). 619-237-0601. \$2. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

#### GETAWA



American Begonia Society Convention Show and Sale at Town and Country Resort, August 28 and 29 (see Special)

"Movies Are a Girl's Best Friend," outdoor movie fest "for cheapskates" featuring Marilyn Monroe flicks is Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28 (and September 3, 4), 8:30 p.m., at Sip This Coffee (4121 Park Boulevard). Proceeds benefit Tibetan Healing Center. 619-297-6030. (HILLCREST)

Takita Yojiro's Film Onmyoji, based on a series of popular Japanese stories set in year 794, screens Saturday, August 28, 7 p.m., at Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court), Free, 858-560-8884, In Japanese with English subtitles. (LINDA VISTA)

Comedy and Suspense Are Fused in Lucia, Lucia, the 2003 film by Mexican director Antonio Serrano. The film screens - in Spanish with English subtitles at 2 p.m. on August 29 for Sunday Matinee at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Barbed and Subversive Black Comedy Placid Lake, starring Ben Lee and Rose Byrne, screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 30, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**TNT.** the Thursday Night Thing at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard) features question and answer with "Cerca Series" artist Gad Shanaan, then Chicano film festival in honor of "Chicano Now" exhibition. Festival, beginning at sundown, includes short films by Lourdes Portillo, Osa Hidalgo de la Riva, Ruben Ortiz-Torres and Jesse Lerner, Ana Machado, Carlos Bolado. Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Volcanoes of the Deep Sea, Forces of Nature, Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk, Coral Reef Adventure, Young Black Stallion. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Medical Marijuana Activist or Martyr?" Steve McWilliams cultivates a 30-plant garden in his yard, growing "medicine" for himself and half-dozen other patients for whom he's a legal Proposition 215 "caregiver." Facing criminal prosecution for this legal garden, McWilliams speaks for Libertarian Supper Club, Thursday, August 26, 8 p.m., at Coco's (5955 Balboa Avenue). Reservations: 619-757-7426. (CLAIREMONT)

Landscape Architect Alan Tate is head of department of landscape architecture at University of Manitoba. Canada: he's author of Great City Parks. Tate speaks for series co-sponsored by American Society of Landscape Architects and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego on Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. \$10. Reservations: 619-283-8818. (LA JOLLA)

"Computer Tech Day: Questions and Answers" promised when BI-GRA "computer guru" members are on hand for British Isles Genealogical Research Association meeting, Saturday, August 28, 9 a.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-465-0266. (HILLCREST)



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Texas Toothpicks at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, September 1 (see In Person)

**Citizens for Global Solutions** (formerly the World Federalist Association) discussed by local chapter leader Jerry Tetalman when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets on Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

"Exploring Archaeological Caverns in the Dominican Republic" presented by marine archaeologist John Foster — summarizing ten years of investigations

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there - on Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Learn about sacred underworld of Taino people, their ceremonies, rock art, artifacts, their encounters with Spanish explorers. Free. 858-538-0935. (MIRA MESA)

"Collecting Barbie Dolls" is topic when Lee Parker, Mary Lou

Voigt, Mary Envall of Golden Girls Doll Club speak on Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m., in community room at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Making of Finding Nemo," Pixar animator Rob Russ discusses how science is used in movie industry, what it takes to make an animated feature film when Foundation for Scientific Literacy meets Saturday, August 28, 5 p.m., in Salk Institute Auditorium (10010 North Torrey Pines Road). Donation: \$10. 858-526-4624. (LA JOLLA)

Ancient History of Palmistry, basic techniques discussed when Linda Berry, owner of Spiritual Discovery, speaks for Cadent Cross Institute, Saturday, August 28, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

**Plethora of Parrot Seminars** planned by Parrot Education and Adoption Center on August 28 and 29.

On Saturday, "Feather Destructive Behavior" considered at 1 p.m.; "Avian Diseases: The 4 Ps" discussed at 1 p.m. On Sunday, take in "Basic Avian Care" (1 p.m.), "Sex and the Single Parrot" (1 p.m.), and "Everything Your Parrot Wants You to Know (3 p.m.).

All classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Ouivira Wav), \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Taiwan and Its Presidential Election" examined by Donald M. Gragg, M.D. - who attended swearing-in ceremony of Taiwan's new president as guest of Taiwanese government - when North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council gathers Monday, August 30, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Advocating a Ban on "circumcision of males under the age of 18," Matthew Hess speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Tuesday, August 31, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). 858-459-8273. (NORTH PARK)

Architecture Via Computers, staff from Art, Music, Recreation section offers class in library computer lab on Tuesday, August 31, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Learn to search for architects, locate famous buildings, discover architectural styles, building types. Basic Internet experience recommended. Free. Required registration: 619-238-6621. (DOWNTOWN)

Sustandard Base Housing alleged criminal misconduct of Camp Pendleton officials, reprisals against whistleblowers discussed by Vietnam veteran and former Marine Tom Calabrese when North County Coalition for Peace and Justice meets on Wednesday, September 1, 7:15 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). 760-753-2654. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Surviving in a Capitalistic **Economy**" is subject on Wednes-day, September 1, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Haunted Places in San Diego" explored when Elaine Boyd of San Diego Historical Society speaks for Carlsbad Newcomers Club on Wednesday, September 1, 9:45 a.m., in Heritage Hall, Magee Park. 760-729-7060. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 1. 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)

"History Alive at Lee" series commences with talk by Charles Harrington Elster, author most recently of Test of Time and former co-host of A Way with Words, Thursday, September 2, for Lemon Grove Historical Society. Program starts at 1:30 p.m. in H. Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

#### GETAWAYS





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#### SAT Essav Seminar for students and parents by McGraw-Hill author Randall McCutcheon on Thursday, September 2, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Question and answer follows. 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

"The Journey of Abraham," a panel discussion on common roots and shared faiths of Semitic religions of Bahá'i, Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, is Thursday, September 9, 6:30 p.m., in auditorium at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Topics include what each religion believes about written sacred or inspired texts, community, ethical expectations of believers, beliefs of founders. Free. 619-236-5800. (LINDA VISTA)

Interested in Lithic Tools? Archaeologist Tim Gross conducts hands-on workshop on flintknapping and shares comparative collection of replicated lithic tools, Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). \$35. Required reservations: 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Sex Life of Orchids" detailed by orchid enthusiast Carole Siegel, Monday, September 13, for San Diego Horticultural Society at 6:30 p.m. at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Orchids stop at nothing to get pollinated! Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR

#### **IN PERSON**

Big Week of Concerts hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego. Griffin House opens, Teitur headlines on Friday, August 27. See Dave Stamey on Saturday, August 28. Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion take stage on Wednesday, September 1. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights



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

As I rambled down the Morgan Trail one crisp early-autumn morning before dawn, the crackling of oak leaves underfoot played counterpoint to the drone of a hundred crickets singing in unison. Dozens of cold blue stars sparkled overhead, while the moon's beams, caught in a tangled aerial net of limbs and branches, painted the ground in shades of black, gray, and silvery white. These simple kinds of sensations, jelled together, added up to a powerful, almost mystical, experience.



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vations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Science of Blowing Up,"

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United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. Tickets: \$15, \$20. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

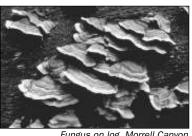
**Christian Recording Artist** Dennis Agajanian performs in concert on Friday, August 27, 7 p.m., at El Cajon Elks Lodge (1400 East Washington Avenue). Tickets: \$24. Space availability: 619-518-5422. (EL CAJON)

Author Peter Andersen signs and discusses The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Body Language, Friday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center Mall (5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870). Free. (LA MESA)

The Morgan Trail traverses the Ortega Highway section of the Cleveland National Forest in Riverside and Orange Counties. It also crosses the northern edge of the San Mateo Canvon Wilderness, one of coastal Southern California's newer and larger national-forest wilderness areas. This description assumes you are going to hike the trail one way; that is, in the northeastto-southwest, predominantly downhill direction, for a total distance of five miles. Remember that all parked cars on national-forest lands must

have a National Forest Adventure Pass (\$5 per day, \$30 yearly) posted on them. These permits are widely available in the Ortega Highway area.

To reach the starting point, leave Ortega Highway (State Route 74) at a point 5 miles west of Lake Elsinore, or 0.3 mile east of El Cariso Station, and drive 2.7 miles up the paved Killen Trail to a signed trailhead parking area on the right (west) side. As you drive along this stretch, enjoy the spectacular vista of Lake Elsinore to the east, with its backdrop of bald hills and distant mountains. On weekends you may see hang gliders launching and soaring in this area.



ingus on log, Morrell Canyo

On the Morgan Trail you quickly drop through manzanita and other chaparral vegetation and join the promenade of live oaks in Morrell Canyon. Willows and a few sycamores hug the canvon bottom, where water flows during the wet season. Going just this far (5 or 10 minutes in) is rewarding in itself if you have little time. At 1.0 mile the trail cuts left (south) across the creek and rises to higher and sunnier terrain. Soon you're back on chaparral-covered slopes, dotted with granitic boulders

At around 2.3 miles, the trail veers west, skirting private lands in Potrero de la Cienega and Round Potrero. You soon cross a dirt road. At 3.5 miles you begin a crooked descent into some oak woods, where you join the Bear Canyon Trail (4.0 miles). Stay right and continue another mile downhill to the Bear Canyon trailhead adjacent to the Ortega Oaks Store. The store is across from a parking lot that serves as a major trailhead for this part of the national forest.

> ensemble, along with San Diego Symphony Summer Pops Orchestra, for concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28. Concerts conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$10 to \$62, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN

The 25th Anniversary Gala with Lila McCann, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, Interfaith Children's Choir - is Saturday, August 28, 5:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Concert tickets, benefiting Interfaith Community Services and North County Times Charities Fund: \$20-\$60. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Alternative Rock-Worship Band Something Like Silas performs in concert Saturday, August 28, 8:15 p.m., at Pacific Beach

Presbyterian Church (1675 Garnet Avenue). Free. 858-273-9312 x112. (PACIFIC BEACH) Hypnotic Comedy, Barry Jones

and "special guest comedians" perform Saturday, August 28, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

"Joining Hands Through the Arts," open-mike event with music and poetry circle on Saturday, August 28, 1 p.m., sponsored by Baha'i community and Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Free. 619-469-7907. (ENCANTO)

An Evening of Songs and Stories hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, August 28, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Performers include storytellers Sarah Saulter, Steve Gregory; singer/songwriter Tim Day; singer Heloise Love. \$12. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Summer Concerts in the Gardens, series concludes with concert by Strange Woods, Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., at Wood House in Heritage Gardens (at Rock Springs and Woodland Parkway). \$5 general, free for those under 10. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

California Guitar Trio performs its fusion of classical, jazz, surf rock on Sunday, August 29, 7 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Trio joined by stick artist Tom Griesgraber, Tony Levin. \$15. 760-757-2121 x6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Artists Helping Artists roundtable/networking group meets Saturday, August 28, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at Cafe Europa (667 San Rodolfo Drive, suite 133). Free for first-timers, \$4 otherwise. Artists of all types beckoned, with opportunities to perform, display work, promote yourself, meet others. 619-888-9386. (SOLANA BEACH)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea continue with rock and roll by Rockola on Sunday, August 29,

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Seaside Open Mike, poets, musicians, comedians, singers invited to share talents on Friday, August 27, 7:30 p.m. (sign-ups at 7:15), at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). \$5, 760-434-3436, (CARDIFF)

conducts and plays piano, joined by a trio of singers and his musical

Voz Alta (1544 Broadway), Donation: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE) TGIF Jazz in the Parks series concludes with Big Time Opera-

tor concert on Friday, August 27, 6 p.m., in Calavara Hills Park (at Carlsbad Village Drive and Glasgow Street). 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

Burt and Pops, Burt Bacharach

2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

An "Andrew Lloyd Webber Spectacular" is presented by baritone Clark Sterling and civic organist Carol Williams for 17th annual International Summer Organ Festival on Monday, August 30, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Texas Toothpicks** perform for First Wednesday series on September 1, 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. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz in the Park, James Moody Quartet performs for concert series on Wednesday, September 1, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. Moody is tenor saxophonist and flutist. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Johnny Mathis in Concert Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (1154 Highway 76). Tickets: \$45-\$75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

**Potent Suspense!** Author Kem Nunn signs his new book, *Tijuana Straits: A Novel*, on Wednesday, September 1, 7 p.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Poetry Unlimited** convenes for evening with featured poet Terry Hertzler on Wednesday, September 1, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Featured artist is Conamore Wibel; original music by vocalist Joana Skvarka, guitarist Omar Metwalli. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

**Nuevo Flamenco, Latin Jazz,** and contemporary music performed by Peter Pupping and Jeff Basile on Thursday, September 2, 7 p.m., for Escondido Library's First Thursday series in Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Poetry Reading** featuring 4 Nth and guest poet Lori Davis, followed by open mike, Thursday, September 2, 8 p.m., at Exotic Bamboo (1475 University Avenue). Free. 619-818-4099. (HILLCREST)

**Celebrated Chef** Jacques Pépin discusses and signs his book *Fast Food My Way*, Thursday, September 23, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Only books purchased during event will be signed. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

**Comedic Legend** George Carlin performs — for "mature audiences only" — on Friday, September 24, 6:30 and 9 p.m., for Humphrey's Concerts on the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Dennis Blair opens. Tickets: \$45, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

#### SPORTS

**The Boys of Summer,** San Diego Padres are in New York to play Mets at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, August 26. Road trip continues with series in Montreal against Expos, August 27-29, at 4:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:05 a.m. on Sunday. The Pads head to St.

Louis to meet up with Cardinals, Tuesday through Thursday, August 31 through September 2, at 5:10 p.m. each day.

Tickets for future home games: 877-374-2784. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS-AM (1090), television Channel 4.

**Preseason!** San Diego Chargers host Seattle Seahawks in Qualcomm Stadium for preseason play on Friday, August 27, 7 p.m. Broadcast on KFMB and Fox Sports West Net 2. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The 20th Annual Oceanside Longboard Contest** runs Friday through Sunday, August 27-29, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, south side of Oceanside Pier and amphitheater (located at foot of Mission Boulevard). 760-754-2062. Spectators free. (OCEANSIDE)

**Rev It Up and Go** to Cajon Speedway for competition in latemodel sportsman, Grand American modified, bomber and pony stocks, and train racing on Saturday, August 28. First race: 6:45 p.m., following qualifying runs at 5:15 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field, at 1888 Wing Street. Adult admission: \$9 (west side) and \$10 (east side); \$3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

**Eight Lakes?** Join Knickerbikers for outing starting with breakfast,



Rocking Summer Classic at San Diego Velodrome, August 28 (see Sports)

followed by a 28-mile bicycle tour of eight lakes in area. Saturday, August 28, 7:15 a.m., at Lake Mur-

now open nights

ray Boulevard and Baltimore. Bring money for breakfast. 619-464-3457. (LA MESA) **Paopao Nine-Man Racing** takes place Saturday, August 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Oceanside Harbor. Free for spectators. 858-481-4026. (OCEANSIDE)

**The SoCal Scorpions,** a member of the Women's Professional Football League, offers full-contact, NFL-style football. Scorpions host Arizona Caliente on Saturday, August 28, 7:05 p.m., in Edwards Stadium at La Jolla High School (750 Nautilus Street). Tickets: \$12 general; \$7.50 for students, military, seniors; \$5 for kids 6-12. 866-71-STING. (LA JOLLA)

**Rocking Summer Classic,** San Diego Street Elite hosts inline speedskating competition on Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Free for spectators. 858-550-0180. (BALBOA PARK)

Snorkel with the Sharks on Saturday, August 28, 8 to 10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

**Bicycle to San Clemente** Through Camp Pendleton with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, August 29. This 100-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-421-0325. Bring money for lunch in San Clemente. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Imperial Beach Triathlon and Biathlon, Sunday, August 29, 7:15 a.m. Triathlon includes 1k ocean swim, 20k bike ride, 5k run; biathletes enjoy a 3k and 5k run bisected by 20k bike ride. Everything starts at Imperial Beach pier. 858-268-1250. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Lake Jennings Fishing University convenes each Sunday through August at 1 p.m. at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Topics: knot tying, gear, baits, casting for beginners. Free. 619-390-1300. (LAKESIDE)

Full-Moon Paddle on Mission Bay hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, August 29, starting at 8 p.m. at Dana Landing. \$55 fee includes guided tour,

#### **NOVEL**

No one's serious at seventeen. - On beautiful nights when beer and lemonade And loud, blinding cafés are the last thing you need You stroll beneath green lindens on the promenade.

Lindens smell fine on fine June nights! Sometimes the air is so sweet that you close your eyes; The wind brings sounds—the town is near— And carries scents of vineyards and beer...

II. - Over there, framed by a branch You can see a little patch of dark blue Stung by a sinister star that fades With faint quiverings, so small and white. . .

June nights! Seventeen! — Drink it in. Sap is champagne, it goes to your head. . The mind wanders, you feel a kiss On your lips, quivering like a living thing. . .

The wild heart Crusoes through a thousand novels — And when a young girl walks alluringly

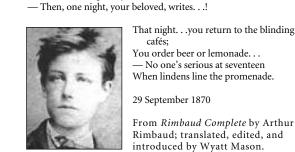
kayak rental, paddle, life jacket, light appetizers. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

From Doghouse to Doghouse, fifth annual Moondoggies 4-mile Run and Walk, Sunday, August 29. Starts at 7:30 a.m. at Moondoggies (909 Prospect Street), finishes at Moondoggies (832 Garnet Street). Event-day registration: 6 a.m. (at La Jolla location). 619-298-7400. (LA JOLLA, PACIFIC BEACH)

Fernando Gutierrez Cup competition at San Diego Polo Club continues Sunday, August 29. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., featured polo match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Kavak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, August 29, 8 to 11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$45. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

More Full-Moon Paddling, kayak tour of Mission Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Mu-



IV.

Of her father's starched collar. .

She turns on a dime, eyes wide,

Finding you too sweet to resist. .

— And cavatinas die on your lips.

Because as she passes by, boot heels tapping,

You're in love. Off the market till August.

Your friends are gone, you're bad news.

You're in love. - Your sonnets make Her laugh.

seum, Sunday, August 29, 7 to 10 p.m. Fee: \$65 per adult, \$15 for children six and older. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

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

The Horses Are on the Track, 2004 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 8. Races every day except Tuesday. Post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins by "local banana experts" Paul Fisher (Meritt Mountain Nursery) and John Verdick (Encanto Farms) on Thursday, August 26, for California Rare Fruit Growers. Program: 7 p.m. in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Taste of National City, with food from 15 restaurants. Thursday, August 26, 5 to 8 p.m., in Heritage Square (900 block of A Avenue). \$12 general. 619-477-9339. (NATIONAL CITY)

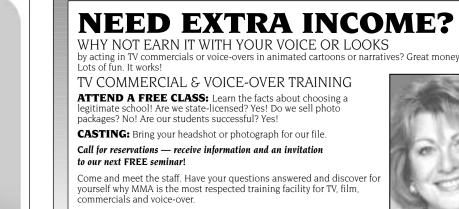
**Showpark Summer Classic** Horse Show continues through Sunday, August 29, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real), Free, 858-794-1171, (DEL MAR)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, August 27, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street). Dog-friendly 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)

Street Scene 2004 welcomes Ludacris, Foo Fighters, Black Eyed Peas, Jack Johnson, and many more to its new location south of Petco Park, Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28, 4 p.m. to midnight. Tickets: \$39.50 for one day: \$55 for both days. 619-220-8497 or through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (EAST VILLAGE)

The 15th Annual Gem Fair runs August 27-29 at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Over 80 importers, wholesalers, manufacturers on hand to sell wares; jewelry repair,

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The Jackass Mail refers to first overland mail arrival in San Diego (August 31, 1857); mule and coach trek from San Antonio took 38 days to cross 1476 miles. Boosters of Old Town reenact pioneer mail train with event on Saturday, August 28, 1 to 5 p.m., in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Reenactment of arrival of pioneer mail train, "townspeople" dressed in period attire, live entertainment, barbecue, games, presentation by county postmaster Jim Olsen. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$15 for children. Reservations: 619-220-5422. (OLD TOWN)

A "Paper Theatre Festival" is planned by staff of Arts Libraries at UCSD. According to festival director Scott Paulson, "paper theater was a popular form of drawing room entertainment in the Victorian era." An exhibit of paper theaters, materials outlining history of the art form, paper optical toys continues through September in exhibit cases of UCSD Arts Libraries.

A Paper Theatre Festival performance with live music by the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra is Saturday, August 28, 1 p.m., in Geisel Library. Paper theater historian Art Gontier presents two brief lectures during play intermissions and postperformance lecture in neighboring seminar room. After performance, audience members may help create a paper theater or create optical toys. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

There Are Cars in the Lake! San Diego Amphicar Swim-In, Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lake Murray. Expect to see around 12 of these vehicles that are at home on terra firma and in water. Free; rides offered to interested spectators. 858-530-0314. (LA MESA)

**Turtle and Tortoise Show,** hosted by San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society, August 28 and 29, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Plant sale, native and exotic species, information, vendors, art. Show opens 10 a.m. both days, closes on Saturday at 5 p.m., at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: free. 619-593-2123. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Ukulele Festival including "strum-ins," vendors, performances, hula lessons, ukulele art gallery and displays, workshops (\$15 each) — on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Coronado Playhouse Pavilion (at Coronado Ferry Landing, 1335 First Street). Performances by Lyle Ritz, Jumpin' Jim Beloff, Charles and IIima Kiaha. Admission: \$15 fee provides entry for both days. 619-435-4856 or 619-232-1214. (CORONADO)

Atheism Day Party celebrated by atheists Saturday, August 28, 2:30 to 5 p.m., at Harding Community Center (3096 Harding Street). Guests encouraged to bring food; expect music, movies. Free. 760-661-7359. (CARLSBAD)

American Begonia Society is holding its annual convention at Town and Country Resort (500 Hotel Circle North). Show and sale on August 28 and 29 features rare and unusual begonias from around world. Show opens at 9 a.m. both mornings, closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 760-942-1919. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Mini-Readings,** workshops, during ten-year anniversary celebrations on Saturday, August 28, 1 to 6 p.m., at Starcrafts Bookstore (1909 Cable Street). "Full Moon Celebration" to follow. 619-224-4923. (OCEAN BEACH)

Summerfest 2004 — Community Family Celebration sponsored by Cornerstone Church of San Diego is Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., in former movie theater at 1920 Sweetwater Road. Boxing demonstration, skateboard demonstration, live music, games, food. Free admission. 619-425-9333. (NATIONAL CITY)



San Diego Ukulele Festival at Coronado Playhouse Pavilion, August 28 and 29 (see Special)

Women's Health and Beauty Expo, Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Felicita Growth Center (2928 Felicita Road). Speakers, exhibits for "mind, body, and soul" such as massage therapy, jewelry, artwork, makeup, feng shui, chiropractic. \$5. 760-294-4266. (ESCONDIDO)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference** at Alexandra's Book-Store, August 28 and 29. Hours: noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

**House of Israel** presents a program of music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, August 29, 2 p.m. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Marcos Grand Summer Festival**, Sunday, August 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Via Vera Cruz (between San Marcos Boulevard and Grand Avenue). Four stages with entertainment, children's area, classic car show, vendor booths. Free. 760-744-1270. (SAN MARCOS)

Put 100 Candles on the Birthday Cake when the steam yacht Medea's 100th anniversary is celebrated on Sunday, August 29, 1 to 5 p.m., at Maritime Museum. Expect "celebration of all things Scottish for this former hunting yacht of a Scottish nobleman" — Westlin Weavers pub band, Royal Scottish Country Dancers, House of Scotland ceilidh and pipe bands, tours of yacht in areas not normally open to public. Find Medea at 1306 North Harbor Drive. Included in museum admission. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

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"Dr. Seuss between the Covers." exhibition focusing on children's books by Theodor Seuss Geisel with original sketches, finished drawings, mock-up books, continues through Saturday, September 4, on main floor of UCSD's Geisel Library. 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

The Past Comes Alive when Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association presents living history events, Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5, at Red-Tailed Roost volunteer headquarters. Meet an old gold prospector, Native Americans, pioneers, cowboys, rangers, and mountain men.

Presentations begin hourly, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. To reach spot, take I-8 to Sunrise Highway, and drive 8.5 miles north (to mile

marker 22.5). 619-445-6235. Free. (CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST)

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#### Julian Weed and Craft Show,

a variety of woods, rocks, and weeds, floral arrangements (both hanging and table) on display through Monday, September 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Free. 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Carlsbad Reads Together, a program encouraging Carlsbadarea residents to read and discuss the same book, focuses on T.C. Boyle's Tortilla Curtain. The book deals with immigration, urban sprawl in Southern California. Spend "An Evening with T.C.

Boyle" on Tuesday, September 28, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Panel discussion entitled "Carlsbad Looks Behind the Tortilla Curtain," Thursday, September 30, 7 p.m., also in Schulman Auditorium. Free.



Turtle and Tortoise Show at Casa del Prado, August 28 and 29 (see Special)

760-434-2933. Book clubs welcome. (LA COSTA)

#### FOR KIDS

You're Invited to a Pirate Party when Big Joe Productions performs through Sunday, August 29, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre. Shows begin at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Next up: Dr. Lackowitz Versus the Computer Virus presented by comic ventriloquist September 1-5. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater

located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art at Jazz," two-hour unstructured open workshop for children to create art projects related to music being performed by Big Time Operator for "TGIF Jazz in the Parks" series, Friday, August 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Magee Park (at Beech Street and Carlsbad Boulevard). 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

If the Shoe Fits...see Cinderella, written and directed by Randall Hickman, August 27-September 5, presented by Theatre West Youth Theater. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays (except August 28), at Hearth Theater (San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive). Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 seniors, \$5 youths. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

What Goes on in a Kelp Forest After Dark? Find out during the Asleep in the Deep slumber party for adults and children at Birch Aquarium-Museum, 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 27, through 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 28. Bioluminescence experiments, fish printing on T-shirts, tours of aquarium and tidepool before and after dark.

Fee: \$45 for children, \$40 for adults. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: dial 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"How Are You Peeling?" Listen to Saxton Freeman's book during Miss Sarah's story time and craft, Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way). For those four to eight years old. 760-529-0270. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Thailand's Music and Dance performed by Daranee Olson's dancers on Saturday, August 28, 2 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). Learn art of carving fruit. \$5. 760-233-7755. (ESCONDIDO)

"Rumplestiltskin versus MillersDaughter.com," described as "spirited retelling of two classical Grimm Brothers tales," is presented by Icarus Puppet Company, Saturday, August 28, 2 p.m., at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). 619-563-5252. \$6. (KENSINGTON)

Kids' Scavenger Hunt led by naturalist Dave Meier on Saturday, August 28, 9 a.m., in which participants "search for some of the hidden treasures" in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Free. Find the reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-668-4781. (POWAY)

Peak Class — Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids set for Monday, August 30, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Educational games, activities, Reservations: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Moon Festival for Children is slated for Saturday, September 11,

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). Celebrate this annual Chinese festival and learn its history; traditional folklore with musical instruments, art of dou diao (bean sculptures), calligraphy demonstrations, moon cake and red bean ice cream tasting. 619-338-9888. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

#### MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum, over 40 baskets created by women from several local reservations are gathered in "The Legacy of Our Mothers: Indian Basketry of San Diego County," continuing through November. Find the museum at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

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

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia - such as surfboards and clothing - of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with comput-

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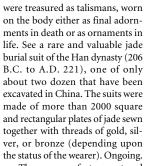
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**Computer Museum of America,** featured exhibit is "Enigma — A History of Cryptology." Also on view: a 100-year-old Millionaire calculator; a Brunsviga Midget calculator (circa 1906) and General Precision LGP-21 (circa 1966). Ongoing exhibits include vintage computers, video games, punch cards, calculators, more. Find the museum on the campus of Coleman College (7380 Parkway Drive). 619-235-8222. (LA MESA)

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Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China



The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of



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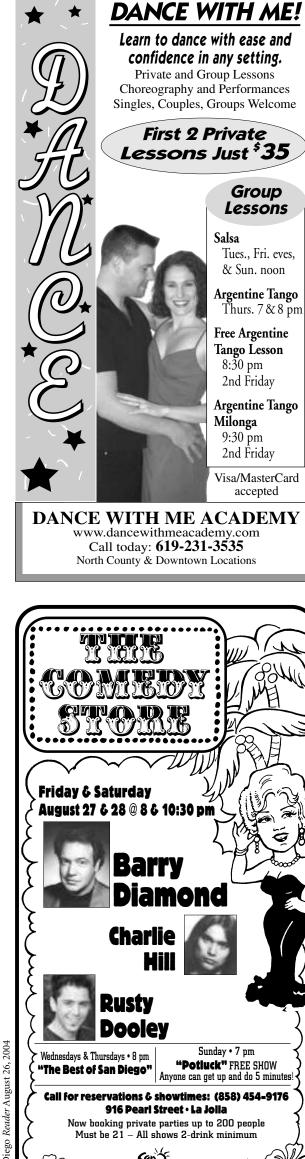
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Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs



Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art" at San Diego Museum of Art, August 28–March 13 (see Art Museums)

Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in

America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing. "P-51 *Mustang*," celebrates the

legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models,

10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

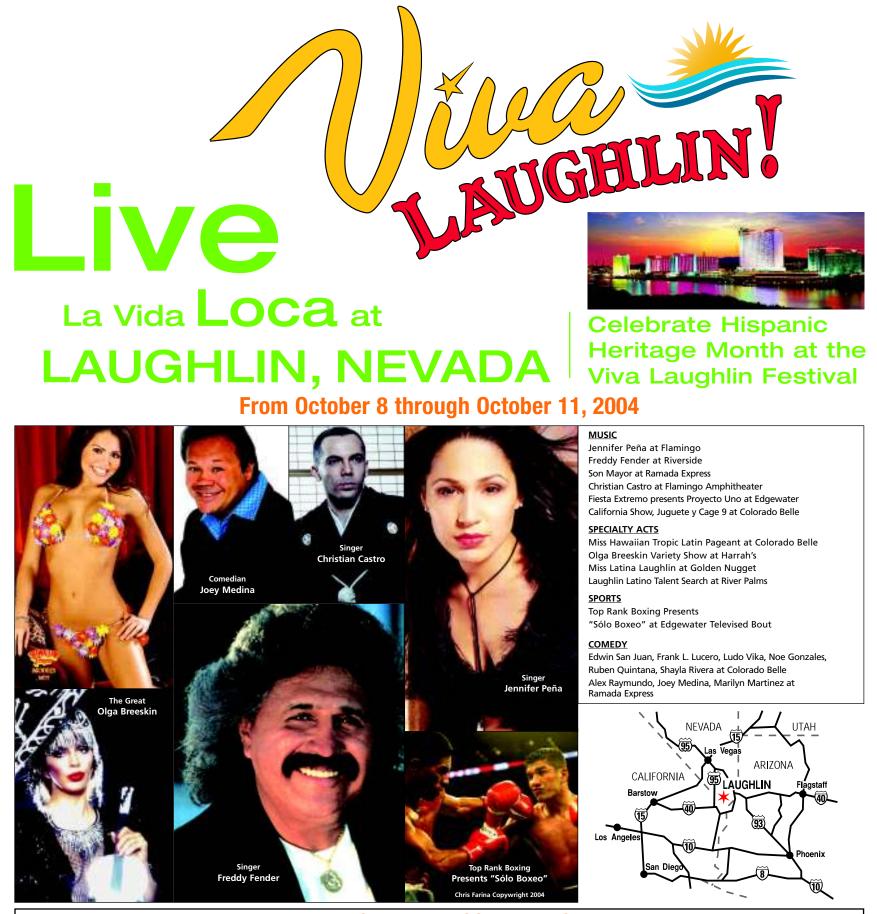
The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS Midway is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-702-7700. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850, (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. "Rail Town," an "O" gauge operating model train exhibit, is on display through December. Four scalemodel railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal





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#### Missing Justice: A Samantha Kincaid Mystery



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FROM THE DUST JACKET: Deputy District Attorney Samantha Kincaid is back at work after an attempt on her life and a promotion into the Major Crimes Unit. When the husband of Portland, Oregon, city judge Clarissa Easterbrook reports her missing and Samantha is called out on the case, she assumes her only job is to make the district attorney look good until the judge turns up. When the police discover evidence

of foul play, however, Samantha finds herself unearthing secrets in Clarissa's professional and private lives — secrets that Clarissa had wanted to stay hidden.

The police department is committed to building a case against the man they believe is responsible, but Samantha continues to pursue an investigation into her own unanswered questions, when her search for the truth leads her to corruption at the highest levels of the city's power structure and the lingering personal tolls of a crime that occurred decades ago, Samantha realizes that her quest for justice could cost her not only her job but her life. In this highly suspenseful second installment to her debut novel, *Judgment Calls* (2003), Alafair Burke more than delivers on her promise. With its irreverent

and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in

the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien" features 80 watercolors of native California plants painted in early 1900s. Valentien was commissioned by Ellen Browning Scripps to paint "all the wildflowers and plants of California" and traveled the state for next ten years collecting specimens. The exhibit — continuing through Tuesday, September 7 — includes examples of Valentien's Rookwood pottery, landscapes in oil, historical photographs, personal artifacts.

"Feathered Dinosaurs and the Origin of Flight," continuing through Tuesday, September 7, is described as "the largest display of significant fossils regarding the origins of birds ever shown outside of the People's Republic of China." The fossils on display are from Liaoning Province in northeastern China, rich in fossils dating from more than 120 million years ago. Exhibit includes 34 original fossils, 15 life-sized sculptural restorations of fossils, historical models, over two dozen large photomurals and graphics.

"Fossil Hunters San Diego" shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils — what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied. Through 2005.

heroine and seamless blend of squad rooms, street scenes, and

courtroom drama, Missing Justice confirms Burke's place

From Publishers Weekly: Samantha Kincaid...has just joined the

Major Crimes Unit in Portland, Oregon, when a local judge,

Clarissa Easterbrook, goes missing and is then found murdered.

As Kincaid sifts through possible suspects, she also adjusts to the

personalities in her new office, including her surprisingly friendly

supervisor. Evidence of the judge's affair with a politician and an

increasingly confusing crush of contracts, judgments and financial papers make it difficult to believe that Kincaid would seri-

ously consider Melvin Jackson, a poor black man, as the likely

murderer. A former drug addict, Jackson was in danger of los-

ing custody of his kids in a case Easterbrook was considering just

before her death. Eventually, Kincaid turns to a more obvious

source of trouble.... Burke does a good job of integrating the

political and personal lives of her characters, with the detectives

of the Major Crimes Unit being particularly well drawn. Witty

Booklist: Clarissa Easterbrook was a judge in Portland, Oregon,

and the wife of a prominent surgeon - until her lifeless body

was found near a construction site at the city's edge. When Saman-

tha learns that Clarissa was having an affair, suspicion centers on

the spouse. Could the doctor have been inspired to perform cra-

nial surgery with a hunk of granite? But the forensic evidence forms

a circumstantial case against a former drug addict who could

lose his home and possibly his kids based on a ruling by the late

judge. As Samantha digs, however, it seems less likely that this

was a crime of passion or anger. The second Kincaid mystery by

the daughter of James Lee Burke is a very clever whodunit long

on red herrings, shadowy motives, and sly humor. The author's

background as a former deputy DA in Portland lends gritty ambi-

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Alafair Burke

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and concise dialogue.

Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS) Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

**Stephen Birch Aquarium**-**Museum**, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is ping," she said and explained that she was the passenger in a car with her boyfriend, the driver. Ms. Burke said, "We're on our way to Idaho and then to Montana."

"Where are you now?"

"I don't know. Where are we?" she asked her boyfriend, who answered, "Washington, somewhere. Somewhere."

Alafair Burke was born in 1969 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "Most people," she said, "forget that the Burkes were ever down there, but my parents were living in southern Florida. My dad was teaching at Miami-Dade Community College. So I was born in southern Florida, and then we moved to Kansas when I was in the fourth grade, and my dad was teaching at Wichita State University. I left for college when I was 17 to go to Reed College in Portland, Oregon.

"That's when I fell in love with Portland. I pretty much stayed in Portland from then until 1999, with the exception of law school. I left for three years to go to Stanford Law School but then went right back to Portland to work at the District Attorney's office. I was there five years. Then I moved out to New York, and where I now teach criminal law at Hofstra University's Law School."

"You have done a lot in those years."

"And there's a lot more to do, I think." I asked about Ms. Burke's Hofstra students. What are they like?

Her answer: "Pretty diverse. Probably a little more than half are from Long Island, but the rest are from other places. Our bright kids are really, really bright, and there's lots of kids there who are the first in their families to go to college, and they're really excited about becoming lawyers. So it's a nice group."

"Is it easier to teach and write than to work in the Portland D.A.'s office and write?"

"It's a different life. I have to be my own taskmaster, doing what I do now, because it's more independent, autonomous work. At the District Attorney's office, there was always stuff I had to take care of right then and there, emergencies. When I was in trial, I really liked the D.A.'s office, but there was a lot of 'hurry up and wait' where you would run to court and then realize everything was backed up, and you'd be sitting, waiting all day. "So I'm excited. I like the life I've got now. I couldn't have

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Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)





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written a book while I was at the District Attorney's office. I know that there are people who have written successfully while they were practicing law, but it was never anything I was able to do. By the time I got home after a day at the courthouse, I was beat.

"And it's not an eight-hour day, either."

"True, it tended to be longer than that. And the stuff you were doing while you were there drained your mental energy.'

In Alafair Burke's father's Dave Robicheaux series, a principal character named Alafair is Dave's adopted daughter. The family lives in swampy, hot Louisiana and keep as a pet a three-legged raccoon named Tripod. I had sworn I wouldn't ask Ms. Burke about her famous father or his books or her life with him. But I could not resist. "Is or was there really a Tripod?"

"There is no Tripod. No. We had a series of cats in our house, growing up, all with four legs. But my dad's got such great characters — Tripod has been around for years. I don't know how long raccoons live. I don't know if Tripod would have died by now or not." In an author's note at her book's end, Ms. Burke writes:

> Striking the optimal balance between fact and fiction is a real writing challenge. Readers notice when a defendant gets off on inconceivable grounds or when the cops get a warrant with nothing approaching probable cause. And not only do they notice, they feel cheated. On the other hand, too much loyalty to reality makes for dry novels.

"Exactly," said Ms. Burke after I read her this passage. "It's always a challenge. I try to make AI AFAIR

the books realistic, but you don't want so much realism that it's not interesting. There's something called the Urban Growth Boundary in Portland. And it's very much at the heart of why Portland is the way it is. I always found it interesting so I used it as a basis for this novel."

Some writers of series create charts of their characters' futures. I asked Ms. Burke, "Do you have some idea what Samantha will be doing in five years?"

"No. Not really. I have her in mind on a daily basis. I have my own response to things, but then I kind of think, 'I wonder what Samantha would say.' And sometimes I'll make notes and things like that, but you know, I don't know whether I'll still be writing her in five years, let alone what she'll be doing at that time. I'd like to be writing about her as long as she stays interesting. But I haven't thought that far out in advance.

"The only thing I've really thought about is that I look at the series characters I really admire, and I think the test is to keep them interesting over the years. For the reader to continue to learn new things about them, for them to continue to have different challenges not just the same ones. There needs to be growth there. I don't know exactly how that's going to evolve over the years with Samantha.

I said, "She's going to get

rid of that boyfriend."

'Get rid of the boyfriend? Everybody loves that boyfriend." "I don't like her boyfriend."

"You don't like her boyfriend?"

"I want her to get a better boyfriend. Do people talk to you this way about the characters when you go to signings?"

"Yes, and readers are very invested in Samantha's love life in particular. Everybody takes it for granted that she'll catch the bad guys and live and everything. But they're very concerned about her love life."

"I'm outraged by the way people at work talk to her. They can be so rude. Did you get a lot of that when you worked in the D.A.'s office?'

"Well, trial lawyers tend to be pretty aggressive and masculine, and so does law enforcement. When you put them all together, there is sort of a frathouse atmosphere. But some of the best people I ever met, I met at the District Attorney's office. They're still some of my best friends. And some of the men that drive Samantha crazy are the ones who pull through for her in the end. Professionally.

"And she sometimes needs help because part of her character is that she's so judgmental. She just snaps to judgment about people, and her judgments tend to be in black or white, good or bad, and just in the two books, she's become more willing to accept the gray areas in people. And accept that in her life.'

'She's willing to admit she's wrong."

Ms. Burke laughed. "Yes. Even though she hates it." Ms. Burke's secondary characters interest the reader. I asked Ms. Burke about these characters.

"I think it's important to have strong secondary people. There are some protagonists out there who are real loners. Samantha, what grounds her are these very normal people around her. Her job is such chaos and such darkness. Her very solid relationships with Grace the hairdresser and with her father and her dog Vinnie make her seem normal and accessible. If you only saw her at work, you wouldn't get a sense of what her heart was like and who she truly was.

'So she can have the same

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types of cases at work, but it's in her personal life that you see how her outlook might be changing over time as she deals with that job. And also her relationships; for example, in Missing Justice, she has to realize that her father is not a perfect man. She's sort of late to realize that your parents are human, too, and things weren't as great as she thought they always were.

"What does your dad make of your becoming a writer?"

"He is so proud. He just cracks me up. He's my biggest fan and my biggest promoter, and he loves to tell people that he wants to be known as 'Alafair Burke's father.' I think it's neat to share a path with him. It gives us something to talk about, obviously. We have a very good relationship. We've always been very close, and this is just one more thing for us to have in common. My parents both are wonderful. I'm lucky that way.

"As a writer, my father certainly has worked hard. His books just keep getting better and better. He started out as a poet, and his background is literary, and it shows in his writing. He's very visual, and he talks about the smells of things. Very sensory.<sup>3</sup> "Does your father go over

your manuscripts?"

"No. We're both pretty private about our writing. We keep the work to ourselves. We don't really talk about the writing itself so much."

"Or the horrible world of New York publishing?" "It's a fickle, fickle world.

Some of the best advice my father has given me is this: 'You can't write like it's a business. You can't try to predict what the market is going to want and try to be that.' Some of the worst books I've ever read were books where you could tell the writer was trying to capture the magic of some other book that had been successful. And you just can't do that."

"Who are your favorite writers in the mystery genre?" "Well, other than my father,

there's Sue Grafton and Michael Connelly and Harlan Coben and Linda Fairstein, among my favorites. That list seems to keep growing. I can't keep up with all the reading I want to do. That's one of the worst things about being a writer. There's less time to read. I hardly ever go to movies anymore.

On her web page (www. alafairburke.com), Ms. Burke writes about Angel's Flight, by Michael Connelly:

> Perhaps my favorite entry in one of the very best series around. When Harry Bosch investigates the murder of high-profile, LAPD-suing attorney Howard Elias, he finds himself in the middle of a political firestorm that makes the kind of crap I deal with look tame. Connelly is always a plot and character pro, but the way he brings post-Rodney King Los Angeles off the page in Angel's Flight is truly masterful.

Is Ms. Burke working on a third book?

"Yes. I'm trying to stay on schedule with that. This booka-year thing is a challenge, especially while I'm teaching.'

After we'd chatted for 20 or so minutes, I asked, "Where are you now?"

"Still in Washington. I think we're headed towards

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#### GALLERIES

"Art on Girard," this exhibit of work by La Jolla Art Association members is on view through Sunday, September 5, at association gallery (7917 Girard Avenue). Reception for

artists: Saturday, August 28, 6 p.m. 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

"Integral Thoughts," an exhibit of figurative sculpture by Gregory Reade, opens with reception on Saturday, August 28, 6 p.m., in San Diego Sculptors' Guild's studio #36, Spanish Village. 619-238-0522. Continues through Wednesday, October 13. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tars and Feathers." a multimedia bird-themed art show by local artists, includes reception on Saturday, August 28, 7 p.m., at 4862 Voltaire Street. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

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#### **ART MUSEUMS**

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Niki de Saint Phalle: California Dreaming" 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, "Navajo Weaves" includes 33 Navajo bjects such as chief's robes, other blankets and rugs woven in the late 19th Century and in 20th Century. Pieces of Navajo silver and turquoise jewelry dating from same era as weavings (from a private collection) also on view.

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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. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Contemporary** Art San Diego, Downtown, "Chicano Now: American Expressions" is described as "an interactive multimedia exhibition offering expressions of Chicano cultural style through the eyes of Chicano and Chicana performing and indepen-dent film artists." Exhibit explores themes of borders, home, family, work, personal style through performance, installation, video art. Closes Sunday, September 12.

The "Cerca Series" continues with "Gad Shaanan Design," through Sunday, September 26.



The firm developed the "sleek new fleet of cars" for San Diego Metropolitan Transit System rolling out this summer. Exhibit focuses on trolley project but also introduces visitors to intricacies of product design, with hand-rendered sketches, computer model-

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**Museum of Contemporary** Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge" offers introduction to concept of Chicana and Chicano identity in U.S. Show offers paintings by more than 25 artists ranging from abstraction to photo realism, dating from 1969 to 2001. See the exhibit through Sunday, September 12.

"Self-Help Graphics and Art: The Printed Image," on display through September 12, showcases selection of prints created at Los Angeles-based Self-Help Graphics and Art by artists whose work is included in "Chicano Visions."

Also on view through September 12, "Critical Mass," a large-scale installation by Einar and Jamex de le Torre. The piece demonstrates their interest in addressing stereotypes and cultural identities.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic** Arts, "Recent Gifts: For Eye and Mind" is an exhibit showcasing photographs acquired in the past few years; many are on view for first time in the museum. Concurrently, see "David Fokos: Borrowed Time," in which the San Diego photographer uses his minimalist style to focus on life on Martha's Vinevard and surrounding areas. Both exhibits close on Sunday, November 14.

"The Circle of Memory" is a provocative installation by six contemporary artists commemorating children and loved ones who are missing or have died. The installation utilizes a strawbale ceremonial structure and a series of photographs of kerbstones, inspired by ancient burial practices and a Neolithic Irish cairn. Continues through Sunday, November 7.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, James Aitchison (figurative painter), Michael C. Gross (pastel painter), and Burton Tysinger (sculptor) have work gathered in "Out of Oceanside," continuing through Sunday, September 19. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)



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# **Fast Thugs**

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aul Slabolepszy's *Saturday Night at the Palace* sounds like Cinderella at the ball. But the title misleads. The play actually takes place at 2:00 Sunday morning, and the "palace" is a roadside stand, Rocco's Burger Palace, outside Johannesburg, South Africa. Even

a sign on the wall misleads. It says "open all night," but September, the Zulu "bossboy" who manages the joint, closes up at 2:00 a.m.

Forsie's decrepit motorcycle just broke down, which is why he and fellow Afrikaner Vince have come to the stand to call home, only the phone in the wooden call box isn't working. What follows is no palace ball.

Slabolepszy got the idea from a newspaper "snippet about a bizarre attack on a roadhouse near Johannesburg." Two white males assaulted a black ("kaffir") waiter. Asked why, they gave no answers - didn't think one was necessary.

The play takes place in 1982. Apartheid, the racist segregation many pronounced "apart-hate," shows signs of breaking down (and will, seven years later). What's to come remains unknown. In this time of transition many Afrikaners, like Vince, cling to the old ways not just out of redneck habit, but for direction. Although he scored a hat trick in a soccer match last year, Vince just got kicked off the team. He's also unemployed and about to get booted from his apartment. Plus, a local magistrate's watching him for criminal behavior. It's hard to feel anything for Vince, a vein-bulging whitesupremacist thug. But during the play he loses every vestige of identity.

Vince can't conceive of change. His motto: "You can stay how you are for the rest of your life, or you can blow your brains out." Once he realizes he's falling, Vince tries to pull oth-

ers down. In typical bully fashion, he'd much rather assault scapegoats than face his true fear: the person — his father, a relative who bullied and possibly abused him.

September's also uprooted. He hasn't seen his family in two years. He's been living and working illegally, in a segregated white area, without a pass (and he might, or might not, deal marijuana on the side). All he has to do is lock up, leave the keys at his boss's house down the road, and he's off on holiday.

By sheer chance, the Afrikaners came to this road stand at this hour. After innocent byplay, Vince, a loose cannon, takes September's keys and demands a free meal. He taunts. September threatens Vince with a round-knobbed Zulu staff. After Forsie tries to stop the escalating violence, Vince withdraws, then returns to demean September: tearing up a family photo, smearing food on his face. Then Vince assaults Forsie's dignity as well. One of the three will die.

Saturday Night at the Palace recalls the plays of Mark Medoff (especially When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder, in which a loner terrorizes a restaurant). But where Medoff's impact doesn't last beyond the



Andrew Kennedy in Saturday Night at the Palace

Saturday Night at the Palace by Paul Slabolepszy

Ion Theatre in association with Common Ground Theatre at 6th@Penn, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest Directed by Claudio Raygoza; cast: Paul Araujo, Andrew Kennedy, Quardell Scott; scenic and lighting design, Raygoza; sound, Eusevio Cordoba

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curtain call, the historical and cultural forces beneath Saturday Night resonate. At the same time, Slabolepszy's script could benefit from Medoff's fast-track pacing. The 90-minute intermissionless play takes a while to get going, then a while to get going again.

Claudio Raygoza directed and performed in Endgame, one of San Diego's best productions of 2003. It's quite a leap from the existential nuances of Samuel Beckett to the visceral fury of Slabolep-

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Parties & Special Occasions! 🔻 szy. Raygoza's company, Ion Theatre, lands on its feet. The co-production with Common Ground Theatre lags when the play does, but when things must get out of hand, they do.

Andrew Kennedy makes his local debut as Vince. Dressed in leather jacket and T-shirt, à la Marlon Brando in The Wild One, Kennedy's a brute whose behavior, in the end, might have been selfdestructive all along. Quardell Scott pits September between passivity and retaliation. September just

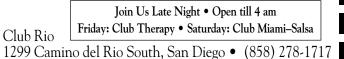


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wants to go home, though he may have to go through someone to get there.

In many ways the most interesting character, Forsie seems like a nice guy who wants everyone to get along. He appears attuned to changing times, but is he? As Forsie, Paul Araujo gets much but not all of a character who shows that racism can lurk behind the friendliest faces.

You can add the Ion Theatre to the growing list of new companies worth seeing (and ---ahem! — supporting) in San Diego. Ion's next project is A Raisin in the Sun at the Lyceum in September. There are also rumors that Ion will stage the great Marat/Sade sometime next year: Samuel Beckett, Paul Slabolepszy, Lorraine Hansberry, and Peter Weiss? Ion Theatre obviously relishes the eclectic — and the challenging.

Last week's review raved about Sean Murray's set for Las Meninas: a theater-in-the-round effect in which mirrors on the rear wall put the audience on both sides of the actors. The effect, and Lynn Nottage's play, come from Diego Velazquez's famous painting of the King and Queen of Spain. Las Meninas (1656) reverses all expectations. Instead of seeing the King and Queen, we see the room from their perspective, including Velazquez himself, peering from behind the canvas.

Got an e-mail from Lewis, a Reader reader in New York. He savs there's a similar reverse-effect at Spain's Prado museum. "Las Meninas, the jewel of their Velazquez collection, is in a separate room. There's a canny slanted mirror. If you can look into it, away from the painting, you're lit by the same shadowed side-light that catches Velazquez. This inserts you into the painting! You become if not him, then a partner in his viewpoint. Quite extraordinary!"

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#### The Ally Way

6th@Penn presents Marianne Mc-Donald's modern adaptation of Euripides' Alcestis. "Should a wife sacrifice herself for her husband. even though he's not worth it?" Robert Salerno directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 1; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### Antony and Cleopatra

Even though the cast wasn't always up to his speed — and if you don't count his tacked-on, feel-good ending - Darko Tresnjak's direction shows a keen awareness of Shake speare's sweeping drama. Tresnjak's epic stage pictures and subtle nuances serve this difficult play. Maybe it's because they're cast in two repertory shows. Maybe not. But on opening night Dan Snook's earnest, beleaguered Marc Antony and Sara Surrey's attitude-thick Cleopatra had neither the size nor the range for their roles. Both were tentative when Antony should be having Rome's most pronounced male midlife crisis and Cleopatra should be the world's most liberated diva. Neither came close, which left major gaps in the production. James Joseph O'Neil makes Octavius statue-cold, an appropriate choice given that the leader of the Pax Romana was more calculating machine than human. Bruce Turk heads the support cast as an ethereal soothsaver who seems to walk on air. Unlike much of his work, Ralph Funicello's austere set - multileveled with fluted Roman columns — lacks eye appeal. A centerstage turntable offers striking visuals, however, as during a battle when, under York Kennedy's blistering red lighting, combatants freeze in a revolving tableau. Costume de-

signer Linda Cho color-coded the characters: Romans in shades of red, Egyptians in shades of cream (the brightest reds and whitest whites worn by the higher ups). Maybe in time the leads will inhabit, rather than just wear, Antony and Cleopa tra's emotions. Maybe not. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26. (NOTE: ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH AS YOU LIKE IT AND THE TWO NOBLE KINSMEN; CALL THE THEATER FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF FACH) 619-239-2255

#### Art

But is it "art"? Serge, one of Marc's oldest friends, just bought an allwhite painting. Okay, says Marc, "if you screw up your eyes, you can make out some fine white diagonal lines." But it's a '70s Antrios, boasts Serge, who paid "100 grand" for the four-by-three canvas. Does owning it suddenly make Serge a "collector"? Mark thinks not. Yvan doesn't care but tries to keep his best friends from each other's throats, the painting having put their friendship - and, eventually, Yvan (who calls it "apocalypse because of a white square") in a new perspective. Unlike the painting, there is less to Yasimia Reza's play than meets the eye (it's rarely more than three one-dimensional characters bickering; did the Antrios trigger something, or have their friendships always been shallow?) But the Lamb's Players Theatre, under Deborah Gilmour's tight direction, gives the 90-minute piece life. Robert Smyth, as the controlling Marc; Paul Eggington, as put-upon, closet-snobbish Serge; and especially Tom Stephenson as Yvan, the group's Sancho Panza, do ensemble work so precise it verges on choreography. Stephenson stops the show with Yvan's long, hilarious monologue (which is about another example of friendships under pressure). Mike Buckley's excellent set has enough right-angles for a Mondrian. Lit by Bill E. Kickbush, the abstract set takes on the properties ascribed to the painting. (Note: due to popu lar demand, Lamb's has extended the run of Art.) Worth a try.

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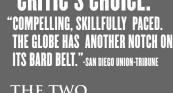
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#### Worth a try.

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As You Like It

Class is in session: Intro to Baby Boomers, Born between 1946 and 1964, they're the largest generation in history, they're writing the book on "self-obsession," and one turns 50 every seven seconds. Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington's salute — in a new, "remixed" version - takes mu sical walks down all manner of memory lanes: historical, sociological, even televisional (at one point the cast blazes through TV theme songs, and mini-bursts of recognition ignite in the audience). The show alternates between nostalgia and hard looks at then (JFK, Vietnam) and now. Backed by a hot band, the cast sings snatches of songs. It's as if your time machine is channel-surfing. Just as you remember one, the cast does another. The result: waves, at times floods, of remembrances. Directed by Meads, the briskly-paced production boasts micro-accurate period costumes by Jeanne Reith, a set composed of countless logos (from golden arches to Alfred E. "What, Me Worry?" Newman of Mad magazine), and strong singing voices. For actual Baby Boomers, the show also includes advice for overcoming the 'Big Chill Syndrome." It's lively, funny, and could run forever. Worth a try.

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male-harmony groups, of the '50s. Larry Raben directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH AUGUST 29; THURSDAY AND SUNDAY, AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

#### Fritz Blitz: 2004 Festival of New Plays by California Playwrights

I want to plug this enterprise, sight unseen. For 11 years, the Fritz Theater has presented world-premiere works by California authors. This year top local directors (including Duane Daniels, Tim Irving, Jessa Watson, and Brendon Fox) stage 11 new plays - selected from over 100 entrants. The four-week festival offers a different program each week, and a zodiac of genres, from comedies to drama to experimental pieces that otherwise might never find a hearing. The Blitz has become a cauldron for the creative process. It also showcases local actors and designers - and, quite possibly, future voices of the American theater. Worth <u>a try.</u>

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As part of the new "Plays in the Park" series, Patio Playhouse offers the musical based on the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee. Songs include "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses." Chris Hall directed. KIT CARSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCON-DIDO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12; FRI-DAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

#### I Do, or Die: The Motherin-Law of All Weddings

For its summer show, onboard the sternwheeler *William D. Evans*, Mystery Cafe presents one of its best: best balance between written and ad libbed materials, best array of credible suspects and clues, and also funniest of those I've seen at Imperial House. Patricia "Patti" Peccarino (Emily Anne Smith), heir to the Peccarino cheese fortune ("The Cheese Stands Alone"), is about to marry Wilhelm "Willie" Schmeterlinck (Ben Gilbert), last of the Schmeterlincks (who, some allege, invented Cheez Whiz) and a groom given to

quoting Shakespeare ("to wed, or not to wed"). There's a death. Then another. Was the murderer "the Bavarian Battleaxe," Gretchen Schmeterlinck (Diane Thrasher)? Or Patti's mother, Theresa Rodham Peccarino (Bonnie Stone). Both exude insidious intent. Or was it lactose-intolerant Patti, who lost 17 minutes of her life at age nine? Or one of several other candidates, each of anything — and each living proof that "cousins shouldn't marry." Authors James Pascarella and the late Will Roberson set the piece in the 1950s (yet are somehow able to make numerous topical references to today). It's a consistently funny evening of interactive theater. Worth a try.

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#### Las Meninas

Like Tom Stoppard's Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, playwright Lynn Nottage foregrounds people "lost to history." Instead of a play about Louis XIV, "the *l'etat c'est* moi Sun King," she tells of his spurned wife, Marie-Therese; the affair the Queen had with Nabo, an African dwarf; and Louise, their daughter. The result's a drama about gender politics, cultural codes, and potentially bitter ironies. The most surprising feature: Act One's a behind-the-façade exposé so funny it almost qualifies as a comedy - and is tough to follow, as the second act lags in places, though it has a power-

ful conclusion. If you estimated its budget from the show's glorious look you'd think Cygnet Theatre just won the lottery. The jet-black set's a sleek marvel matched by Jose Maria Martinez Ybarra's excellent period costumes: gold brocade, feathers, mountainous wigs. Eric Lotze's dreamlike lighting (is any of this real, or just a revisionist reverie in the mind of young Louise?) also enhances. The terrific Robin Christ gives the Queen piety and playfulness (especially when learning of the King's infidelities and realizing she could reciprocate). Though several performances had opening-night tentativeness, Christopher Wylie's a joy as Nabo. Seeing the court from his marginalized perspective makes Versailles one strange and scary place.

#### Worth a try.

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#### Late-Night Catechism

The Laguna Playhouse has extended the run of this popular show several times. It's an "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 in 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 evening of almost nonstop 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 this show's run several times].

#### Worth a try.

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#### **National Comedy Theatre**

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from

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pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sym-pathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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#### Smoke on the Mountain

Lamb's Players Theatre presents Connie Ray's gospel-musical about the Sanders Family Singers. "Of course the bus just broke down, Uncle Stanley's fresh out of prison, and sister June still can't sing. Kerry Meads directed. (Note: due to popular demand, Lamb's has extended the run of this show.) JOAN B. KROC THEATRE FOR THE PER-

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Diversionary Theatre stages Lee Blessing's drama about "one violent night and a lifetime of questions." Jeffrey Ingram directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, SAT-URDAY, AUGUST 28, THROUGH OCTO-BER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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The Poway Performing Arts Company offers Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winner about a 90-year-old woman looking back on her life. Brent A. Stringfield directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, FRIDAY, AU-GUST 27, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085

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Imagine A Midsummer Night's Dream without Oberon and Titania bickering, or impish Puck

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**Larry Groupe** admits he has a slim chance to win his first Emmy. His work on ABC's *Line of Fire* earned him a nomination for



"Outstanding Music Composition for a Series (Dramatic Underscore). The bad news is that he's up against ex-Police drummer Stewart Copeland, who composed the music for a Showtime pilot entitled Dead Like Me. He's also up against Phillip Glass. "I think he'll get it," says Groupe, 47. "His special was about AIDS in Uganda. It's a hot topic. Besides, he's Phillip Glass.' Line of Fire was canceled by ABC after one season.

"They have two Emmy

Awards. There's the big show September 19 that everyone sees. My awards are part of the ceremony held a week before [September 12] at the Shrine Auditorium. If you win, you might get a ninesecond snippet on the big night. But I did hear Bravo actually shows both shows in their entirety."

Groupe, who has a

master's degree in music

composition from UCSD,

was tapped by Yes in 2002 to

arrange their hits and go on

spent the month of August in

the UK, where he conducted

Philharmonic at Abbey Road

studios. "It's a docudrama for

Groupe says he has an

leave his Oceanside home of

European TV. It will be in

agent and has no plans to

five or six languages.'

15 years.

90 members of the London

tour with them. Groupe

As far as the future goes, Groupe says, "One of most emerging markets that dwarfs film and TV is the gaming industry. A lot of game producers are starting to use huge action scores and use a full Hollywood budget." — Ken Leighton

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a hit and runs for five or six

seasons, it then goes into

syndication.... You

get paid [royalties]

every single time it

is rebroadcast."

reruns. If your show becomes

#### On August 16, the P.O.D. website

(www.payableondeath.com) announced that new guitarist Jason Truby will release a 24-track solo album. String Theory, available first through the band's online store, will be out in September. Nineteen guitars were reportedly used, including a sitar. Truby supplanted Marcos Curiel as P.O.D.'s guitarist in early 2003.

On August 31, the second CD of musicians inspired by the movie *The Passion of the* 

*Christ* will feature P.O.D's "Truly Amazing." The CD coincides with the film's DVD release. This CD,



GROUPE (ABOVE) VS. GLASS FOR EMMY

entitled *The Passion of the Christ: Songs*, is the first release from Lost Keyboard Records (a subsidiary of Creed's Wind-Up label). Also on the CD is MxPx with Mark Hoppus of blink-182, performing a song called "The Empire."

blink's fourth and latest single, "Always," has yet to make the top 50 on *Billboard*'s "modern rock" charts. Tom Delonge and Hoppus now have a production company, Resting Bird Entertainment, which last year produced a documentary called *Riding in Vans with Boys*. Hoppus will play the Ramones' 30th anniversary party September 12 in Hollywood at the Avalon Theatre. Eddie Vedder, Flea, and Tim Armstrong (of Rancid/Boxcar Racer) are also on the bill. — Jay Allen Sanford

**"In & Out Burger's the only reason I want to stay,"** said bassist Ian Grushka of New Found Glory in the latest edition of *Blender*, a monthly music magazine. He and guitarist Steve Klein are moving back east, leaving the rest of the band to stay here in the Southland.



"I feel like I'm not cool enough to live here," Grushka is quoted as saying. The goofy pop-punk quintet played each date of this year's Warped tour, and the band's music videos get MTV exposure. *Catalyst*, their latest Geffen CD (released in May), did not generate much radio airplay, but they sold a respectable 469,000 copies, which should earn gold certification (500,000 copies) next month.

Drummer Cyrus Bolooki and guitarist Chad Gilbert will probably continue to live in the greater L.A. area. Geffen Records publicist Erik Stein would only say that the band has been based in Southern California with lead singer Jordan Pundik living in San Diego.

New Found Glory is managed by Rick DeVoe, the Encinitas-based manager who also handles blink-182. — Ken Leighton

#### Stone Temple Pilots' bass and guitar

**players,** Robert and Dean DeLeo, played Pala casino earlier this month with Joe Walsh, who has been an Encinitas resident for a few years now.

The concert with Walsh (the former Eagles and James Gang guitarist) was supposed to start with opener Beth Hart at 7:30. Signs around



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the venue said she was sick and not performing. I walked in at 8:15, surprised that Walsh's band had started 25 minutes earlier.

After the show I asked DeLeo how he became a part of Joe's band. He said, "Joe saw a Stone Temple Pilots show and liked it. Then we ended up jamming together. After us jamming for a while, these few shows happened."

I told him Velvet Revolver did nothing for me, and he smiled, put his hands on my shoulders, and said, "Thank you."

DeLeo's brother Dean came out when he saw my friend Peg, who was the first DJ in San Diego to play Stone Temple Pilots (at Rock 102.1). They had an enthusiastic greeting. I asked Dean about the future. He said, "I haven't thought much about it. I did write some songs with the Deftones for one of their upcoming CDs." That would be the

Grammy-winning band's fifth release.

As we were talking, Walsh came out with his tour

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manager. One guy asked for his autograph, and the manager turned around and said, "No!" Earlier in the concert, somebody put something onstage for Walsh to sign, and he angrily said, "I'm doing a concert right now."

I asked Walsh if I could ask a few questions about his current band (which also had



#### STP BROTHERS (ROBERT ABOVE) JAM WITH JOE WALSH

a former member of the Wallflowers and another from the Average White Band). He and his manager walked onto the bus without turning around.

— Josh Board

#### **Ex-4th & B talent buyer Steve Kader** says he will remain in the San Diego music scene even though his job at the downtown concert venue is

over. "We parted ways on the

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Go Baby Go

best of terms," said Kader, 35, who was with 4th & B for more than seven years. Kader specialized in Latin, hip-hop, and dance headliners at the downtown live music showcase.

4th & B general manager Ray Johnson said that head talent buyer Jeff Gaulton will expand his duties with the club and book many of the artists formerly handled by Kader. Also remaining at 4th & B is talent buyer Wayne Reynolds, who specializes in urban and R&B styles. — Ken Leighton

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#### "We're playing the heck out of it over here," said KUSS (95.7 FM) DJ Tony Randall to country star Vince Gill about a song entitled "It's Hard to Kiss the Lips at Night That Chew My Ass Out All Day Long."

In the August 12 on-air interview, Randall, who is half of the KUSS morning duo of Tony and Kris, told Gill that, thanks to the KUSS airplay, the CD had made it to the "Top 10 in sales" in San Diego.

But Soundscan, the retail monitoring service that gets its data directly from retail scanners, told a different story. In the week ending August 6, which was the most recent data available at the time of the interview, the CD was the 23rd-highest-selling country CD in San Diego.

MACK DANIELS

The number-one-selling country CD that week was Jimmy Buffett's *License to Chill.* 

About Randall's assertion that his station was "playing the heck out of the song," the Mediabase 24/7 radio auditing service said that KUSS only played "Hard to Kiss the Lips" once in the seven days before the interview, and that was during the overnight "graveyard" hours. Calls to Randall and KUSS program director Mike O'Brian were not returned.

**"There were 400 to 500 people.** We filled the entire Trinity Church in El Cajon all the way to the back

— Ken Leighton

row." Thought Experiment drummer Roger Varley played with Paulette Valenzuela in the Abuse from 1998 to 2000. He helped bury her August 18. "We needed

to take care of the cost of the service. Her closest of friends stepped up and put down all the money for the expenses."

Valenzuela, 34, was murdered in her Point Loma apartment August 7. She had fronted local bands since

#### 1993.

"We are having a series of fundraisers. As soon as we pay back the funeral expenses, the rest of the money will go to breast cancer."

Valenzuela organized three "Milk Money" hard rock fundraisers. Her last fundraiser in June raised over \$2200.

The SDPD announced that Samuel Horn, 21, was arrested in Rosarito Beach August 14 and is being held as a suspect in the murder. Those close to Valenzuela said that there were two other males with the person who murdered Valenzuela. Sgt. Williams of the SDPD said there were two others who were "apprehended,

questioned, and released."



LOCAL BANDS PULL TOGETHER FOR PAULETTE

Horn is now being held in county jail. Valenzuela worked as a

legal secretary by day. The entire Kearny Mesa law firm of Summers & Shives, where Valenzuela was most recently employed, was closed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in honor of the funeral.

Appearing at a September 3 fundraiser at Dream Street are (in order, beginning at noon) DJ Amp Ears, Code Adam, Malachi Crunch, Downspell, Thought Experiment, Media Lab, Swan, Divided by Zero, and Life Hates Me. It is free admission but donations are welcome. For more information, go to *www.theabuse.com*. A second fundraising show has been set for September 25 at Brick By Brick.

— Ken Leighton

I got to 'Canes at 6:00 p.m. on August 13 to talk to Bow Wow Wow — the 1980s band who had a hit with a cover of "I Want Candy" — now a foursome performing with two original members. There were a couple of teenagers who drove here from Phoenix to see the band. They were wearing No Doubt shirts and said they were waiting for drummer Adrian Young. (Young joined No Doubt in 1989.) They had been waiting since 2:00 p.m. They told me they were under 21 and couldn't get into the show

The couple got excited when they saw Young drive up in his black Mercedes at 6:15. When he approached the club, I walked over. I told the couple to follow, and the boy said, "No, I don't want to bother him." I said, "You

# **Jason Mraz live in Beer City**

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won't be bothering him if you just say hello and don't keep him for a long time.'

I approached Young myself. I asked, "How is it that you got involved with Bow Wow Wow?" There was an uncomfortable 15-second silence as he continued walking. He then said, "Well, I just liked them. I mean, this is a side thing. It's not like No Doubt is over. I'm just playing with this band for some of the shows right now."

No Doubt singer Gwen Stefani recently told Cosmopolitan magazine, "I thought it would be a good publicity stunt to say we were breaking up, but really we're not."

A few websites have talked about Young's drumming with both Bow Wow Wow and local band Unwritten Law as sure signs that No Doubt is history.

Young told me, "I'm just playing drums on a few tracks on their [Unwritten Law's] new record. That's it."

I then pointed to the two kids who really wanted to

CDs, a T-shirt, and a towel that one of the No Doubt band members threw out at a previous show. The towel had already been signed by some backup singers of No Doubt. I took the couple's picture with Young. The boy told me afterwards, "He seemed like he was in a bad mood, so I didn't say anything to him. I got a little scared.'

Original Bow Wow Wow bass player Leigh Gorman was playing this night. When Bow Wow Wow played Brick by Brick on New Year's Eve 1997, I tried talking to Gorman, and he just kept asking me where he could find some girls. At one point he even said, "Don't you have a sister or anything?" Original singer Annabella

Lwin showed up at 6:30 p.m. She was 15 when she first joined the band back in 1980. She told me she couldn't talk long because she was running late and had to do the sound check. She invited me inside, and her manager said, "You're welcome to watch the sound check."

Annabella came over ten minutes later. I asked her how Malcolm McLaren was doing (he founded Bow Wow Wow and was the manager of the Sex Pistols and the New York Dolls). She said, "I don't know, but you can talk to that guy [a roadie] over there. He knows what he's up to."

"What happened to your original drummer?'





"Dave Barbarossa. He's still in England. He wants to stay there with his family, his kids. He plays there, though. And Adrian [Young] was a fan of the band, so we were able to get him."

– Iosh Board

# "Each month, we

have to let the police **know** what kind of shows we are doing," said Ray Johnson, director of operations at 4th & B. "Do they single out specific genres and shows?" I asked.

"Yes. We try to cooperate as best as we can with the police if they think there may be problems. Let's face it, they make your life miserable if you don't. But there have been no major problems. They [the police] like us."

"I know there are undercover units that go into downtown clubs," I told him, "because I have seen them, a sort of 'mod squad' of young rookies dressed in miniskirts, muscle shirts, and club gear. I have seen them make busts outside clubs. Have you seen much of these undercover cops?"

Johnson said he's heard about them. "We get tested at the door," he said, "and the uniformed officers will come by later on and give us a report, tell us if we did a good job or not.'

"Any busts?" 'There have been arrests inside 4th & B in the past, before we took over the venue last December. But not since I've been here. We have a zero tolerance policy."

– Michael Hemmingson

Burt Bacharach, before performing at Summer Pops 2004 at Embarcadero Marina Park South this Friday and Saturday, expects in his dressing room Evian waters, 7-Up, creamy peanut butter, sliced whole-wheat bread, and one bottle each of "first class" red and white wines (with no brand or vintage specified). The singers and musicians get "good" wine, along with water and soft drinks.

When Black Eyed Peas play Street Scene tomorrow, they'll require an "experienced, professional, Englishspeaking, sober [sound] monitor engineer who shall attentively remain at the monitor position" and a "first-class lighting system." In addition, "There shall at no time, throughout the entirety

of the Artist's soundcheck and performance, [be employed] the use of fog machines of any kind." Their dressing rooms (the locker rooms at Qualcomm?) should have two pizzas ("pepperoni and vegetarian"), fried chicken ("assorted pieces"), Snapples, diet Cokes, and "two pounds assorted nuts (cashews, pistachios esp.)."

The previous information was obtained at smokinggun. com.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# **Cords and Machines**

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"Some guy was so into it, his baggy pants fell down."

arried couples working together in rock bands have often produced good results: Sony and Cher, Jack and Meg White, Pat Benatar and Neil "Spider" Giraldo. Tender Buttons are no exception. When not performing their duties in Kill Me Tomorrow, the Golden Hill

couple toil as a duo, creating dark, melodic technopop with a nod to the classic sounds of the 1980s (an homage to such two-person acts as Soft Cell

and the Pet Shop Boys) with Zack Wentz on vocals and K8 Wince at the helm of the electronica.

As if playing in two bands wasn't enough to feed the artistic bug, Zack's first novel, The Garbageman and the Prostitute, is being published this fall by Oregon-based Chiasmus Press. K8 is a gourmet chef, speaks fluent Icelandic, has a degree in entomology, and has her own line of designer clothes. Her earliest designs came out of Tender Buttons: bizarre shirts that laced up the side with huge grommets.

They have an EP out from L.A.'s Deathbomb Arc Records, You've Got It Now, You've Done It Now, and there is an LP in the works. "There's a short book/radio play I'm working on that'll go with the Tender Buttons full length," says Zack. "Something between the kind of skits they do on Wu-Tang albums and old suspense radio shows like Inner Sanctum or The Shadow with a main character/narrator not unlike the one

in William T. Vollmann's Whores for Gloria.

### TRICKIEST MUSICAL PROBLEM?

K8 "When I rock out too much and forget I'm supposed to be doing something." Zack Tender Buttons is all cords and machines. Everything is running into

everything else. If something fucks up, it's all fucked up. Even my vocals are running through a delay pedal and then a little tube preamp to heat the

signal back up. Half the time I'm using a megaphone as well. Found a 30-year-old Electro-Voice one recently and it works perfectly, but it weighs about three times as much as the other one."

#### LIST OF EQUIPMENT USED?

K8 Korg ES-1, Korg KP-2, Korg MS2000 ("maybe Korg should sponsor us"), various maracas, shakers, and noisemakers.

Zack Ancient Electro-Voice microphone, '70s Electro-Voice megaphone/bullhorn, Electro-Harmonix Deluxe Memory Man, Bellari Tube preamp, and occasionally a Shure "Elvis" reissue mike.

#### TOP FIVE FAVORITE FOOD DISHES? K8

1. Anything with mole sauce (particularly Maria's in Merced, California)

- 2. Pho soup 3. Homemade pizza
- 4. Roasted chicken

5. Chocolate cake Zack

1. Macaroni and cheese or pan-fried oysters (my primary comfort foods and they tie for first)

2. K8's stroganoff

3. Sushi at Kazumi's

4. K8's lemon chicken

5. K8's "Indian" curried chicken with peas and mushrooms

#### **TOP FIVE MOVIES?**

Screen

К8 1. La Strada 2. The Party 3. Citizen Kane

4. Persona

#### 5. Blazing Saddles Zack

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- 2. The Magic Christian
- 3. Young Frankenstein
- 4. Monty Python and the Holy Grail 5. Mulholland Drive

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K8 "Some guy was so into it, his baggy pants fell down...and he just kept on going." **Zack** "Some of the early Scolari's Office ones

were really insane, but they all kind of blur together for me. Probably because I drink a lot in Tender Buttons and have a tendency to hallucinate."



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Asleep at the Wheel and the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash [761]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 26, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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**Burt Bacharach** *[626]*: "Summer Pops 2004," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Friday, August 27, and Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-235-0804.

# SATURDAY

Lila McCann: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, August 28, 5:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497. **Dave Stamey:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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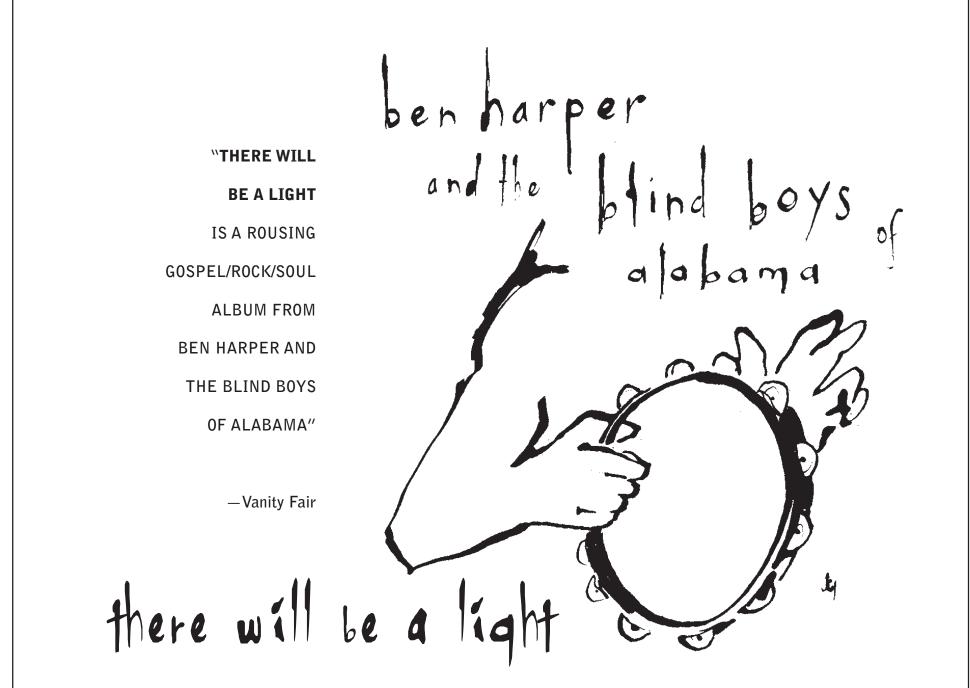
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**The Duo-Tones:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Joan Osborne [587] and the Sonny Landreth Band: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Standing in the Shadows of Motown" featuring the Funk Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Lyle Lovett [780]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 9, and Friday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Face to Face [279], My Chemical Romance, and Seconds to Go: SOMA, Thursday, September 9, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

The Beastie Boys [194] and Talib Kweli: Cox Arena, Saturday, September 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**The Samples** [497]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 11, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Laurence Juber: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Jane Monheit and Willie & Lobo [674]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**Billy Idol:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 12, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.

619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400. **Keane** and the **French Kicks:** Brick by Brick, Sunday, September 12, 8:30 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

**Chicago** [611]: 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. **Tackhead:** The Casbah, Tuesday, September 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

**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.

**Cowboy Mouth** *[604]*: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 15, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Yes** [565] and **Dream Theater:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 16, 7 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Seal [612]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Brand Nubian and the Crown City Rollers: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, September 16, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

**Flogging Molly** [*316*]: 4th & B, Friday, September 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 17, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Dickey Betts & Great Southern and the Marshall Tucker Band [537]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 17, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**Tish Hinojosa** *[830]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Christine Lavin:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Bobby Caldwell** *[621]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Independence Jam" with the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Franz Ferdinand, Muse, Death Cab for Cutie [392], and the Secret Machines: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 19, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

**Gary Allan:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**Ministry:** 4th & B, Tuesday, September 21, 345 B Street,

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**The Pixies:** RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**The Circle Jerks:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, September 22, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Jordan Knight: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 22, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**ZZ Top** [541]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 23, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Sergio Mendes & Brasil

2004 (650): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 23, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**Cheap Trick:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 23, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Richard Shindell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, September 23, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Air and Stereolab [301]: Open Air Theatre, Friday, September 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

**Don Carlos** [746]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 24, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Sting** [582] and **Annie Lennox:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 26, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

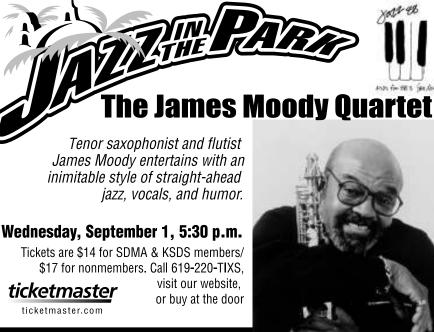
Randy Travis [777]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 26, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Huey Lewis & the News [590] and Alice Stuart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

**Styx** [*563*]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Story of the Year, the Lost Prophets, My Chemical Romance, and Letter Kills: SOMA, Wednesday, September 29, 6:45 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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Tower of Power [949]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 1, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Deftones [252]: SOMA, Friday, October 1, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Deicide and Goatwhore: 4th & B, Monday, October 4, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

The Tragically Hip [148]: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 5, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Botti [689]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, October 7, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Air Supply [623]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Norah Jones: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

De La Soul /605/: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, October 11, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Melvins [190]: The Casbah, Monday, October 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtov 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355

Soulive [646]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, October 12, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Bright Eyes [123], Jim James, and M. Ward: Spreckels Theatre Wednesday, October 13, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Winter [931]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, October 13, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140

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The cowboy singer: part philosopher, part humorist, part musician, and yodeling is sometimes involved. Longing for the past and vanishing wilderness themes are common gambits, as are horses, waltzes, big moons, and the lure of the drive. "Like outlaw songs," writes **Dave Stamey**, "trail songs are requirements." Depending on what you read (Google the subject: you'll find a bounty of information), Carl T. Sprague was the granddaddy of them all with his 1925 hit "When the Work's All Done This Fall." But the real roots go back to the late 1800s, when the earliest of the public-domain cowboy songs were penned. Based on Irish tunes that landed in the Appalachian Mountains, the words changed here and there, but the melodies traveled intact across the country.

Saddle songs weren't always accompanied with an instrument, but when possible the true cowboy singer brought along some thing small and trailworthy: a fiddle, a harmonica, or a banjo.

Dave Stamev's bio claims that he came to be a cowboy singer the hard way, having been "bucked off and stomped by many horses, stepped on by mules and dragged around branding pens by cattle of many sizes. He's ridden in the rain, in the snow, in the rain some more, in pretty nasty heat, and in feedlot pens where the air was thick and decidedly fragrant. He's an

entertainer now. He finds he prefers this. For his efforts, the Western Music Association recently voted Stamey Male Performer of the Year; he nabbed Male Vocalist of the Year from the Academy of Western Artists. The cowboy thing has been highly romanticized, and Stamey's articulate tenor and strumming support that notion. Much like the

DAVE STAME

blues man, the cowboy singer has long out lived his own relevance and is something of a throwback. But Stamey's songs are spry and enlightening, even if most of the trail has been converted to four-lane blacktop

**DAVE STAMEY.** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$15.

Mason Jennings: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 14, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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ny Hall, Thursday, Copley Sympho

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October 28, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 1-800-268-9429.

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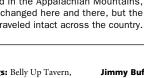
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## ALTERNATIVE

The Alternatives: Surf N'Saddle The Black Market Hearts: Soma The Blackletter Days: Soma The Buzzkill Romantics: The Cashah

**Call Me Alice** [149]: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla) The Chemistry: Soma Crash Kills Four: Soma Cursor: The Casbah Dama: Dream Street Dav Two: Epicentre Decompression: Blind Melons Die September: Soma Diminished: Soma Divided by Zero: Blind Melons Dorado Gold [280]: Soma Downspell: Brick By Brick Etched in Red: Soma Forever and a Day: Dream Street The Formaldehydes: Longshot Salooi The Great American Space Playboys: Blind Melons The H.B. Surround Sound: Blind Headtrip Superstar: The Blvd. The Higher: Soma His Irate Life: Dream Street Jolie Holland: The Casbah Honey Tongue: Winstons In Ruin: Brick By Brick Kiss Me Stranger: Epicentre Kleptik: Brick By Brick Lance's Hero [159]: Soma

Pub Living Relic: The Blvd. The Lobster Tank Divers: Squid Joe's Lylah: Brick By Brick Made: 'Canes The Make-Out Boys: Dream Street Malachi Crunch: 'Canes Anya Marina [118]: The Casbah

Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

The Mercury Switch: Epicentre The Midas Touch: Soma Mislead: Blind Melons

Modessa: Soma

Samsara: Dream Street

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Take Over Turn: 'Canes

The Serious Issues: Dream Street

Talking with Strangers: Blind Melons Tall: The Blvd. Tempernoi: Soma Uli Jon Roth: Brick By Brick Unsteady: Belly Up Tavern Vena Cava /1601: The Kensington

Club Warface: Brick By Brick Watch It Burn: Soma Wick: Blind Melons Wide Eyes of Terror: Epicentre Wither: Soma

# EXTENSION 4003

# ROCK

Alice Unchained: 'Canes Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern The Atomic Punks: 'Canes Ryan Bentley: The Fishbowl Music Club

The Big Dame Hunters: Blind Melons The Blazers: Tio Leo's Lounge

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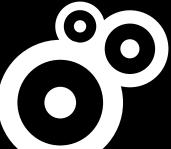
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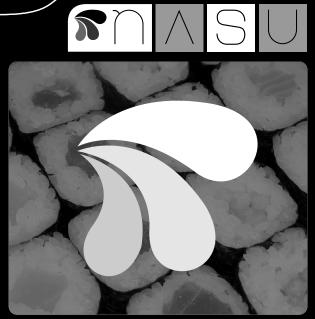


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Murdock: The Roseary Room The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Pale Black: Second Wind (San Carlos)

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Pink Froyd: Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Rockola: Viejas Casino, Humphrey's

Sanawon: The Casbah

The Michael Schenker Group: Brick By Brick

The Eve Selis Band [410]: Humphrey's

Seventimes: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

The Shooters: Longshot Saloon

Steal Dawn: Boar Cross'n The Stepping Fee: 'Canes The Stilettos: Second Wind (Santee) Tommy Stinson: The Casbah Strive: Dream Street Super Trax: Hi-Ball Scot Tabor: Blind Melons Talk to the Fist: Dream Street This Side Up: Sham Rocks Shack The Tone Sharks: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Siers Brothers: Dick's Last Resort

Triple X: Second Wind (Santee) Undercover: Dirk's Niteclub West of Memphis: Carvers

## EXTENSION 4004

# **POP / TOP 40**

Carol Ames [619]: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla) Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise The Baytown Band: Humphrey's Crush: Jimmy Love's

Carol Curtis: Martini's Bar & Grill Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

# The Fabulous Ultratones:

Humphrey's The Funky Players: U.S. Grant

Hotel John Garcia: Martini's Bar & Grill The Love Rangers: The Alley Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Viejas Casino The New Breed Band: Dick's Last

Resort Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Lounge Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits



#### BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the San Francisco Bay Area, where she lives, Jolie Holland has gone from playing tiny clubs like the Hemlock Tavern to big halls like Bimbo's 365 Club in a matter of months. Rock critics who normally couldn't be bothered to pay attention to a new artist have gone out of their way to herald Holland as a major new talent. After hearing her selfreleased, extremely low-budget debut solo CD, no less an authority than Tom Waits declared Holland his favorite new singer. This led to her being signed by Waits's record label, Anti, and brought on an avalanche of attention

So there's reason to be suspicious. It's no secret that most rock critics (and even most rock stars) are socially inept men and

Wilson & Sills: Martini's Bar & Grill

## EXTENSION 4005

# JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The B-Side Players [649]: 'Canes The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies Blue Largo [636]: The Calypso Cafe

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect

are easily excited by a cute young woman who can name-check Zora Neale Hurston, Syd Barrett, and William S. Burroughs. (Judging by the song "Old-Fashioned Morphine," Holland is apparently on such good terms with the late Burroughs that she can call him "Billy.") That said, all you

have to do is listen to know that Holland is the real deal. Once a member of Vancouver's retro-coun-Be Good Tanyas, try Holland's solo career veered off into a style so archaic that it makes Gillian Welch seem like

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective:

**The Jorge Camberos Quintet:** Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Bruce Cameron: Padre Gold,

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American

Covote Bar and Grill

John Cain [703]: Hotel del

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techno. Set against sparse jazz-blues arrangements, Holland's voice slides up to the notes like a country singer's (and, sometimes, around vowels like a space alien's). Although she sounds relaxed, her vocal tone has an edge to it that makes it seem like something coming out of a funnel-shaped speaker on an old Victrola. It's an affecta-



JOLIE HOLLAND

> tion, for sure, but so is Tom Waits's famous growl. The important thing is that Holland's talent is genuine.

Anva Marina opens.

JOLIE HOLLAND, The Casbah, Friday, August 27, 8:30 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355. \$8.

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch

(Gaslamp) Deejha Marie: Caffe Calabria

The Duo-Tones: The Calypso Cafe Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge Dora Hall: Caesar's Cafe Janet Hammer: The Wyndham

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Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar Sharon Shufelt: Caffe Calabria Reggie Smith: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

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**The Tami Thomas Big Band:** Viejas Casino

The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson

Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare Ben Wanicar: Rama Thai Restaurant The Western Continentals: M3

Espresso Cafe **Patrick Yandall** [632]: Humphrey's **Yavaz:** Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

# REGGAE / SKA

Big Sound Reggae: The Blvd. Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations: Winstons

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Aubergine

Dave Wakeling: Belly Up Tavern

# EXTENSION 4007

# COUNTRY

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash [761]: Belly Up Tavern The High Grass Rollers: Coaster Saloon Hill Country: Mulvaney's

EXTENSION 4008

# ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Jason Bebley: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company David Beldock: Coyote Bar and

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Grill

Bushwalla: Lestat's Coffeehouse Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub

**The Celtic Ensemble:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Elysha Clark: Cheers

Lauren DeRose: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

**Grey Deliste:** Lestat's Coffeehouse **Jim Earp:** Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)

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Bebel Gilberto: Belly Up Tavern Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould

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**Bad:** Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, '80s, rock, and electro. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Wolf's Bar, 3404 30th Avenue, North Park. 619-291-3730.

**Booty Basement:** Fourth Saturday of the month, hip-hop, '80s, and soul with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

**Bossaexotica:** Third Saturday of the month, electronic music with a fusion of Brazilian sounds. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789.

**The Boulevard:** Thursdays, Club Boulevard, hip-hop and house with DJs Marc Thrasher and Van. Saturdays, Metropolis, hip-hop, reggae, and house, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 925 W. San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004.

**Brown Sugar:** Fridays, urban sounds with DJ Myxzlplix. 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

**Club '80s:** Thursdays, the best of the '80s with DJs Bryan Pollard and Brian Anderson. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**Club Paradise:** First Saturday of the month, two areas featuring trance, jungle, and hip-hop with DJs Defiant, Eros, Whiskey Tango, and a live electronic band. No dress code. Rosie and Joe's Cantina, 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa. 858-277-5777.

**Club '70s:** Sundays, the best of the '70s, glam rock, glitter disco, and punk, with DJs B.P., Morgan Young, and Sickboy. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**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-fetish. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Deep:** Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Wallkrawler, Jason, and IzM. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

**Electrum:** Third Saturday of the month, rhythm and noise, power electro, and apocalyptic folk with DJs Bryan Pollard, Chuiy Bitios, Thermal Detonator, and Grendel Prime. No cover; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Faction-6:** Tuesdays, elektroclash, synthpop, and Brit pop with DJs Liquid Grey and NarcoLept. No cover. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Thursdays, pajama jam with DJ Battle. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

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Hands on Wax: Second and fourth Thursday of the month, house, hiphop, and downtempo. 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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**Musique:** Every other Saturday, deep to disco with DJs Mateo and Billy O. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Seven-17, 717 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-4440.

One Nation: Second Saturday of the month, bootleg remixes, '80s classics, and hip-hop with DJs Bart Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae. Fridays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, and alternative. Saturdays, DJ Kool T and Stiffy spin hip-hop, R&B, and retro. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

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**Sabbat:** Saturdays, DJs Adam Atom Dekay, Liquid Grey, and guests. Dark electro, gothic, and darkwave. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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Album Name: Every Day Has Its Dog (2003) Artist: Joe Morgan

Label: self-released

- Songs: 1) Love and Money 2) Needs My Help 3) Pardon Me 4) Her Again 5) Kate 6) Romance 7) Young Man's Disease
- 8) Remind Me 9) Perfect Fit 10) To Never Know

Price/Where Available: cdbaby.com for \$12 Band Members: J.M. (acoustic guitars, electric guitar, banjo, vocals), Don Gunn (drums, sampling, sequenced percussion, boxes), Dan Tyack (Dobro, electric slide, pedal steel), Hugh Sutton (accordion), Graham Hitchcock (acoustic bass), Ev Stern (acoustic bass), Miho Takekawa (vibes), and Stephanie Wicker (harmony vocals)

Extra Info: Morgan was awarded a vocal scholarship at Northern Illinois University in 1976.

Website: www.joemorgan.tv

Armed with a wry persona. Joe Morgan renders a batch of funny and refreshing songs whose lyrics focus on chance

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album has a clean sound and sharp guitar work. Morgan experiments with mixing sam-Belly Up Tavern, 143 South

encounters, love, and steal-

ing a friend's girlfriend. The

Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m. Asleep at the Wheel and Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash, rock/country. Friday, 9:15 p.m., Dave Wakeling and *Unsteady*, ska/alternative. Saturday, 9 p.m., '80s *Heat*, rock. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Bebel Gilberto.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Donnie Finnell & Co. East, standards and light

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pled percussion and acoustic instrumentation - guitar, bass, lap steel, accordion - and does a decent job integrating the samples into the songs. Standouts include "Romance," "Her Again,' "Kate," and "Young Man's Disease." The first cut, "Love and Money," shines except for an oddly simplistic power chorus. "Perfect Fit" was close to being a favorite of mine, were it not for some experimentation with dissonance that becomes a mess of melodic repression. "Her Again" may be the best song on the record. Starting off in a slow, winding fashion, the song ends up as a stirring upbeat rocker: "I saw her again / haven't thought about much since then / except the way I froze and burned / can't let anything show / I hope she gets the wrong idea / I hope she sees through me somehow."

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sciousness present in most of Morgan's lyrics provides a glimpse of a performer lost in the moment. Hopefully this bemused existence will continue with future endeavors, as it is a rare quality in this "toot your own horn" world.

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**Grappa Restaurant**, 328 South Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos. 760-744-0024. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian samba and bossa.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *the M*-80s, rock. The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo. Rancho Santa

 Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.
 The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday,

Flat Out Liars, classic rock. Saturday and Sunday, Blues Brokers, blues. Monday, Charles Burton Blues Band.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Flight Risk* and *the Shooters*, rock. Saturday, *the Guana Batz* and *the Formaldehydes*, rock/alternative.

**M3 Espresso Cafe**, 3910 Vista Way, Oceanside. 760-758-6363. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, *the Western Continentals*, honky-tonk.

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**Mas Fina Cantina**, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

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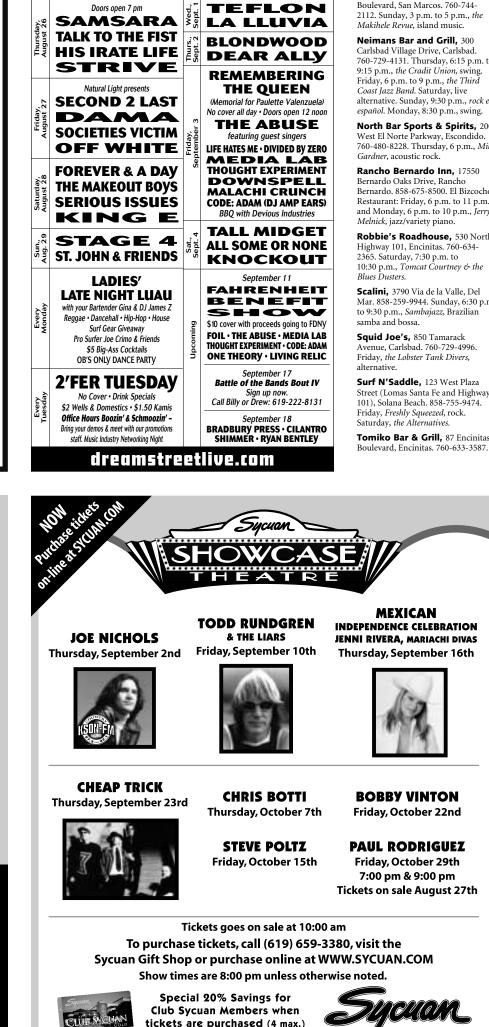
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'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Malachi Crunch, Reason 2 Believe, Take Over Turn, and Made. Friday, Atomic Punks, Alice Unchained, and Gish, rock. Saturday, B-Side Players, Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra, and Stepping Feet.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Call club for information.

**Chateau Orleans,** 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Charles Burton Blues Band.

**Coaster Saloon,** 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Friday, 9:30 p.m., the High Grass Rollers, bluesgrass/country

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**Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge** (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jack Pollack, contemporary. inday, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sean McVicker.





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Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, the Tone Sharks, rock. Saturday, NZ Rough, reggae.

**I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar & Grill,** 285 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach. 619-424-5373. Friday and Saturday, *Blind Date*, classic rock.

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La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Kisti Murray* and *Ted Williams*.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz.

**Moondoggies**, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Wednesday, *the Carolines*, rock.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Friday through Wednesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

**Pasquale on Prospect**, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-509-8900. Friday, *the Sacha Boutros Quartet*, jazz.

Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Thursday, Skirt Alert, the Steph Johnson Band, and On the One, alternative/rock. Wednesday, live alternative/rock.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, the Greasy Petes, blues. Saturday, Brain Bucket, rock. Sunday, the Jimmy Lewis Acoustic Show. Wednesday, Lewis, acoustic.

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Honey Tongue*, alterna Friday, Élijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Pink Froyd, rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Lee Brown Perspective. Monday, Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Wednesday, ShagginU Wagon, alternative.

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy* Smith

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Joe Byrnes, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Jenn Grinels, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon*, alternative.

**The Blue Agave,** 6608 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-521-3194. Call club for information.

The Blvd., 6949 El Caion Boulevard, College Area. 619-464 9945. Thursday, on the patio, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Jack the Original*, rock. Friday, on the patio 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sometimes Y inside, 8 p.m., *Tall, Living Relic*, and *Headtrip Superstar*, alternative. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Big Sound Reggae.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Missior Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Evan Hesse*, Spanish/classical guitar.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. All music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Lylah Friday, Downspell, Warface, Daemos and Kleptik. Saturday, Stretcher, Mother Mae I, and In Ruin, Tuesday, the Michael Schenker Group, Uli Jon Roth, and E.X.P.

Caffe Calabria. 3933 30th Street. North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sue* Palmer, Sharon Shufelt, and Deejha Marie, boogie-woogie/jazz.

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Club Miami, 6608 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-843-7400. Saturday, salsa, merengue, reggae, and bachata.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is alternative/rock/heavy. Thursday, *Please Mr. Gravedigger, the* Mercury Switch, Kiss Me Stranger, and Day Two. Friday, Wide Eyes Full of Terror, Loud Residence, Mother Mae I, and Strike 12.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, the Boogiemen, R&B

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounger Thursday, *Reggie Smith*, jazz. Friday, Eve Selis, roadhouse rock. Saturday, the Fabulous Ultratones, the Baytowr Band, and Flock of U80s, Motown/dance/pop. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Patrick Yandall*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Calvin* Rom nce, jazz. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.,

Rockola, classic rock The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

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.

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, *Vena Cava*, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Annie Bethancourt and Danielle LoPresti. Friday, Bushwalla and Illusion 33. Saturday, Grey Deliste and Mike & Nancy Natter. Sunday, Tim Mudd. Monday, open mike.

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the Lomatones*, classic rock. Saturday, live rock/blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-6594. Friday, call club for information. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.



**MUSIC**  $\succ$  rock, alternative, metal, reggae, disco, Top 40, hip-hop **SPECIAL NIGHTS** > Tuesday is comedy and Wednesday is free pool **CLIENTELE** ➤ all ages until 10:00 p.m.; average age early 30s; 75 percent Caucasian, 15 percent Latino, 5 percent Asian, 5 percent African-American; lots of singles, 60 percent female **COVER** ➤ \$5 (manager said on

comedy night, it's sometimes \$2 if they don't have a headliner) **HOURS** > 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. daily

**DRINKS** > on tap includes Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors Light, Molson, Bass Ale, Stone Pale Ale, Sam Adams Summer Ale, Stone IPA, Widmer Hefeweizen, Yellow Tail, Sierra Nevada, Newcastle, Guinness; happy hour is 3:00-7:00 p.m. every day but Sunday, when it's 9:00 p.m.-close; you get half off

Padre Gold, 7545 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Jazz Project Big Band.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, live blues/rock/swing.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Shirley* Allen, piano.

appetizers, \$1 off drafts and well drinks. On Monday there are \$2 domestic drafts; Wednesday, \$2.50 Jack and Coke. \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon; Thursday, \$2 Pacificos and \$2 rum drinks; and Saturday has \$2 U-Call-It

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**DANCE FLOOR** ➤ 50' by 50' in main room **FIRE EXITS**  $\rightarrow$  two – the main

The Roseary Room, 947 E Street, downtown. 619-702-7160. Sunday, 8 p.m., Murdock, alternative rock/punk.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Call club for information.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Pale Black, classic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Lafayette & the Leasebreakers, blues.

**BATHROOMS** ➤ men's had two urinals, one stall, and one sink and was painted black with band stickers everywhere; women's had two stalls (with curtains instead of doors), large wall mirror, two sinks, and was painted pink with band stickers only on the door; both bathrooms were clean **CAPACITY** ➤ 399

**SPECIAL AREAS** ➤ there are three rooms; one, where the band plays, has the stage, black lights, and a soundboard: another room is the dining area with the bar; and the third room has two pool tables. pinball machines and a video game; two benches out front for smokers

**FURNISHINGS** ➤ lots of ceiling fans, surfboards all over the walls (with beer logos), 8"x10" photos of surfers (some autographed), change machine near pool tables, 15 tables, neon beer lights, lots of beer banners, eight TVs (you can see one from anywhere you sit); bar is a U-shape going from pool area over toward where the band plays, seats about 20 **DECIBEL LEVEL** ➤ 111 when

Seven-17 Restaurant & Lounge, 717 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-232-4440. Saturday, Fred Heath & the Slidewinders, blues.

**Sham Rocks Shack,** 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, This Side Up, rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Die September, Watch It Burn,* the Black Market Hearts, and Crash

Ricksha played; 110 last week at Kelly's Steakhouse/Town and Country Resort

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN **LAST MONTH** ➤ Chapter 11 **QUOTABLE ≻** "If it's only \$5 to see three bands, how do any of the bands make money?"

I drove right by this place, not realizing it was right off the freeway (and it's hard to see their signs which aren't well lit) As L walked in, I noticed a sign at the door that said, "Swimsuits optional beyond this point." Inside, I saw people wearing swimsuits. Another guy skateboarded here and walked in carrying his board.

At 10:00 p.m. the under-21 crowd is given the boot, and four security guards are brought in. I only saw a few teenagers in there prior to the curfew, and one said to me, "The band plays in that room over there. Why don't they just have a security guard at that door and let us stay here?" I didn't have an answer for him. –Josh Board

Kills Four. Friday, 7 p.m., Wither, Etched in Red, the Midas Touch, Modessa, and Tempernoi. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Lance's Hero, the Chemistry, the Higher, and Dorado Gold. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Static-X, Soil, Diminished*, and *the Blackletter Days*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot* Rod Lincoln, rockabilly, Friday Blazers, rockabilly. Saturday, Jump Jones, blues. Monday, swing. Tuesday,



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zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano. Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive,

**Tutto Mare**, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet.* 

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Jason Bebley, Tiana, and Matt & Jessica Reece. Friday, Mernaid's Journey, Ashley Matte, Lauren DeRose, and the Adrienne Serna Band. Saturday, Tara Jo & Abby, Terra Naomi, Randy Russell, and Chris West. Sunday, the Celtic Ensemble, folk.

# DOWNTOWN

Aubergine, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100. Sunday, *the Tribe of Kings*, reggae.

**Caesar's Cafe**, 801 C Street, downtown. 619-234-8141. Thursday, *Dora Hall* and *Bradley Leighton*, jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Mike Park, Sanawon, Cursor,* and *Buzzkill Romantics.* Friday, *Jolie Holland, Anya Marina,* and *Suns & Daughters.* Monday, *Tommy Stinson.* Tuesday, *Sebadoh.* 

**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 Quartet. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday and Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

**Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*. Saturday, *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., to 10:30 p.m., *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*, pop/Top 40.

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Thursday and Friday, Private Domain. Saturday, the Siers Brothers, pop rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Wednesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock.

**Dizzy's,** 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Ahura*, Persian music.

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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live music nightly.
4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown.

619-231-4343. Monday, Siouxsie Sioux with the Creatures and the Banshees, alternative. G-5 George's on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, classical music. Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, 9:45 p.m.,



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and Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., Atomic Groove, disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Crush, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.,

*the Soul Revue*, Top 40. **The Latin Room,** 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, reggae/dancehall/hip-hop/R&B. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Martini's Bar & Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-293-0232. Friday, *Carol Curtis*, piano/guitar. Saturday, *Wilson & Sills*, piano and saxophone. Sunday, *John Garcia*, piano bar.

**Patrick's II,** 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Live blues nightly.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

Rama Thai Restaurant, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-501-8424. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Wanicar* with *Steve O'Conner & Friends*, jazz.

**Rock Bottom,** 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop music.

**Sassafras Bar and Grill,** 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, *Victoria Rose*, classic guitar and Celtic harp.

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**Sevilla,** 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, *Rico Tumbao*, salsa/Latin.

**The Shout House**, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, high-energy rock and roll dueling pianos.

**U.S. Grant Hotel**, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Bar: Thursday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., salsa party. Friday, *the Funky Players*, dance/pop. Saturday, dance band.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Sunday and Monday, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Faith Page*, piano and vocals.

Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom,

910 Broadway Circle, downtown. 619-232-4355. Friday, 8 p.m., Debra Wanger, cabaret. Saturday, 8 p.m., Eileen Bowman and Ric Henry, cabaret.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza,

400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. Lobby: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Reggie Smith*, jazz saxophone. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Sam Johnson Trio*, bass/piano/sax, and *Janet Hammer*, vocals.

## SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

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 Canonizado*, jazz/blues.

**Club Caribe,** 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. Call club for information.

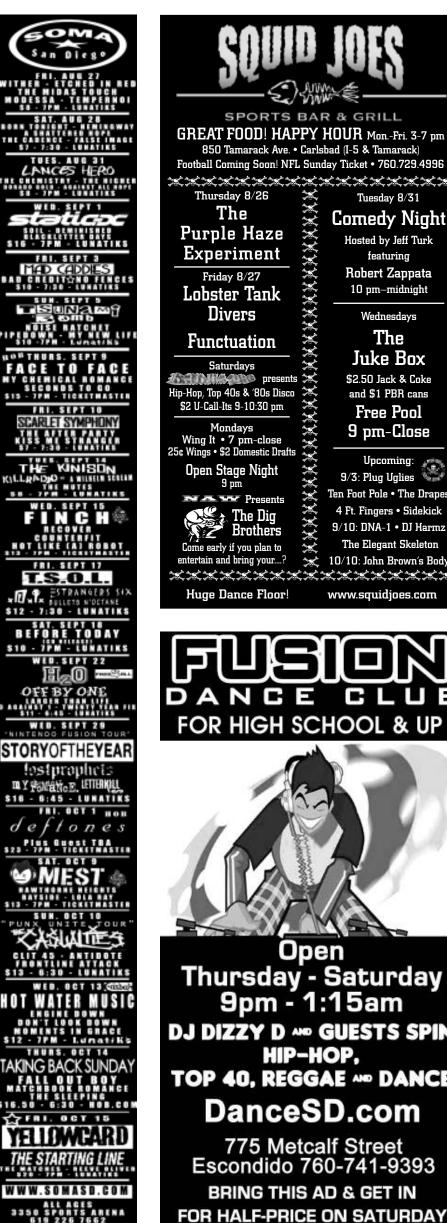
**Coronado Island Marriott** (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Saturday, 6 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet*.

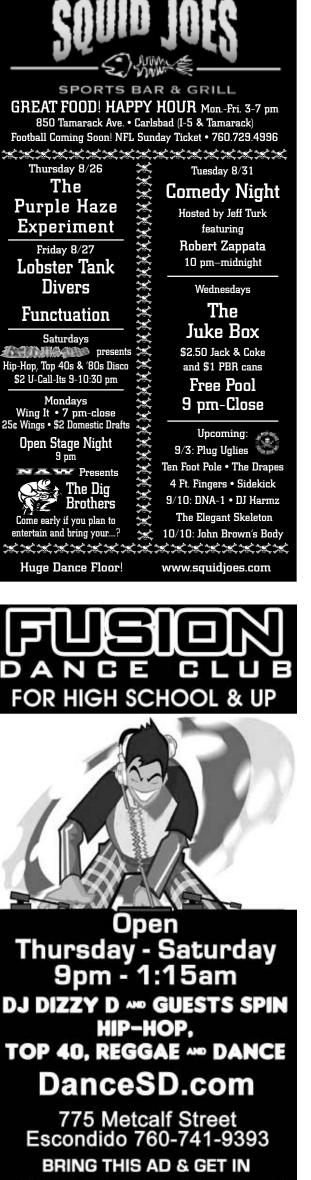
**Di-mond Jim's Nightclub**, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *the Evil Twins*, classic rock.



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Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes, or Vicki Eriqat, European and ethnic accordion

Hi-Ball, 626 E Street, Chula Vista 619-425-3800. Friday and Saturday, Super Trax, Latin/oldies/old skool/classic rock.

## Hotel del Coronado, 1550

Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435 6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara* Jamerson, jazz.

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Shep Meyers Quartet. Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

2:45 p.m., *John Cain.* Sun Deck: Friday through

Garage, acoustic rock.

Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Ron's

Island Sports & Spirits, 104

Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic

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Sunday, *David Houser*, acoustic. Monday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic. Tuesday, Gene Warren, Irish folk.

Saturday, the Justin Brothers, acoustic

## EAST COUNTY

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619 5119. Saturday, 7 p.m., Jim Earp, folk/Celtic.

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, *Undercover*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, live country music.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Jack* City Band, rock, Saturday, the *Corruptors*, rock. Wednesday, *the Big Slam*, blues.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie* 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

KC's Cocktails, 1678 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. 619-442-7676. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Highway 80, rock/blues/country.

**Mr. Joey's Cantina**, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466-2912. Friday, live rock/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Los* Reves del Ritmo, Latin.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550. Saturday and Sunday, Hill Country, country.

**On the Rocks,** 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Triple X*, classic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8), 619-445-Alpine (off interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Makai*, disco/Top 40. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Tami Thomas Big Band*.

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# Fantasy Island

San Diego is a longstanding home of the "tiki culture" cult. So it was almost inevitable that we'd someday become home to Mister Tiki Restaurant and Mai Tai Lounge, a new Gaslamp venue devoted to a fantasy of South Pacific cuisine.

David and Leslie Cohn hired restaurant designer JLorene Gage to convert the former site of Fio's to Mister Tiki. Gage kept the graceful arch between bar and dining room but changed Italian costume to grass skirts and bark loincloths, sheathed the architecture in bamboo, and decorated the space with gods and masks carved by local tiki sculptor Bosko Hrnjak. Soundproof glass enclosing the bar area was removed, making the restaurant roar like a raucous party. Soundless surfing footage screens from the bar TVs when they're not tuned to sportscasts, and loud reggae plays constantly. (Hawaiian slack-key might be too mellow for the tiki mood.) Around 8:00 p.m., the house turns the sound up to a blast as tourist families and older couples depart and the twentysomethings stroll in to play.

Two chefs staff the kitchen, and they claim high-end Hawaiian resort/kitchen experience: executive Chef Jonathan Hale (of Blue Point Coastal Cuisine down the block) and Hawaiian-born chef de cuisine Jesse Cruz (of the late 808 in La Jolla). Many dishes at Mister Tiki emerge from a collaboration between them, but the cooking overall bears little resemblance to the "new Hawaiian" creative cuisine. Nor does it have much to do with "plate lunch" islander folk cuisine. Think instead of a new incarnation of Trader Vic's restaurants.

Trader Vic's first restaurant opened in Oakland in 1936, but it took off post–World War II after servicemen had developed a taste of the tropics on Hawaii, Guam, and other South Pacific bases. Vic Bergeron's tiki decor and pineapple-strewn faux-Polynesian cooking brought island reveries to the mainland — and reveries they were, about as authentic as Dorothy Lamour in a sarong. Vic's repertoire of frou-frou rum drinks reached a climax with his signature invention of 1944, the mai tai. When free-spirited Rosie the Riveter was sent home to turn housewife again, she could still enjoy an umbrella-garnished mai tai and consider herself a lady. The cocktail was loaded with alcohol, but it wasn't a serious drink.

At Mister Tiki, as at its spiritual ancestor, the cuisine is designed to accompany tropical



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beverages. The menu offers twice as many starter dishes as entrées, and cocktails are the most important food group.

The menu's opening section, labeled "Pu Pus," includes a platter called Mister Tiki's Canoe, a trilogy of deep-fried seafood nibbles that

covers almost half the à la carte pu pu selections. The deep-frying medium in Mister Tiki's kitchen is grapeseed oil, light and nonaller-

genic but neutral in flavor. Sticks of coconut- and crumb-battered calamari steak leave grease slicks on your fingers but come with a pleasant Thaiinfluenced dipping sauce. Crab cakes, flavored with nips of lemongrass, carrot, and red pepper, are served atop a slick of papaya sauce. The cakes have little or no bread filler, but the crab flavor fights to be heard over the coconut coating. Best of the trio to my mouth are the "grass skirt shrimp" tempura, coated with *k'naiffi* (filo shreds). The prawns are bland, but their treatment demands admiration. These come with a fruit salad, but I preferred to swish them through the calamari dip.

The next menu section is called Dim Sum An' Den Sum (*awww*). I ordered crispy crab wontons hoping for Trader Vic's classic crab Rangoon, filled with melted cream cheese, crab, and scallions, a dish I can't help liking. Instead, the filling is a reprise of the crab cakes, with more mayonnaise. Again, the coatings are greasy, and every mouthful feels like

too much food. Wontons come with a lively salad of green papaya and carrot julienne.

A Peking duck egg roll was a disappointment: the duck shreds'

flavor hinted at too much fridge time. Duck is waddling off this menu anyway; the entrée of roast duck has flown (too few diners ordered it), and dry shreds of chicken breast replaced the former duck meat in the hot and sour soup, which is very hot, very sour, and too simple.

Atlantic salmon dim sum are encased in chewy white rice-flour wrappers and come with a Shanghai-style salad of vegetable batons. At first, I thought the salmon's zesty seasoning might be the classic *har gow* recipe with cilantro and ginger, but when I took a dumpling apart, I discovered fresh mint instead. Atlantic farm-raised salmon, as bland as canned sockeye, can have a faintly bitter, mineral undertone. Unfortunately,

#### Mister Tiki Restaurant & Mai Tai Lounge ★★ (good; see "Need to Know")

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wild Atlantic salmon, which many consider superior to Pacific salmon, is fished out and illegal to catch. Atlantic salmon are now raised in crowded pens much like factory chickens — with antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, coloring additives, and waste problems. All these affect the flavor.

A poke sampler offers four deconstructed versions of Hawaii's twist on ceviche. By "deconstructed," I mean, if you put them together, you'd have a regular Hawaiian poke. You get four taro-leaf cones.





The best of them contains wakame seaweed in toasted sesame oil, with a crunchiness resembling iellvfish. Another offers ahi dressed with sesame oil and bits of sweet onion. The next has the pale Atlantic salmon of the dim sum, dressed with a citrus that tastes like orange juice and mayonnaise. The worst offers slimy cubes of tasteless raw scallops, afflicted by phosphate preservative wash. Given Mister Tiki's price range and casual atmosphere — as casual about eating as it is about clothing - you can't expect precious diver scallops or wild Pacific salmon.

The entrée list is dominated by updated, fusion-ated versions of Chinese-American restaurant grub — concoctions like "Kung Pao chicken chow mein" and stir-fried "salt and pepper shrimp" with chow fun (stir-fried soft, wide noodles) and "Chinatown vegetables." Eager for serious food, I zeroed in on the fish entrées. One that's highlighted on the menu (and the chefs' favorite) is Misoyaki-seared salmon, but

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having tasted the salmon in other dishes I looked for other possibilities.

Ahi katsu "fish 'n' chips" proved tasty, despite my skepticism about frying an oily fish. A hunk of ahi is coated with Japanese katsu (fried cutlet) breading, deep-fried, and presented in velvety slices. Inside is as near raw as your favorite seared ahi appetizer; the breading crunch replaces the standard crushed black peppercorns. French-fried sweet potato sticks ride alongside. A lively wasabi aioli sauce streaked with sweet brown eel sauce anoints one end of the oblong plate. The other end cradles a bowl of roasted eggplant vinaigrette garnished with floating pineapple dice. I couldn't discern eggplant flavor; it tasted more like a Japanese ponzu, but it worked with the dish.

I enjoyed grilled Hawaiian swordfish, despite some overcooking and oversalting. The fillet was cut into thirds, and each portion was covered with a different topping. The skinny end wore roasted pineapple dice to restore moisture to the meat. The center cut sported a tomato salad swathed in mayo. The other end was strewn with a spicy mixture of Asian greens — bean

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sprouts, daikon sprouts, and scallion tops. These toppings dripped onto short-grain cilantro rice, so each bite tasted different.

If you want a sweet at the end of the meal, your waitress brings you a "dessert tree." It resembles an over-the-door shoe bag; the slots hold daily-changing glasses filled with custards, flans, and mousses created by dessert chef Crystal Eggereing. My boyfriend loved his puckery kiwi and key lime "tart," custard interspersed with layers of crumbled graham cracker crust. I was pleased with my light coconuttapioca pudding, almost unsweetened and topped with diced mango.

If you eat in the bar area. vou'll be offered a sushi menu, or you can belly up to the sushi bar itself, but the crowd of tourists, conventioneers, and scenesters aren't serious sushi eaters. Choices include basic rolls and a few party rolls made with species that are popular and not too perishable (forget uni, think ahi). Jun Sonada, recently of Hayama Sushi in Mission Valley, is in charge. He's got the chops to make a perfect spicy hand roll, with genuine Japanese mayo, hot sauce, seafood, and garnishes running

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all the way through the tightly sealed cone. Unfortunately, my boyfriend ordered the spicy scallop hand roll, which contained the same specimens as the poke. We ran through a few other rolls (a couple of *nigiri* and a *futo maki* party roll) with better results: fine rice, fine technique, but so-so seafood.

Drinks are the most entertaining aspect of the tiki experience. Given the restaurant's name, no surprise that the bartender makes four different mai tais, each more lavish than the last in its tropical juices and premium rums. They arrive in tall chimney glasses filled with ice and decorated with paper umbrellas. At my first meal I enjoyed two mai tai variations but, to my surprise, remained cold sober — a result of those healthy fruit juices and ice cubes. The folks next to me, who'd spent a half hour drinking zombies at the bar while waiting for a vacant table, had no sobriety problems, so I can't say that the drinks are weak

Numerous other cocktails here are named martinis, even if they involve no gin, vodka, or vermouth. The title indicates a drink served in a martini glass. At the next visit, I discovered one of my favorite silly drinks, the

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chi chi (pineapple juice, coconut cream, and rums to match), passing by the name "Coconut Kiss." It tasted glorious. In fact, of everything that I tasted at Mister Tiki, it was my favorite dish.

#### **ABOUT THE CHEF**

Jonathan Hale, executive chef of Mister Tiki's, was a 1991 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York. After working in New York and Aspen, he moved to Hawaii and worked for eight years under famed chef Jean-Marie Josselin at A Pacific Cafe restaurant group in Maui and Kauai, rising to executive chef of the Maui branch. Then he came to San Diego to head the kitchens of the Cohn Group's Blue Point seafood restaurant a few blocks south on Fifth Avenue. He continues to serve as executive chef there as well.

Hale was on vacation at this writing, so I spoke with Chef de Cuisine Jesse Cruz and general manager Chris Cole.

Cruz learned his craft in his native Hawaii, starting with a steakhouse in his neighborhood and later rising to a position at Roy's in San Francisco. Like Hale, he's a veteran of Jean-Marie Josselin's kitchens. He worked at the latter's 808 in Las Vegas and at the ill-starred 808 in La Jolla. "I left last fall when I saw that Jean-Marie was having money problems," he recalls, "and it was wonderful that the Cohns wanted me to come to work for them right away, even though Mister Tiki was still a year from opening. I worked with Jonathan at Blue Point in the meanwhile. We developed the [Mister Tiki] menu together there. We would create nightly specials in this style to try out different ideas."

When asked where the idea for Mister Tiki came from, general manager Chris Cooke said, "There was some influence of Trader Vic's, but a lot of this concept came straight out of David Cohn's mind, from analyzing all the other tiki bars around. We all wanted to create a sort of neo-tiki theme, so we modernized the old concept of the tiki bar.

"We wanted to bring back the concept of expert bartending, of tropical drinks made with top ingredients and a great deal of care. Very few bartenders bother with that approach any more; most of them just sling drinks together. You should look at the beverages here as a major portion of the Tiki experience, equal with the food."■

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# **Dance Hideaway**

"Our meat is special. We Brazilians always rub it in rock salt."

*Ina que coisa mais linda, Mais cheia de graça...*" It's the only Portuguese I know. A couple of verses from "The Girl from Ipanema." Not even sure what it means. Still, I love hearing this Portuguese all around me.

People drinking Brazilian beer and prodding rice, beans, meats, and eggs, gabbing away as if there were no tomorrow. They certainly give this place a hideaway feel.

How am I here? I blew it. Caught the 26 to come to the swap meet. Sports Arena. Walked half a mile to find — nothing! For

once in my life I was early. A day early. It was empty. Luckily I found this little blue-canopied place with white chairs and umbrellas on a deck across Kurtz Street. What a find. The inside's bright and white, from tile floor to acoustic ceiling, with a couple of six-foot plastic palm trees curling over the woven-mat bar counter, beer posters and paintings of red piranha fish on the walls, and two sports TV sets for soccer, of course. I settle into one of the woven-reed chairs at a kinda nice varnished wood table. Ask for an iced tea (\$1.30). The gal, Caroline, comes up with one and a plastic-page ring-binder color-photo menu.

Uh-oh. Menu looks a bit smart. Could be out of my league here. But, whew. Appetizers start at \$1.70. Salads are around \$5.00 to \$6.00; sandwiches, including burgers, are around \$4.00 to \$5.00; and even half of the entrées are under \$8.00.



With my tea, I realize I blew it. I mean, the iced tea is great, and it's bringing me back to life just fine, but now I remember the *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink. I see it in cans above the counter (\$1.55). And of course the menu has

an *açaï* energy bowl, filled with that amazing Amazonian palm berry extract, as well as strawberries and bananas, for \$6.25. "That'll give you as much energy as any entrée," says Caroline. Hmm. The rest of the menu?

Going to need help. *Coxinha? Kibe? Pão de queijo?* 

The menu does explain. It says *coxinha* is a "deep-fried Brazilian appetizer made of shredded [chicken] breast, cream cheese, tomatoes, onions and spices." Mmm. Like the sound of it. Like the price, \$1.70, even more.

"It's pronounced 'Co-seen-ya,' " says Caroline. "It means 'little chicken drumstick,' because that's what it's shaped like."

I boldly go for that, then start *umm*ing and *aah*ing. They have generic dishes, like Caesar salad (\$3.50) and hamburgers (\$3.75), even pizzas (after 5:00) for \$8.95, baby-back pork ribs "in a southern Brazilian citrus-glazed style," for, uh, \$11.95. But no. I ain't loaded with — what's money in Brazil? — *reals.* Plus, I'm drawn to the funny names, like the *feijoada.* A kind of stew. Black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef." Except it's \$11.25.

On the other hand, right above it is "PF." *Prato feito* has grilled beef, chicken, or fish with rice, Brazilian beans, and house salad, for \$6.25.

"*Prato feito* means 'ready plate,' " says Caroline. "It's about the most popular dish in Brazil for everyday eating." So I order it with beef, and a fried *banana à Milanesa* to add a bit of sweetness (65 cents extra).

And when it all comes, oh man. A deal of a meal. First, the *coxinha*, this little cone-shaped crumbed thing stuffed with mashed potato, looks like, and a blushing heart of pink chicken strips. You splash a bit of Tapatío hot sauce on it, and the thing is surprisingly filling on its own. But then, whoa! Here's the PF. And it not only has a fist-sized pile of rice, a salad, and a slurry of beans in sauce, but a complete little steak on top, sliced into a dozen strips.

"Our meat is special," Caroline says. "We Brazilians always rub it in rock salt."

And, yes, it's tasty. But I'm wondering about the rice and beans with everything. "Oh, no Brazilian can get through a day without rice and beans. We have to have it," she says.

Caroline is up here from Porto Alegre. "The Happy Port." South of Rio. "A lot of Italians and Germans settled the south. They say the prettiest girls come from the south. Gisele Bündchen is from our state."

"Gisele Bündchen?"

"The model. Dates Leonardo DiCaprio." The way she's looking, I have to lie. "Oh, of course."

"So how do you like the PF?"

Actually, it's great. But I have to ask about this little pile of yellow crumbs on one side of my plate.

*"Farofa,"* she says. "We always have that too." It's basically ground cassava or corn toasted with butter. Tastes corn-ish. Now she's got me dipping everything into it. The meat, the beans, the salad.

I finish up. And can't resist the cheapest dessert. The *brigadeiro* (\$1.50). Turns out it was named after this dude Eduardo Gomes, a goodlookin', blue-eyed brigadier who almost made it to president back in the 1940s. The cooking ladies of Rio loved him. So they invented this caramely chocolate ball covered in sprinkles. Wicked.

"You ought to come Friday or Saturday nights," Caroline says. "We clear the tables away and dance the *forro*" — she pronounces it "foha." "It's a sexy, close dance. Brazilian people aren't shy or cliquish. Everybody dances!"

All right! Hear that, Carla? No arguments, okay? Let's fo-ha! ■

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# Memory Journey

"He took a mouthful of the wine, and chewed it, thrusting it with tongue and indrawn cheeks into every sensitive crevice."

i, I'm Julia Child," intoned my 12-yearold brother in his best impression of her warbly, rich, back-of-the-throat voice, "and today we're going to be making elephant soup. You'll want to start with a rather large ele-

phant like this one here, about 12 to 14 tons. [Sound of elephant trumpeting.] I like to use a really big shotgun; I find a 10-gauge works wonderfully. [BLAM! THUD.] Now you set to work with good, sturdy chainsaw. [RRRRRRRR!]"

That's how deep Julia got into American life: she had 12-year-old boys doing parodies of her, reducing their 6-year-old siblings to howling fits of merriment. I still laugh at the routine. She was a remarkable woman, and she will be missed.

Julia Child achieved so much, yet it is one of her failures that has been cheering me of late. When she couldn't get a gastronomy department up and running at UC Santa Barbara, UCSD became the recipient of one-half of the book collection belonging to the American Institute of Wine and Food. (She had helped to found the institute and had purchased the collection from its previous owner, a Harvard professor, intending it for the UCSB library.)

That collection includes many good books on



wine, including the first bit of wine writing that has ever made me stop gulping words and facts, slow down, and savor the language. The first bit that has ever made me think, "I wish I had written that." The book is James Scott's 1954 novella The

Man Who Made Wine, and it tells the story of a great Bordelais winemaker, one Michel Rachelet. The opening pages find Michel seated at one end of an outdoor table; the banquet in honor of his retirement has just ended, and the party has gone into a tent to dance. Michel is alone with his wines — a bottle

from each of the last 54 years, brought up from the patron's wine library in honor of the occasion.

Walking down the length of the table, Michel contemplates: "The line of bottles stretched down the table from where the candle stood to the dark end where he had been sitting a few minutes ago. They looked something like telegraph poles along a road, linked by shadows instead of wires. He wanted to travel back along that road." As fine a device for a trip down memory lane as any I can recall, especially given smell's connection to memory and wine's connection to smell.

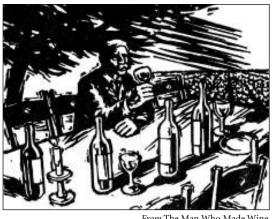
The story gets at so many of the things that are fascinating about wine — and man's relation to it. When Michel's father is faced with losing his vines to the phylloxera epidemic or grafting them onto

American rootstock, he does what he has to in order to save his vinevard. "But to the day of his death he had remained pessimistic about the ultimate result. 'Listen well, Michel,' he said often. 'This is good for young wine. It is round, it is supple, it has seve. But, mark my words, it will not live as long as the wine we made before the phylloxera. Therefore it cannot mature to the same perfection. The great days of wine are past.' Michel did not agree. But though he had been a child at the time and now was an old man, it was still too early to say with certainty whether that gloomy prophecy had been correct." So much is contained in those few sentences, ostensibly about wine: the father's certainty that the best has past, the son's rejection of the

father's worldview, the father's lingering influence in spite of that rejection, the uncertainty of things that must be experienced over a lifetime, or longer. Wine bleeds into life.

Wine bleeds into humanity as well. Early on, Michel is comparing wines to people. "He thought of all those wines as friends whom he had known since birth. It was his fancy that wine passed through childhood and adolescence in the fermenting vat. The wine spent its wild-oat-sowing years in barrel, and then settled down in the bottle. But life never stands still: wine, like men, was forever changing, either for better or for worse. That was the fascination of a cellar - a whole series of lives in different stages of development."

And so, in that spirit, he begins his journey through memory. The '51 he throws out. "Human geniuses may make their mark in youth, but not wines. And without original sweetness, no wine can live." The '48, "a comparatively poor wine, was none the less individual. Like a plain woman who has a charming smile, it had a lovely bouquet." He



From The Man Who Made Wine

moves quickly down the line, valuing the wines mainly for the memories they provoke. He stops at the '45, a great year in which a hot fermentation mingled with the lethal fever that took his wife Madeleine. He drinks, and weeps.

The '43: "He took a mouthful of the wine, and chewed it, thrusting it with tongue and indrawn cheeks into every sensitive crevice. An unusual wine, the '43. Many considered it excellent. That of La Tour-St. Vincent had matured so rapidly that it had sold better than the other wartime vintages which had preceded it. But to Rachelet there was something false about it. Like a brilliant charming boy who as a man becomes a nonentity or actively goes to the bad, this wine would not last. He was sure of that.'

"Why? Too mild weather?" Yeast on the skins? "Or else — was it superstition to imagine that the vines of La Tour-St. Vincent which he had tended all their lives had been affected by what had happened to him" including the death of his valiant son Victor at the hands of the Germans? He prepares



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to spit the stuff from his mouth, "but just in time he realized how wrong and cowardly that would have been. Victor had not put his cup aside." He swallows, then empties the bottle into his cup. "There would be dregs in it, of course. But he and Madeleine had drunk their hope to the lees that day and he would do it again, as a festival."

Gradually, he makes his way toward the 1900, the greatest wine of the last 100 years and "the wine of his adult life." The bottles are jumbled at this end of the table, and it is too dark to read the labels. "He picked up another glass and began searching for the wine he longed for. He could not have said how he would recognize it any more than he could have described how he would recognize a voice. But he never doubted that he would.'

When he smells it, the wine opens the floodgates. "At the age of 23 he had been concerned both with the harvesting and the pressing of its grapes. While it was making he had first taken Madeleine into his arms, and they had drunk a glass of it for luck at their marriage in the spring. It had played its part on every important occasion - the baptism of Victor, who was born five years later, his first communion, and his coming of age, and on every one of their wedding anniversaries. Each time the wine had tasted fuller and better balanced, as Rachelet had felt himself more mature." But when he sips, he discov-

ers that the great wine is faded — finished. As is Michel. He and the 1900 may be remembered as great, but they belong to the past now. He sees a boy, emerging from the vineyard with a bunch of stolen grapes, and raises his glass to him. "We who are on the way out salute you who are on the way in," he says, then lays his head on the table to sleep, perhaps forever. And it is perhaps not too much to suggest that Julia would have approved of such an ending.

# RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon,









and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**D.B. Hackers Seafood Cafe And Grill** 101 North Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Blvd.), Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cutel little café shakes, rattles, and really rocks. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boule vard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex - no cumin-infused mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu - but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can or-der just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchi-lada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County main-stay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - S.M. (12/03) Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic firelit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-therice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortila) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

**Torniko** 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of 1-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, worldbeating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)* 

#### Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it

does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gournet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W. (8/03)* 

#### NORTH INLAND

Ashoka The Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *EW*.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (at Rancho and Lake), Lake Hodges, Escondido, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/ brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beens, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long lowporched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned homefries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

### GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine souffle pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his tortellini al gorgonzola is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible

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cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — S.M. (4/04) Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open even days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yup-pies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mush-rooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle. Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork—all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W.

# LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Plava. La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This pop-ular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-theoven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imag-ination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème frîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M.* (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sand-wich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gor-gonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multigenerational sports bar eatery. Nice mix It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in mak ing interesting brews and good food to company them. Open for dinner seven



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Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. This hopping "meet mar-ket" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Fri-day nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd. besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with in-fluences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck

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La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. Huevos rancheros (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne *asada*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hol-landaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give

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The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the tessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exu-berantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic in-gredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elabo-rate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain - a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded, Lunch Tuesday through Satur day, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

#### P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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#### meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (11/00) MISSION VALLEY San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street & THE MESAS (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming,

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine ovsters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating re-gional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is goodtimey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will ac-commodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. N.W. (5/02)

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order banh mi thit, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three



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Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here in-clude a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the

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rious menu than most Greek cafés, this

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above-average gyros, and interesting, un-usual desserts. There's plenty for vege-

tarians. Rather noisy when crowded Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. -N.W. (3/02)

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restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02) Go Greek Cafe and Grill 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss minimall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The taramasalata (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters: fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetar-ian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Satur-

day, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. -N.W. (3/02) Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempt-ing dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay accord-ing to the plate size. The sushi chefs they can be a show in themselves - have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, ni-giri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here - is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (1/04)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boule vard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restau-rant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen s reliance on commercial products (espe-cially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excel-lent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. N.W. (6/02)

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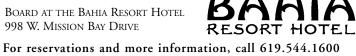
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The Third Corner 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Chef Derek Ridgeway (collaborating with owner Ed Moore, also of Thee Bungalow across the street) focuses here on Mediterranean-style sea sonal seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The fare is highly creative but rational — try the ethereal (not an oxymoron) cabbagewrapped seafood "chartreuse" with sauce Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crusted salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bottlings chosen to complement the cuisine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from Thee Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. N.W. (4/03)

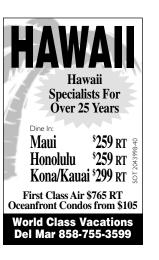
Thee Bungalow 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including com fort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre*'s, the cook-ing is a little inconsistent. Skip the overrated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

# CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**El Morelense** 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne* asada), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the carne de adobada (pork dish), caldo de res (beef soup), huevos rancheros, and menudo or pozole soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch. including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/01)

**Island Spice** 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include run dung (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. *N.W.* (2/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American



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standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convov Street Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popu-lar Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing nu-merous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house spe-cialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled livetank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpen-sive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). - N.W. (3/04)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu de-pends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out ); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reserva-tions only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu week-ends until midnight; weekend brunches and weeknight reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

### **EAST COUNTY & STATE** COLLEGE

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gy-ros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't for get salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Izzy's Cafe 1252 Broadway, El Cajon 619-447-5067. Good-ol'-boy eatery in the middle of Box Town. You're looking for quantity? You've come to the right spot. named after co-owner Lorrie Sellers's middle name, Isabel — is all cream walls, country-scene pictures, litthe wooden hanging milk bottles. They have great breakfasts, two guaranteed to test your belt buckle: chicken-fried chicken in country gravy, with two eggs, potatoes, and bread; or "Izzy's Frittata Bar," an open-faced omelet with spuds and biscuits and gravy. You can add anything from sausage to zucchini — up to four ingredients — without paying extra. Or, oatmeal or a short stack will fill you just fine and leave you with more walk ing-about money. Breakfast and lunch till 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

**Mario's De La Mesa** 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada;* intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesdsay through Saturday. Inexpensive. -A.M. (7/01)

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106. El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). Larb, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include prik pow beef, som tum (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It s a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth nap-kins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still

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delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: Som tum, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/04)

Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetar-ian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked - Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. E.B. (8/01)

### FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed wa-ter wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk up-right piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime prime no chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379, Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de

Jesus, was a banderillera, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting pho-tos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eve out or old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

## **UPTOWN & OLD TOWN**

**The Abbey Cafe** 127 University Ave-nue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the gi-ant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap - or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B. (12/01)

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stal-lion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-afterwork dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in Moonstruck retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for liaisons dangereuses, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent cala-mari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. - E.B. (2/04)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chut-neys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Bal-boa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. – E.B. (11/01)

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tures cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asiantouches cuisine. The food brings few sur-prises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crat cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a mu-seum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe din-ners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, um-brella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

Speakers' Corner British Pub & **Grill** 2664 Fifth Avenue (near Nutmeg Street), Banker's Hill, 619-232-5456. Think British and most people will go straight to the Shakespeare or Princess Pub. But Speakers' Corner boasts a loyal following of Brits and Colonials — and lots of locals — who come not only to drink, play darts, and exchange job tips, but also to eat. Yes, the food's awfully British, but not that awful. The fish and chips are darned good, with the batter made daily. Curried chicken pizza is clearly a transfer from the Raj, Britain's "Inia" adventure. And, de rigueur to an red-blooded Englishman, steak and kidney pie, steak and mushroom pie, shep-herd's pie, or bangers (sausages) and mash are always on the menu. Best deal: fish and chips at lunchtime. Lunch to late dinner, six days; kitchen closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mex-ican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious - a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for

sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (10/02)

## DOWNTOWN

A La Carte On Sixth Avenue 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées fo amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264 This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisianastyle sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Avenue, downtown, Fourth 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982 and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has

around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, vegetable chop suev, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chi-nese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (1/04)

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! - dov mtown's an swer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government work-ers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. – E.B. (4/03)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lob-



tions urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01) Max New York Steakhouse and **Seafood** 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant "rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The

ster, and pastas as the main draws, with

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with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until mid-night on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. - N.W. (3/04)

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/01)

Ruth's Chris Steak House 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of pota-toes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call week in advance for weekends. Expensive. - E.W.

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spon-taneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations (or wheelenans) at tapas bar, reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/01) Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505

Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stingaree, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp

was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a do-mestic beer included. Other good fillers: the "Shortstop" sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They're on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. -E.B. (1/04)

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. In-expensive to expensive. -E.W.

Top of the Market 750 North Har bor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier. white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards - flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access Open daily. Expensive. - N.W. (9/01)

# SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133 This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restau-rant is famous for its "Grandma's" buck-wheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and pow dered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-*12* egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

# What the Chef Eats

#### PASTITSIO

SUBMITTED BY NICK ANASTASOPOULOS Owner, Athens Market Café, Carmel Mountain

Pastitsio is a rich pasta dish that has ground beef, pasta, and seasonings. It's one of my favorites because it's a hearty meal, and I enjoy sitting down to have a hearty meal! And I like pasta dishes.

The recipe came from my wife's family. They are from Greece, and they had a restaurant and a little hotel in the village where they were from. They brought the recipes to the United States, and my wife, Vickie, is the one who developed this personal family recipe. It's a little bit different from some of the other pastitsio

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-1076, Gen erations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Karihan Restaurant 2220 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 differ-

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recipes that are out there. We serve it here in the restaurant. One of the things that pleases me is when people say, "This is just like my ya-ya, my grandmother, used to make." So many people of Greek descent come in here hoping to get something close, and this surpasses their expectations.

The dish is not that complicated, and it's not too time-consuming. Kefalograviera cheese is a hard goat's cheese that is a little difficult to find in San Diego. It can be purchased at European Market on Park Boulevard.

ent dishes at remarkably low prices. Hamonado, binagoongan, and sinampalokan turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like kare kare, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves pancit, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inex-pensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this

Kasseri cheese can be substituted for the Kefalograviera, and it can be found at Trader Joe's. I think Costco also has it. I'd serve a rich red wine with this dish. Notios, a Greek red wine that comes from the Peloponnese region of Greece, is one I'd recommend.

HOW TO DO IT This traditional Greek

of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got

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blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

Preparing the meat:

Melt butter in a large

skillet. Add onions and

sauté until light brown.

Add meat and mix well

until all the liquid has

evaporated. Add wine,

with a large spoon. Cook

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into bur-

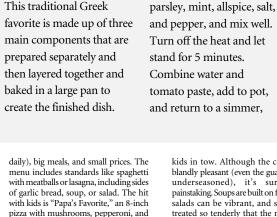
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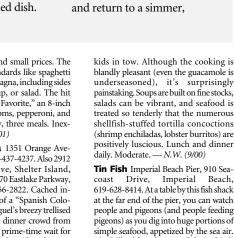
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# What the Chef Eats

uncovered, for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

Pasta preparation: Place 5 quarts of water in an 8-quart pot and add salt. Bring to a boil and add enough pasta to make 5 cups (per package directions). Stir to prevent sticking and cook for 20 minutes on low boil. Remove from heat, strain, and rinse with cold water. Using the same pot, heat butter until melted. Toss in the pasta and pour the whipped egg whites over it. Sprinkle with Kefalograviera cheese and

mix well. Set aside.

Béchamel Sauce: Heat butter in a heavy 4-quart

ritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. *N.W. (7/01)* 

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pot until melted. Stir in the flour and cook for about 4 minutes over low heat. Be sure to stir constantly. Slowly pour in warm milk while stirring. Cook over low heat until mixture comes to a boil and the sauce thickens. Remove from the heat and beat in the egg yolks with a whisk. Stir in nutmeg, salt, and

pepper, tasting carefully. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Layer one-half of the cooked pasta in a 10-by-12 baking dish. Add all of the ground beef and the remaining half of the pasta. Pour the béchamel sauce over the pasta.

Sprinkle bread crumbs over the sauce and bake at

#### BAJA

#### From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches and may be united in a brilliant breakfas of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood

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350 degrees for 45 minutes or until the top is golden brown. This recipe serves eight to ten.

### INGREDIENTS

- Meat filling: 2 tablespoons butter 1/2 large Spanish (yellowskinned) onion, chopped 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pounds lean ground beef 1/2 cup white wine 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1 teaspoon tomato paste
- 3 ounces water

and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too The restaurant's name means "the nest' and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. - N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia 10611-A Avenida Sánchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is of-

Pasta: 5 cups penne pasta 1 ounce olive oil 1/2 ounce salt 2 egg whites, lightly beaten (foamy) 1/2 cup Kefalograviera cheese, grated (or

Kasseri cheese)

Béchamel sauce: 4 tablespoons butter 4 tablespoons flour 3½ cups milk, warm 2 egg yolks, beaten 1/8 teaspoon (pinch) nutmeg Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste

Topping: 3 tablespoons fine bread crumbs

> ten noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair acess marginal. Open daily, lunch and din--N.W. (1/02) ner. Inexpensive.

La Escondida 1 Santa Monica (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. "The Hidden One," located in a converted mansion, boasts two gardens and patio dining, and is especially beau-tiful at night. The roasted baby goat, roasted quail, and the Châteaubriand (for two) are all worthwhile. Very civilized experience, complete with live music on Fri-days and Saturdays. Take Revolución un-til it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente. Proceed on Agua Caliente past the racetrack, approximately one-half mile. Turn right at Las Palmas. Two short blocks up, turn left at the "Pescaderia Playas" sign. The entryway to La Escondida is straight ahead. Open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Fri-day and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Moderate. – *E.W.* 

Los Pelicanos 45 Calle de Cedro 115 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. N.W. (4/03)

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterra**neo** 201 Escuadrón, Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442 or 686-6443. This "in" restaurant attracts a young crowd. Pastas and pizzas are available, but the best bets are the fish and chicken dinners that arrive with soup or salad. Top price is \$14. Crowded and noisy weekends. Open daily, same menu noon to 11 p.m., Sun day to 10 p.m. Low to moderate. - E.W.

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd (Calle Carrillo Puerto), Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the ef-fort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

# MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Rest nt Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional lo cations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in din-ers like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquitebroiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chow-

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der is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a roman tic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (3/04)* 

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Hon-eymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Un-washed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. *"Il fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feel-ing, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from sfi-latino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in be-tween. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

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manner of presentation?), for mono-

tonous monstrous closeups, for all-

around Harlin heavy-handedness.

Now let's see what Schrader can do

on this apparatus.

# Up Pops the Devil

We are obliged, like Olympic gymnastics judges, to take deductions.

pparently there exists, completely shot and cut, an alternative version of Exorcist: The Beginning, also starring Stellan Skarsgard and photographed by Vittorio Storaro, but directed by Paul Schrader rather than

Renny Harlin. Scrapped (apparently, again) on the grounds that it was insufficiently scary and would thwart the ex-

pectations of the audience, it may yet see the light of day on cable and video. That would be educational, if nothing else. And it could be something else. Any Paul Schrader film, however bad, even as bad as Cat People, is bound to be more interesting than a film by Renny Harlin, who doesn't make good ones. A preliminary objection to the Schrader version, like a postmortem objection to the Harlin, is that there seems to be no reason for it: no reason to fill in a backstory on how Father Merrin — the old priest under the streetlamp — lost his faith in a Nazi concentration camp and regained it in a confrontation with a devil's agent at an archaeological dig in Kenya. There is not even the usual commercial reason: to capitalize on a brand name and to get on board the gravy train. Both of the sequels to The Exorcist, dated 1977 and 1990 respectively, were flops at the box-office. But besides that, the first of those sequels, Exorcist II: The Heretic, had already filled in a backstory (where the demon came from, what his name was, why he picked on Linda Blair for possession) and also had already

thwarted the expectations of the audience. John Boorman's preference for phantasmagoria over frights, for visual poetry over a poke in the eye, was naturally perceived by the audience as a betrayal; and the answering wrath will account for

the tendency of that REVIEW film to turn up on lists DUNCAN SHEPHERD of All-Time Turkeys when instead it prop-

> erly belongs on the list of sequels that most improved on their predecessors. Even though the predecessor, in this case, was pretty entertaining to begin with.

The current soi-disant prequel, an hour-and-three-quarter afterthought, has all the standard disadvantages of prequels: it fails to advance the story; it adds nothing that needed to be said; it dampens the suspense; it takes the edge off. Surely it would have done better to sever all ties to the original: no Scandinavian cleric (opening the door to a more appealing leading man than the sotto voce Skarsgard); no greenface makeup and gravel-voiced ventriloquism; none of the disadvantages of prequels. Even with Renny Harlin in command, the project appears to have had enough going for it to have stood on its own. The idea - the image of a church where there should not be a church, a Fifth-century church in the wilds of East Africa, a buried church, a desecrated church, built on the spot where legend has it that Lucifer fell to earth, is well worth exploring, and it affords abundant justification before



ever setting out. From that starting Nicotina, about a bungled swap for point, however, we are obliged, like hot rocks, is a Mexican approximation Olympic gymnastics judges, to take of a Guy Ritchie caper film, or in other deductions: for ugly special effects (the words Quentin Tarantino twice reherky-jerky animated hyenas, the moved: brisk, brutal, callous, convoluted, copycat sandstorm computer program technologically tricksy. If, under direchanded down from The Mummy tor Hugo Rodriguez, it's a bit more through Hidalgo, the maggoty stillragged, it's a bit more human into the born infant, etc.), for monochromatic bargain. That element appears to carry flashbacks (isn't it bad enough to over into a repeated pattern of masborrow a plot device from Sophie's Choice without also borrowing the

Exorcist: The Beginning

culine frailty: a mumbling, stammering electronic voyeur (Diego Luna in bashful mode, and no less cute for it) overawed by his beautiful cellist neighbor; an aging thug who draws growls from every dog he meets; a druggist who commands neither obedience nor affection from his helpmate; a barber pussywhipped by a proletarian Lady Macbeth, getting her hands dirty by



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personally gutting a Russian mafioso on a fishing expedition for swallowed jewels. Just deserts are in plentiful supply.

Zatoichi seems to be known in some quarters as The Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi, but not, as far as I could see, on the screen, nor, as I read it, on the poster. The trailer is a different matter. Whenever in doubt, I defer to the film itself. Though there might thus be some confusion as to where to locate it in an alphabetical list, there can be no confusion as to what we're talking about: Takeshi Kitano's resuscitation of the sightless samurai from the long-running action series of the Sixties into the Seventies. Kitano's blind swordsman — or, in his acting persona, Beat Takeshi's blind swordsman — is also a blond swordsman, and I have not seen enough of the original series (twentyodd entries of it) to know whether the surprise revelation at the end is sanctioned by tradition. Otherwise, the treatment is as respectful as necessary for so unswallowable a premise. (One note of inanity creeps into it when one of the characters wonders aloud about the mysterious stranger, deep into the body count: "Could he be Zatoichi?" How many blind swordsmen, for God's sake, are afoot in feudal Japan?) The quicker-than-the-eye and gushierthan-a-fireplug swordplay is invariably invigorating, but there is nothing much to fill up the time in between exhibitions of it: our hero, passing himself off as a humble masseur, wanders into the midst of a turf war à la Yojimbo, and the "story," interspersed with momentum-killing flashbacks, consists of whittling down the two sides. All of this is done with Kitano's precision technique, his spareness, his steadiness - qualities powerless to deliver a kick to the stagnation. The Riverdance-like finale could be counted a plus only by the predisposed.

The movie I would much prefer to be writing about this week, or anyhow much prefer to have seen, is Zhang Yimou's *Hero*. But your indomitable reviewer showed up at the wrong theater for the press-screening, and will now have to stand in line with the commoners come Friday.

### MOVIE LISTINGS

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Alien vs. Predator — Plural, more accurately: Aliens vs. Predators, facing off in the arena of an ancient pyramid under the Antarctic ice. Notwithstanding the outward hostilities, it's a pragmatic pooling of commercial assets by the Fox studio, profit motive only. A clearer motive, at any rate, than that of the dreadlocked Predators, who, it comes to light, once taught humans to build pyramids (in the assorted styles of Egypt, Mexico, Cambodia), while also using them to breed Aliens, in order to have a worthy prey on which to test their own mettle as hunters. With Sanaa Lathan, Raoul Bova, Lance Henriksen, Ewen Bremner; written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson, 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid — A scientific expedition

encounters a species of supersnakes, with Johnny Messner and KaDee Strickland, directed by Dwight Little. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/27)

#### Anchorman: The Legend of Ron

Burgundy — Promising comic premise a swinging single San Diego newsman in the Seventies, and his personal attraction but professional resistance to a female colleague — subjected to a strategy of anything-for-a-laugh: wild exaggeration, improbability, impossibility, fantasy, absurdity, ribaldry, animal abuse, cartoon interlude, musical numbers, celebrity cameos (Vince Vaughn, Jack Black, Luke Wilson, Tim Robbins, Ben Stiller). There are indeed some laughs, but at a poor rate of return for the effort. Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, Fred Willard; directed by Adam McKay. 2004.

 $\bigstar$  (FASHION VALLEY 18; VOGUE)

# **Before Sunset** — Richard Linklater's sequel to *Before Sunrise*, after a nine-year hiatus: not nearly as long as the twenty years between Claude Lelouch's *A Man and a Woman* and its sequel, just barely longer than the delay between Jacques Demy's *Lola* and his *Model Shop*. It seems appropriate to reference French forerunners (although *The Model Shop* is in Los Angeles and in English),

inasmuch as Linklater elects to reunite his young lovers in Paris, more specifically at the Shakespeare and Company bookstore, where the man (a hollower-cheeked Ethan Hawke) is reading from, fielding questions about, and signing his John Hancock to, a semiautobiographical novel that recounts the events of *Before Sunrise*. The woman (a hollower-eyed Julie Delpy) turns up in the audience on her own initiative to resume their conversation. The premise allows Linklater to replay clips, during the Q-and-A session, of their one-night stand in Vienna in the summer of '95 - a helpful refresher for the viewer who wasn't moved to add that title to his video collection. The lovers, should you need reminding, did not swap numbers and addresses at their parting; and their proposed six-month reunion, we now find out, never came about. So they hasten to catch up. They walk in the street, sit in a cafe ("I love this cafe. I wish they had places like this in the U.S."), walk in the park, sit in the park, take a boat ride on the Seine, take a cab to, or toward, the airport, stop by her apartment on the way: the camera keeps quiet and keeps rolling. The rhythm of conversation, albeit an abnormally gushing and bubbling one, dictates the rhythm of the film: it would almost be Rohmer-esque (for another French reference) if it had more of a moral dilemma, more of a narrative situation, to accompany the yackety-yak. 2004. ★★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 8/26)

**The Bourne Supremacy** — The Bourne sequel. Admittedly, the basic premise of an amnesiac spy who remembers none of his assignments but all of his training is intrinsically ridiculous, internally illogical. (His unusual handicap — groping along a fogbound Memory Lane — never seems to slow him down, never lets his scheming adversaries get ahead of him.) But one of the side benefits of sequels is that any quarrel with a basic premise will tend eventually to die down - or get worn down. We get used to it and over it. Or we just get tired of quarrelling. And, at least for a fair distance, this sequel is fast, ferocious, diverting - yet in the end, and after it, unsatisfying and unsustaining. That strain of incongruous, incompatible sentimentality that so weakened the first film lingers on in the second, despite the early exit of Franka Potente and her civilizing, softening, feminine influence. And the climactic car chase in Moscow is perfectly laughable: every law-enforcement vehicle in the city is hot on our hero's tail and still he manages, after four or five neck-snapping collisions, to find some "alone time" with the very assassin who took a shot at him at the start of the film in India. And — an early and unrelenting quarrel - while the replacement of Doug Liman as director is no great loss, the choice of his actual replacement is highly questionable: Paul Greengrass, maker of the British docudrama Bloody Sunday. In the best of circumstances, his sloppy, scrambling, pseudodocumentary camera style would be a poor fit for so cool and controlled and perfectionist a hero. But this hero is more than just that. Greengrass seems to be laboring under the same misapprehension as Liman the first time: that he is presiding over an exposé of the spy racket rather than over a paean to its supreme practitioner. The title of the sequel

can only be read as a coronation. Matt Damon, Brian Cox, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles. 2004.

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Catwoman — Batman's feline foe flies solo (say that five times at top speed) — off on an empowerment trip to explore the duality of Everywoman, but especially the suppressed "bad" side, as long as it's put in service to Truth and Justice if not necessarily the American Way. (A role this complex cries out for an Academy Award winner: Halle Berry answers the call.) Because of the redefinition of the character, we are obliged to back up to a time when she was not yet Catwoman, when she was only a mouseburger known as Patience Phillips, an ace ad designer for a major cosmetics firm, all set to launch a health-hazardous skin cream marketed as Beau-line (and pronounced, in a blend of French and ignorance, Bee-oh-leen). Almost an hour ticks by before she slips into the peekaboo dominatrix outfit with bullwhip accessory. First she must be drowned, artificially respirated by a magical Egyptian cat, and infused with computer-generated superpowers. (Berry could sue over the

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animated back spasms and gimpy gait that are supposed to pass for slinky.) The imported French director, the single-named Pitof, brings to the film some swooping cameras, bronzing light, oxidizing color, but nothing from within. Benjamin Bratt, Sharon Stone, Lambert Wilson, Frances Conroy. 2004.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Code 46 — Ungadgety specimen of science fiction, set in a not too distant future, with primary locations in the Far East and the Middle East, when a global Big Brother keeps a close and censorious eye on human coupling and breeding. While neither very original nor skillful as storytelling, the vision of the future is well textured on a small budget: a sun more to be shunned than worshipped; a population divided into geographic insiders and outcasts; an English language liberally salted and peppered with French and Spanish; elective viruses for the inculcation of anything from mind-reading empathy to Mandarin Chinese; surgical memory erasure reminiscent of Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. The film comes up shortest where more budget would have been least helpful: the writing of the illicit love affair, a garbled futurization of the Oedipus myth, at the heart of the film. Tim Robbins and Samantha Morton lack either the charisma or the chemistry to plaster over any cracks. Directed by Michael Winterbottom. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, THROUGH 8/26)

**Collateral** — Director Michael Mann situates Tom Cruise under a silver-fox hair dye in the back seat of a taxi cab crowned by an ad for Bacardi Silver. That matchingcolor fashion statement says a lot about this sleek, cool, preening, glamorous thriller in the Mann-ly manner (*Thief, Manhunter, Heat*, not to forget the TV series *Miami Vice*). The philosophical, nihilistic, sociopathic contract killer who hires an offthe-meter cab for \$600 to drive him around to five hits in a single night in Los Angeles, and who peppers his conversation with far-

flung references to Darwin, the I Ching, Charlie Mingus, and recent events in Rwanda, is a bit of a stretch for Cruise. Then again, anything more flexible than a mannequin is a bit of a stretch for Cruise. The film, and in particular Jamie Foxx, does a good job of establishing the hapless cabbie as a nice guy: the "cleanest cab in L.A.," a photo of a Maldives island fastened to his sun visor as a meditational escape, pipe dreams of his own privately operated fleet of limos, speaking Spanish to a conveniencestore clerk, offering sage counsel to an overstressed federal prosecutor in the back seat. And although a couple of the stepping stones are unsteady (the cracked windshield, after the very first hit, immediately draws the attention of a patrol car but doesn't prompt the hit man to revise his plan; and hospital visiting hours seem to extend past closing time at a jazz club), the storvline makes its way to an exciting convergence on a nightclub called Fever, a collision course for a team of FBI operatives, a free-lancing cop, a couple of mob torpedoes, and of course the hit man and his chauffeur. The messy result on the dance floor derails the film if not the unstoppable terminator, who has by now been built up so big that his ultimate takedown cannot help but be a source of

Bruce McGill, Javier Bardem. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

disbelief. Jada Pinkett Smith, Mark Ruffalo,

**De-Lovely** — Modernized biography of songwriter Cole Porter, digging up all the bisexuality that *Night and Day* in 1946 could not go near. Despite the theatrical device of reviewing his life as a musical show emceed by the Grim Reaper, it remains a rather banal backstage story, lacking much in the way of a focus or an angle, unswallowable as a Grand Romance, and chiefly of interest simply because its subject wrote a lot of memorable songs. These are performed in glorious abundance (by the likes of Elvis Costello, Diana Krall, Sheryl Crow, and Natalie Cole), and Kevin Kline clearly demonstrates his gratitude for so glamorous a role, without bubbling over into effusiveness. He has a particularly affecting farewell to his old friends near the end of the film, but the film then bashes ahead to a couple of more endings, less affecting. With Ashley Judd and Jonathan Pryce; directed by Irwin Winkler. 2004. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story — Tasteless, touchless, but strongly smelling sports comedy, wherein Average Joe's little mom-and-pop gymnasium and its corporate neighbor Globo Gym ("We're better than you and we know it") are on a collision course for the \$50,000 prize money in a Vegas dodgeball tournament. The motto of the underdog is the motto of the movie: "Aim low." With Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller, Christine Taylor, Rip Torn, and cameos by David Hasselhoff, William Shatner, Chuck Norris, and Lance Armstrong; written and directed by Rawson Marshall Thurber. 2004. • (VOGUE)

Donnie Darko — Dark comedy, photographically as much as temperamentally, about a disturbed adolescent (Jake Gyllenhaal of October Sky) who has an imaginary friend in a demonic bunny suit giving him mischief-making orders. (The bunny's end-of-the-world forecast, however, carries little weight when the action is set in the thick of Dukakis's run for the Presidency.) First-time filmmaker Richard Kelly, age twenty-six, reveals an individual voice and an eccentric sense of humor (i.e., sometimes actually funny), and even when he hits predictable notes (e.g., the Grundy-ish old crone on the high-school faculty, who, when asked whether she knows who Graham Greene is, responds, "I think we have all seen Bonanza"), he hits them at his own unforced pace. Much the same can be said for his frugal use of special effects. The time-travel resolution is nonsensical even by time-travel standards, and it has the effect of wiping the slate clean in the chicken-hearted fashion of the it-was-all-a dream convention. "Clever" is the compliment it was fishing for. "Gimmicky" might be the reasonable compromise. Jena Malone, Drew Barrymore, Mary McDonnell, Patrick Swayze, Noah Wyle. 2001. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THORUGH 8/26)

**The Door in the Floor** — Tod Williams's adaptation of only a fraction of the John Irving novel, *A Widow for One Year*. That fractionalization may account for the slight feeling of aimlessness and lack of focus. The basic situation is tidy enough: an aspiring author in his junior year at Exeter comes for

assistant, mainly chauffeur, to a successful writer and illustrator of children's books and unsuccessful straight novelist. "I'm just an entertainer of children," is his practiced line of humility, "and I like to draw." His beach house is a shrine to his two dead sons, exstudents themselves at Exeter, and he keeps an apartment in town, alternating occupancy nightly with his estranged wife, allowing him ample freedom to chase the local skirts. The summer helper, for his part, cannot find adequate freedom even to masturbate, interrupted first by the husband when he's abusing himself over a black-and-white photograph of the wife, and then by the wife herself when he's abusing himself over her bra and panties. But that second incident serves as the springboard for an olderwoman-younger-man thing, a Summer of '42 thing. A four-year-old daughter, the protagonist of the complete novel, is not so much caught in the middle of all this as caught on the periphery. Our natural point of identification, our point of entry into the entire situation, would seem to be the adolescent outsider, but while well played in an awkward, withdrawn, cowed manner by Jon Foster, he has a hard time holding the screen, and sometimes gaining admittance to the screen, in the presence of the Great Artiste, who on the other hand is not so much to be identified with as made sport of, in his Lawrence of Arabia caftan, or in his Van Gogh straw hat, or uninhibitedly in the buff. Jeff Bridges does a nice job of shoring up his defenses and not tipping us off that he's in on the joke, except in one off-key episode of rollicking, romping comedy around the jilting of a well-heeled lover and the pick-up of prospective mother-anddaughter replacements. (The distinctively Irving punch line: just when Mom wants to know what sort of posing they'd be doing in his studio, a shredded sketch of the jilted lover's vagina lands face-down on the car's windshield. ) Kim Basinger, as the estranged wife and sexual initiator, holds a pivotal position but is too static and stationary a figure to command much interest: a pair of dark eyes in a pale face, almost a plaster mold with bottomless holes instead of eyes, a mask of tragedy. 2004. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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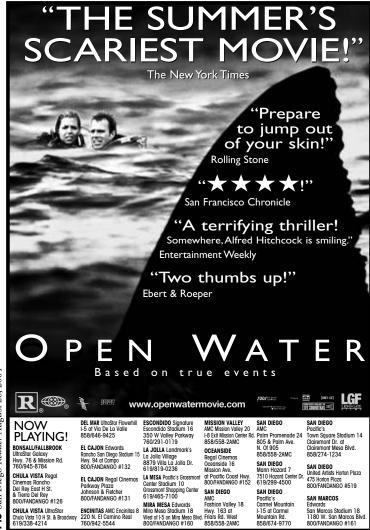
**Exorcist: The Beginning** — Reviewed this issue. With Stellan Skarsgard, Izabella Scorupco, and James D'Arcy; directed by Renny Harlin.

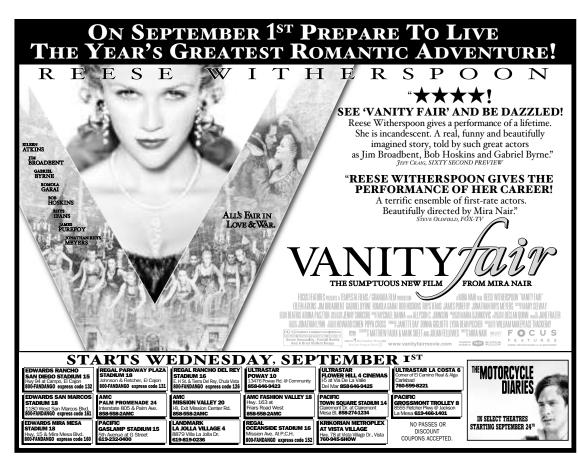
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Fahrenheit 9/11 — Michael Moore's blistering critique of the Bush administration in toto and its War on Terror in particular (just in time for the 2004 presidential campaign, too) is at bottom a pair of devil's horns drawn on the head of Dubva. But if Moore were only making fun, he'd only be Leno or Letterman. He sees the big picture (sometimes too big to be easily grasped: the serpentine connections between the Bushes and the Saudis), and he sees also the little picture (the police infiltration of a middleclass protest group calling itself Peace Fresno, or the bottle of breast milk stopped at an airport checkpoint). He often stoops to frivolity (a Dragnet montage to illustrate proper interrogation techniques, a couple of promo spots for at-home panic rooms and take-to-work parachutes, John Ashcroft's full-chested rendition of his self-composed "Let the Eagle Soar"); and at times he stretches himself to the utmost gravity (a mother's grief over the loss of her soldier son, grisly war footage you won't see on American television). The shifts in scale and in tone are as stimulating as they are startling. And finally, to secure the ties to his earlier work. Moore revisits the fear theme, or in other words the mind-control theme, from Bowling for Columbine, and inevitably he revisits his hometown of Flint, Michigan (see Roger and Me as well as Columbine), a prime spot for military recruiters to round up cannon fodder from among the unemployed. Moore himself — his rebellious rumpliness, his defiant untidiness, his cultivated slobbiness — is less on view in this one (though he is continuously in our ear in that singsongy, snide, sardonic tone of voice), and his relative scarcity on screen could even be seen as a shortcoming insofar as it signals a fall-off in original material and a heavier reliance on found footage. Found, that is, or scrounged or wheedled or donated. 2004.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Father and Son — The second installment in an Alexander Sokurov trilogy begun with *Mother and Son* (still to come: *Two Brothers and a Sister*), no less abstract than its predecessor, but more abstruse in the bargain, less emotionally direct. It makes minimal use of the distorting lenses of *Mother and Son*, and maximal use of the murmuring dialogue of the director's *Russian Ark.* The more or less monochromatic images range on the color spectrum from Cream of Wheat to Quaker Oats. Altogether a severe bore, mitigated by a





running time of only an hour and twenty minutes. Andrei Shchetinin, Aleksei Nejmyshev. 2003. • (KEN, THROUGH 8/26)

**Festival Express** — A record, plus splitscreen reminiscences, of a chartered train trip across Canada in the summer of 1970, carrying Janis Joplin, the Grateful Dead, the Band, Buddy Guy, Ian and Sylvia, The Flying Burrito Brothers, and others, from a concert date in Toronto to successive dates in Winnipeg and Calgary. The concert footage — an album's worth of unedited songs — is nothing special, but the footage of the on-board jam sessions offers privileged access. Directed by Bob Smeaton. 2004. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Garden State — Small-screen actor Zach Braff, who also wrote and directed, as the most impassive sadsack this side of Dustin Hoffman in The Graduate: impassive amid the surrounding panic of a plane-crash dream scene; impassive in the sanatorium ambience of his bedroom, lying motionless on his back and listening to the news of his mother's death in a phone message from his father; impassive in the face of abuse from customers in his moonlighting job as a waiter at a Vietnamese restaurant. (Hard to picture him being as impassive in his other iob: actor.) There turns out to be a medical. a medicinal, reason for his impassivity, but no such internal rationale arises for the nonstop assaults on the hero's, or the viewer's, sensitivities: the excessive vibrato of a Jewish funeral singer in a graveside rendition of "Once, Twice, Three Times a Lady," the knight-in-armor at the breakfast table, the guide dog who humps the hero's leg in the doctor's waiting room, the backyard pet cemetery. It goes on and on like that, an endless parade of embarrassments and bizarreries. The real, the external reason for this onslaught of oddities, photographed with a Diane Arbus-like bluntness, might be sought in the filmmaker's commonplace desire to be Wes Anderson. Another way to say the same thing, in broader terms, would be the filmmaker's dread of being dull and ordinary, notwithstanding his ostensible concern for ordinary people in a dull New Jersey suburb. The anticipation of the next little kink, the next little quirk, takes the place of story interest or character interest, a poor inducement to stay in your seat. Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard, Ian Holm. 2004. • (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

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in the author of The Hours, Michael Cunningham. It's true that the storyline spans a number of years, though nowhere near generations, the principal upshot of which is that the protagonist has to pass through three actors in the space of fifteen vears. (His boyhood pal passes through only two in half that time.) In other words, this novel is more resistant to adaptation: the three central characters of The Hours didn't have to split their parts with anyone. Too, it emits louder noises of axe-grinding in the setting-up of a Nontraditional Family Unit: two dads, one gay, one undecided, and an unmarried mother and Woodstock alum who makes hats for pocket change, but not

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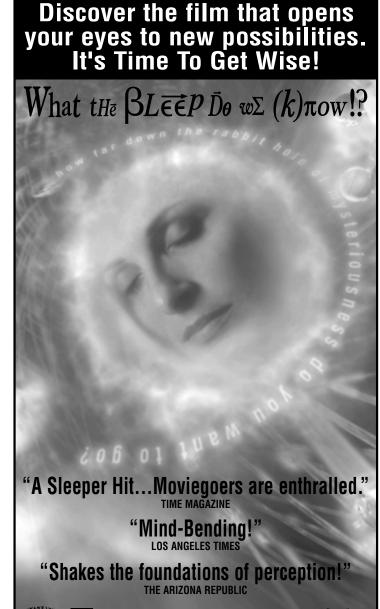
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out of a need to hide her paprika hair. Colin Farrell, in trying to act like a provincial twenty-four-year-old, acts instead like a village idiot. But Sissy Spacek does her usual unadorned good work in the role of a middle-class suburban parent who goes beyond mere permissiveness to willing participation. And Robin Wright Penn, albeit more adorned, also does some good work, despite the unkindness of the cut and color of her hair. With Dallas Roberts, Matt Frewer, Erik Smith, Harris Allan. 2004. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 8/26)

Intimate Strangers — Patrice Leconte's psychological nonthriller (the Bernard Herrmann-esque music and the visual allusions to Rear Window are red herrings, and the frequently jostled camerawork is the furthest thing from Hitchcock) goes from one improbability to another: an abstracted thirty-something woman walks through the wrong door and tells her innermost troubles to a tax lawyer instead of a psychoanalyst, and, when he points out her mistake at their third session, she continues to visit him all the same. The film rewards our forbearance with nothing but a lot of talk. In spite of the intrusions of an actual psychoanalyst, a secretary, a husband, and an ex-lover, it's essentially a two-character piece, like the director's immediately preceding Man on the Train. Softest moment: the private boogie of the buttoned-down taxman, Fabrice Luchini. (Not a straight copy of, but an exact equivalent to, Hugh Grant's number in Love *Actually*.) The haunted, hungry eyes of Sandrine Bonnaire, in a face that looks to be growing leaner, offer a measure of compensation, albeit inadequate. With Michel Duchaussoy and Anne Brochet. 2003. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**I, Robot** — A travesty of the science fiction of Isaac Asimov, who pretty much wrote the book on robots, and not only the book of this name, a seminal collection of short stories. Filmmaker Alex Proyas (*The Crow, Dark City*) retains Asimov's Three Laws of



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robot write a symphony? Can a robot turn a canvas into a beautiful masterpiece?" (These are some of the concerns of an atavistic he-man in Converse high-tops in the Chicago of 2035.) Ensuing developments are more in line with the vision of the original literary inventor of robots, Karel Capek — a table-turning revolt of the slaves against their masters — in the stage play of 1920, R.U.R. (A play, by the way, that Asimov deplored.) In place of a bona fide science-fiction classic, then, we get just another one-week boxoffice wonder, another summer showcase for the swaggering and "styling" of Will Smith, another state-of-the-art portfolio of computer-generated imagery, another wave after wave of overscaled action. The repeated sight of identical robots duplicated on screen ad infinitum somehow seems to symbolize a very different and much more immediate threat to the future of humankind: the manufacture of interchangeable Hollywood

blockbusters. Another and another and another and another.... With Bridget Moynahan, Chi McBride, Bruce Greenwood, 2004.

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#### Ju-On: The Grudge — Japanese hauntedhouse thriller, released in America just ahead of its Hollywood remake, simply called The Grudge. Sympathy may be stirred, if nothing like terror, at the spectacle of low-budget filmmaking reliant on imagination and ingenuity instead of special effects. Narrative context, however, is filled in so sketchily and belatedly that it plays less like a ghost story than like an audition: a well-stocked bag of tricks that might come in handy in a ghost story. Evidently director Takashi Shimizu passed the audition, as he was hired to do the

Hollywood version, too, and handed a bigger budget to play with. So, then. What would be the motivation of the remake: to make better sense or to make better dollars? 2003. ★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 8/26)

Little Black Book — A bubbly blonde who aspires to be Diane Sawyer settles temporarily for being a production assistant on the Kippie Kann Do sleaze-TV show, where, in an excruciating climax, she is shoved in front of the cameras to confront her current boyfriend and his three exgirlfriends on live television. If you took away the early Goldie Hawn-isms from Brittany Murphy, you wouldn't leave her with much. But then, she doesn't start with much as it is Holly Hunter confers an illusion of respectability, and Theo Van de Sande's cinematography is crisp and clean. The befouling is gradual. With Ron Livingston, Julianne Nicholson, Kathy Bates; directed by Nick Hurran. 2004. • (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Lucía, Lucía — Crowd-pleasing, or anyway crowd-courting, feminist fairy tale about the liberating experience of having your husband kidnapped: you meet such nice neighbors (a whitebeard Commie freedom fighter, a curly-headed calendar boy), and you have such wild and wacky adventures. This product of the advertised "Mexican New Wave" has less in common with Breathless or Jules and Jim than with Romancing the Stone or The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag. Factitious, facetious, sporadically tricksy, infrequently clever: nothing inconsistent with slick commercialism. Cecilia Roth, Carlos Alvarez-Novoa, Kuno Becker; directed by Antonio Serrano, 2003 ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8/29, 2 P.M.)

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uont Dr. (858-274-1234) 4665 Clair Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:35, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25 Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:50) 8:00, 10:30; Benji: Off the Leash! (PG) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 5:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:15); The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:30, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:45, 10:10; Collateral (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:45) 7:00, 9:40; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:50) 5:30, 7:25, 8:05, 10:00, 10:40; Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:30, 7:25, 8:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:25) 7:25, 8:15, 9:55; **Hero** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:25) 7:15, 9:45; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu, (1:25, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; Open Water (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:35) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:35, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:40) 7:50, 10:05; The Princess Di**aries 2: Royal Engagement** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, (12.06, 21.06) 5.00, 7.50, 10.20, 5011 (12.06, 21.30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11.30, 4:20) 7:40, 10:20; **Spider-Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Suspect Zero** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:00) 7:30, 10:15; **The Village** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:55, 10:25; Without a **Paddle** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:55, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:55) 7:20, 9:35; Yu-Gi-Oh (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50); Mon.-Thu.

#### DOWNTOWN

### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 2:35, 3:45) 5:20, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55, 10:55; Sun. (1:15, 2:35, 3:45) 5:20, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:15, 3:45, 5:05) 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55: Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 1:45, 2:50, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 2:50, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35) 5:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 10:00; Before Sunset (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 9:35; Benji: Off the Leash! (PG) Fri -Sun (12:45, 2:55) 5:10: Mon -Thu 2:55, 5:10); The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 5:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20;
 Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; Exorcist:
 The Beginning (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00, 3:10) 4:35,
 5:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:50; Sun. (2:00, 3:10)
 4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:10, 4:35, 5:35) 7:15, 8:15, 9:50; Fahrenheit 26, **9/11** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:10; **I, Robot** Reader (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 10:05; Diego Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:45) 7:20, 10:05; Little Black Book (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:40) 7:40; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Sat. (2:05, 3:05) 4:40, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, San 9:45, 10:45; Sun. (2:05, 3:05) 4:40, 5:30, 7:10, **9**:45, 10:45; Sun. (2:05, 3:05, 4:40, 5:30) 8:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 3:05, 4:40, 5:30)

7:10, 8:10, 9:45; Without a Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 2:20, 3:30) 4:55, 5:50, 7:05 8:05, 9:25, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:55, 5:50) 7:05, 8:05, 9:25, 10:25

#### Horton Plaza 14 475 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

**Catwoman** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (2:40) 7:30; **Collateral** (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:20, 4:10) 6:35, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00; Festival Express (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:35; Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 5:10) 9:50; Hero (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 1:15, 3:05, 3:55) 6:30, 7:05, 9:15, 9:50; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 2:55) 6:05, 9:05; Nicotina (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:10, 3:50) 7:10, 9:40; Open Water (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 12:50, 2:15, 3:20, 4:25, 5:25) 6:40, 7:35, 9:00, 9:45; **Spider-Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:05, 4:05) 7:00, 9:55; **Su**perBabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15; **Suspect Zero** (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:10, 3:45) 7:20, 9:45; **The Village** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:00, 4:00) 7:05, 9:55; What the ——-! Do We Know?! (Not Rated) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 3:25) 7:25, 10:00; Yu-Gi-Oh (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:55, 3:15)

### LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid; Suspect Zero; Hero; Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2: Garden State: Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Fahren-heit 9/11; Collateral; The Manchurian Candidate; The Village; The Bourne Supremacy; Napoleon Dynamite

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **The Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, (4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; **The Door in the Floor** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Tue. (2:00, 4:30) 9:50; Wed.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10 9:50; **Intimate Strangers** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05; **Rid**ing Giants (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; Vanity Fair (PG-13) Wed.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00

### **MIRA MESA**

### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid; Suspect Zero; Hero; Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2; Open Water; Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash; Alien vs. Predator; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement; Yu-Gi-Oh!; Collateral; Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle: The Manchurian Candidate; The Village; The Bourne Supremacy; I, Robot; Spider-Man 2; Garden State; Napoleon Dynamite

### **MISSION VALLEY**

**Fashion Valley 18** 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid; Suspect Zero; Hero; Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2; Open Water; Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash: Alien vs. Predator: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement; Yu-Gi-Oh!; Collateral; Little Black Book; Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle: The Manchurian Candidate; The Village; The Bourne Supremacy; I, Robot; Anchorman;

### Spider-Man 2; Shrek 2

**Mission Valley 20** 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid; Suspect Zero; Hero; Superbab Baby Geniuses 2; Yu-Gi-Oh!; Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash; Alien vs. Predator; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement; Collateral; Little Black Book; Open Water; The Manchurian Candidate; The Village; The Bourne Supremacy; I, Robot; Spider-Man 2

### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Ave. (619-287-8990) Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:15; Sat. (11:30, 1:40, 3:55) 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:55) 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:45, 5:55) 8:10; **Anacon** das: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Sat. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; Mon - Thu (1:05, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45; **Exorcist: The Begin**ning (R) Fri. (1:30, 3:55) 7:15, 9:45; Sat (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:50) 7:20; Hero (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20; Hero (PG-13) Frt. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:50) 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri. (1:15, 3:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, Construction of the construction of t 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 7:30; **Without a Paddle** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sat. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:40. 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:35

#### Ken

4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236) **Father and Son** Thursday **Uncovered: The War on Iraq** (Not Rated) Fri. (5:45) 7:55, 10:05; Sat. (1:25) 3:35, 5:45,

7:55, 10:05; Sun. (5:45) 3:35, 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (5:45) 7:55, 10:05

### UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

*3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)* **De-Lovely** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Garden State (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:55; Maria Full of Grace (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; Mon. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:45; Tue.-Wed. (2:00, 4:40) 9:45; Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:45; **Napoleon Dynamite** (PG) Fri. (2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15; **We Don't Live Here Anymore** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30,

### **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk Fri. 4:00; Sat.-Tue. 6:00; Wed. 4:00; Thu. 6:00; Bugs! (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 2:00; Forces of Nature (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 8:00; Sat.-Tue. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Wed. 11:00, 1:00; Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Wich 11:00; dan: To The Max (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00 To Worlds Beyond Sat. 10:00; Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00; Sat.-Tue, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00; Wed. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; Thu. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00

### EAST COUNTY

### LA MESA

**Grossmont Center** 5500 Grossmont Center Dr. (619-465-7100) Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri -Sun (1:40) 4:20, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10 9:35; Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood **Orchid** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **The Bourne Supremacy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05; **Collateral** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:30, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 7:25, 10:05; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:05, (2:40) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Hero** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:30, (12:05, 13:07, 15:07, 10:10; Mon. -Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **Open Water** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 4:55, 7:25, 9:40; Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 4:55, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 4:55) 7:15, 9:40; **The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Sus**pect Zero (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Without a Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 10:10; Sun, (12:20, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Pkwy. (619-466-1401) Benji: Off the Leash! (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:05); Collateral (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:10, 9:55; Sun.-Thu. 7:10; De-Lovely (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:40) 4:35, (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 5:00) 8:00; **Hero** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (11:00, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:20; **The Manchurian Canxdidate** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:30) 7:25, 10:10; Sun. (11:20, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55; The Village (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 6:50, 9:30; Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 6:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:20) 7:45; **Yu-Gi-Oh** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15); Mon.-Thu. (12:30)

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483) Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:30; **Benji: Off the Leash!** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 2:50, 5:30); **The** Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:30) 7:05, 9:50; Collateral (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:25, 4:25) 7:25, 10:30; Exorcist: The Beginning (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:35; Garden State (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Hero (PG-13) Fri.-Tue, (11:50, 2:25, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **I, Robot** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 8:00, 10:45; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10; Napoleon Dynamite (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:35, 3:05, 5:25)

7:55, 10:25; **Open Water** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:25, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (12:10, 2:25, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; (G) Fri.-Tue. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Su**- perBabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:10, 4:30) 7:00; **Suspect Zero** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:00, 10:40; **The Village** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:40; **Without a** Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 2:40, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Yu-Gi-Oh** (PG) Sat.-Sun. (12:00)

### SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid; Exorcist: The Beginning; Alien vs. Predator; Collateral

### SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid; Suspect Zero; Hero; Open Water; Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Alien vs. Predator; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement; Yu-Gi-Oh!; Collateral

### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid; Suspect Zero; Hero; Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2; Open Water; Exorcist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash; Garden State; Nicotina; Alien vs. Predator: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement; Yu-Gi-Oh!; Collateral; The Manchurian Candidate; The Village; The Bourne Supremacy; Catwoman; Napoleon Dynamite; I, Robot; Spider-Man

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30) 2:10, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10; Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 8:10, 10:40; Benji: Off the Leash! (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:50, 3:55) 9:00; The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:40, 10:25; Collateral (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 3:20) 7:25, 10:30; **Exorcist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 3:00) 7:00, 10:00; Hero (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:50, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **I, Robot** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:45) 6:45; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) **Dynamite** (11:55, 3:15) 7:20, 10:20; **Napoleon Dynamite** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:15, 5:05) 8:15, 10:45; **Nicotina** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:45, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45; Open Water (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:55, 1:10, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 10:05; The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 2:05, 4:55) 7:40, 10:30; SuperBabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55; Suspect Zero (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 1:55, 4:50) 8:20, 10:45: The Village (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (2:40) 9:35; Without a Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:35, 4:10) 8:00, 10:35; **Yu-Gi-Oh** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (1:25) 6:35

Vogue 226 3rd Ave (619-425-1436) Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00; **Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 10:15; Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:45,

### **NORTH INLAND** CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 11620 Carmel Mt. Rd. (858-674-9770)

The Manchurian Candidate — Jonathan Demme's ill-advised remake. The main point to be made about the 1962 original is that, with its historical co-ordinates of McCarthyism, the Cold War, and the Yellow Peril, it dates rather badly, and thus cries out for a major overhaul. But while the John Frankenheimer version — positing a Right Wing political movement as a clever disguise for Chinese Communists — may have seemed ridiculous beyond repair, the remake demonstrates that even if the material could not be repaired, it could still be made more ridiculous: more science-fictional, more nonsensical, yet more portentous and ponderous at the same time. The Korea of 1951 has now given way to the Kuwait of 1991, and inasmuch as Muslims are not so notorious as the Communists as infiltrators and brainwashers, we will need a new villain. And here we have one: a war-profiteering Halliburton-like corporation inexplicably

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(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15,

10:30; Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:50) 7:25, 9:40;

Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; Benji: Off the Leash! (PG) Fri.-Sun. (3:25)

5:35: Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:20): The Bourne

Supremacy (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:25,

and inconceivably called Manchurian Global. One of the most withering remarks possible about a piece of science fiction is that events in the real world have already passed it by. And to suggest in this case that a Vice Presidential nominee might be a puppet of big business hardly removes us to the realm of science fiction, and hardly necessitates the intervention of behaviorcontrolling electronic implants in the brain and on the shoulder blade. We have already got a Vice President like that, and we have no reason to suppose he is acting on anything other than free will. Nor is the current President perceived to be so hostile to the next-in-line's ideology that only a sniper's bullet could clear the way. Denzel Washington, Liev Schreiber, Meryl Streep, Kimberly Elise, Jon Voight. 2004. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

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niuses 2 (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55)

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**Royal Engagement** (G) Fri.-Tue. (12:40, 3:20)

VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Maria Full of Grace — Banal tale of how a nice, pretty, pregnant, unmarried Colombiana becomes a mule for drug smugglers, flying to New Jersey with a bellyful of plastic-wrapped packets of white powder: Maria Full of Shit. Plenty of squalid details lend credibility, if not exactly freshness. With Catalina Sandino Moreno, Guilied Lopez, Yenny Paola Vega, and Patricia Rae; written and directed by Joshua Marston. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Napoleon Dynamite — A catchy name for a movie, but not a name that fits its owner: the nerd of nerds at Preston High in podunk Idaho, a misfit for much more than just his name. Sporting a tumbleweed of

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kinky blond hair atop his gangly slopeshouldered frame, breathing through a troutlike open mouth, speaking in a monotone by turns belligerent and resentful, peering out at the world through half-closed eyes and an oversized pair of aviator glasses, he is almost an Expressionistic caricature of adolescent discomfort. And the unknown actor, Jon Heder, gives not so much a performance as a mere presentation: here I am, like it or lump it. His unfamiliarity (is he really like that?) harmonizes beautifully with his many discomforts: his clumsiness with the opposite sex ("I see you're drinking one percent. Is that 'cause you think you're fat?"), his mortification over his closest relatives (an older brother involved in an Internet courtship, an uncle pathologically nostalgic for his footballing heyday in the Eighties: "It's a time machine, Napoleon. We bought it on-line"), his bond of alienation with the only Latino in his class, his favorite

cist: The Beginning; Without a Paddle; Benji: Off the Leash; The Princess Diaries

2: Royal Engagement; Yu-Gi-Oh!; Collat-

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Hero; Open Water; Garden State; The Door

eral; Little Black Book

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in the Floo

pastime of solo tetherball. The clever credits sequence, composed of unappetizing plates of food and assorted other mundanities (a Chapstick, a library check-out card, and so on), correctly forecasts the relentless quirkiness of the film, a feel-odd comedy that takes a hard turn at the end toward a feel-good comedy (not without adequate preparation: a closed-door practice session in which the hero "gets his groove on" with a dance-instruction video found at a thrift shop). The equally unknown director, Jared Hess, whom we might like to imagine got to know his star by way of alphabetical seating in Study Hall, would appear to have undergone some sort of artistic epiphany while watching a Wes Anderson film: flat, squared-up images, dealt out in a kind of hammer-and-anvil rhythm. The consistency of it all, not just the rhythm but the tone, is ultimately persuasive. The viewer is given plenty of time to attune, to adjust, to

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La Costa 6

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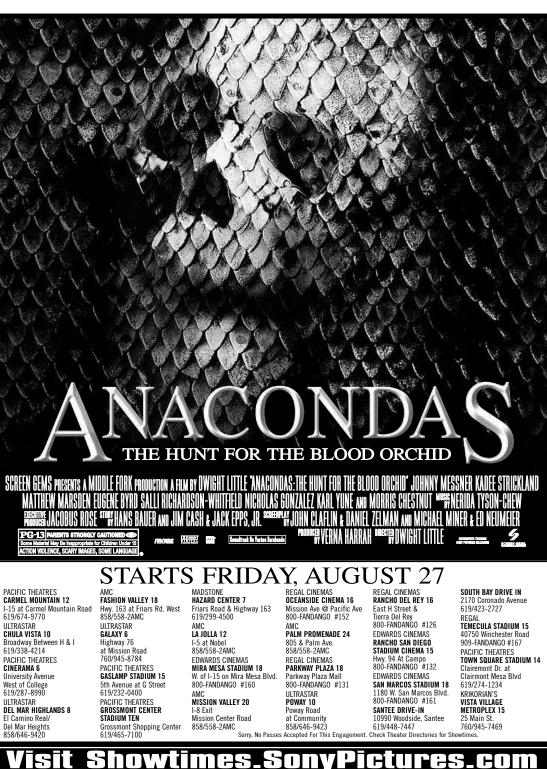
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5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **The Village** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (4:00) 6:55, 10:15; **Without a Paddle** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:25, 5:15) 7:55, 3:55) 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (11:00, 1:25, 3:55) 6:50 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:25) 6:55, 9:20; **Col-lateral** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45: Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:00) 6:40, 9:15: Exor-10:35: Yu-Gi-Oh (PG) Fri.-Tue. (1:15) **cist: The Beginning** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:40) 4:10, 6:45, 7:40, 9:20, 10:15; Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:10, 6:45, 7:45, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:10) 6:30, 6:45, 9:05, 9:20; **Hero** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:10, (12.25, 2.45) 5:26, 7:56, 10:26, 501, (12.16, 2:40) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **The Manchurian Candidate** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25; Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu (12:00, 2:50) 6:20, 9:10; Napoleon Dynamite (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:20) 7:30, 9:40; Open Water (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:30, 3:35) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:35) 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:15) 7:25, 9:40;

**The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 6:50, 9:25; **Suspect Zero** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:20, 10:40; Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; Without a Paddle (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu, (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **Yu-Gi-Oh** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15); Mon.-Thu. (12:00)

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acclimate. He is given no special inducement. Jon Gries, Aaron Ruell, Efren Ramirez, Tina Majorino, 2004. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Nicotina — Reviewed this issue. With Diego Luna, Lucas Crespi, Jesús Ochoa, and Rafael Inclán; directed by Hugo Rodriguez. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16: SAN MARCOS 18: VISTA VILLAGE)

Open Water — An island getaway gets serious: two amorous scuba divers are abandoned for plausible reasons by a Caribbean pleasure boat (another diver goes back in the water with the requisite "buddy" and throws off the head count), and they're left literally swimming with sharks. Digitalvideo shoestringer works efficiently within very limited means, though even at an hour and a quarter it feels padded. With Ryan Blanchard and Daniel Travis; written and directed by Chris Kentis. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

#### The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement — Princess Mia, now age

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twenty-one, must forfeit the throne, according to an obscure bit of Genovian fine

print, if she isn't married within a month. A forced-march sequel, in a creative desert. With Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews, Hector Elizondo, John Rhys-Davies, Chris Pine, and Heather Matarazzo; directed by Garry Marshall. 2004. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10) CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Riding Giants — Pedestrian surf film, pieced together of archival footage and present-day talking heads, in salute to the pioneers of wave-riding. ("It was George Downing who carved the mold from which all other big-wave riders were cast," etc. ) The earlier pioneers, pre-Gidget, are more credible as pioneers, and their photo documentation has more charm. Directed by Stacy Peralta. 2004. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Shrek 2 — Another dose of foam-rubber animation, rapacious capitalism, mainstream hipness, and coy vulgarity ("It looks like we're up Chocolate Creek without a popsicle stick"). Viewers of the forerunner will know what they are in for, and will have only themselves to blame. One new character, Puss 'n Boots, is well drawn whether coughing up a hairball or soliciting poor kitty pity, and well voiced by Antonio Banderas. With the returning voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, and Eddie Murphy; co-directed by Andrew Adamson, Kelly Asbury, and Conrad Vernon. 2004. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Spider-Man 2 — Two years later, Sam Raimi adds the inevitable second chapter to an above-average comic-book adaptation,

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higher, following up the bloop single of *Spider-Man* with a ground-ball double just inside the foul line. The approach stays the same: a stress on character and relationship, on psychology and emotion, relieved at tolerable intervals with above-average cartoon action scenes. (The physics of the hero's superpowers are somehow never made as comprehensible or as compelling as his psyche.) The movie is nicely paced and proportioned: an hour or so of struggling to put responsibility ahead of romance (mundane little detail: the spandex Spider-Man costume in the laundromat, discoloring the other clothes in the load); then, at the halfway point, a half an hour of determined renunciation of responsibility (the costume in a trash can); then a final half-hour after a return from retirement and a bumpy reentry: the high-flying hero's triumphant "I'm back!" will be transposed, through an undignified crash landing, to "My back!" In due time, much is revealed - which is to say Spider-Man's true identity is much revealed — and real progress is made along the storyline, although the last-minute head start on the next sequel feels more tiresome than the entire two hours. Tobey Maguire, more hesitant than Hamlet, more demure than Dumbo, makes the most of the Peter Parker alter ego, but must defer to a computer-generated double for the superhero bits. Kirsten "Dimples" Dunst and James "Dean" Franco are back on hand as well, and weigh little in the balance. The big difference, the big improvement, is in the new villain embodied by Alfred Molina. In place of Willem Dafoe's Green Goblin, the Batman-type antagonist of the first installment, Molina delivers a robust Dr. Octavius, alias Dr. Octopus, or Doc Ock for short, not really a bad guy at all, but an altruistic scientist whose experiments in fusion go horribly awry, leaving him fused to four metallic robot arms, or tentacles, with a mind of their own. Now more spidery than Spidey, he turns into a monster in the tradition - the species - of such science fiction deformities of the Fifties as The Amazing Colossal Man and The Fly. Perhaps, however, the simplest way to appraise the overall level of improvement would be to say that, this time, the irascible

pushing his slugging percentage even a little

newspaper editor of J.K. Simmons ("I don't pay you to be a sensitive artiste!") does not steal the whole show. Only his own scenes. 2004.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: VOGUE)

### Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 —

Comedy sequel starring Jon Voight, Scott Baio, and Vanessa Angel, directed by Bob Clark.

(DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16. FROM 8/27)

Suspect Zero — Serial-killer thriller with Aaron Eckhart, Ben Kingsley, and Carrie Anne-Moss, directed by E. Elias Merhige. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18 MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/27)

Touch of Pink - Rhymes with That Touch of Mink. And on cue, Kyle MacLachlan essays a nervy impersonation of Cary Grant, an impossible assignment (almost the first words out of his mouth are misinformed: "I first died when I made The Pride and the Passion in '59," actually '57), but carried out well enough for the role of fairy godfather, invisible friend, to a homosexual Indian, in a humdrum indie, who has not yet confided his secret to his domineering mother. A pale imitation of Cary is the best entertainment on view. With Jimi Mistry, Kristen Holden Reid, Suleka Mathew; written and directed by Ian Iqbal Rashid. 2004. (GASLAMP 15)

The Village — Writer-director M. Night Shyamalan painted himself into a corner with The Sixth Sense, and has climbed the walls ever since: Unbreakable, Signs, and now





this. His outsized initial success seems to have given him an inflated sense of selfimportance, an inflamed sense of mission: not simply to top the sensationalism but simultaneously to deepen the spirituality. All of which, on the plus side, grants him unusual license to take chances, take pains, take time. His films invariably have a great intensity and a grim mood. The flip side, though, is that they tend to be slow, overextended, and overly dependent on the element of surprise. When the final surprise falls short, as almost inevitably it must, the entire film crumbles to nothing. This one, a fable of fear, an allegory of innocence vs. corruption, centers on a community of Amish-like isolation and austerity, surrounded by a dark forest inhabited by "those we don't speak of," and never, on any account, to be entered by the villagers. If "we" don't go into "their" woods, "they" will stay out of "our" valley. There would be no film if the truce could last for the duration. Among the assets, prior to the inevitable crumbling, are some effective sound effects of cracking and rustling in the forest, and atmospheric photography by Roger Deakins, and a creditable acting debut by Bryce Dallas Howard, daughter of Ron Howard, far less affected than such co-stars as Joaquin Phoenix, Adrien Brody, William Hurt him especially — and Sigourney Weaver. But the preferable showcase would have been a Twilight Zone half-hour or at most an Outer Limits hour: brief and ephemeral. That way, no one could "spoil" the surprise beforehand, and everyone who cared to watch it could talk it over in the lunchroom the next day. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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 SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

#### We Don't Live Here Anymore — Two

short stories by Andre Dubus, one of the same name and another named Adultery, are forged into a bludgeoningly dull chamber piece centered on two faculty colleagues, with matching scrubby beards for that academic look, who each have an extramarital affair with the other's wife Director John Curran's pattern of parallel cutting between angst-ridden couples rather emphasizes the feeling of repeated blows from a blunt object. Peter Krause gets markedly shorter shrift than Mark Ruffalo; and Laura Dern goes further over the top than Naomi Watts. All four of them do a lot of surface embossment. 2004. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

### What the Bleep Do We Know? -

Blend of fiction and documentary, examining the nature of consciousness; with Marlee Matlin, Barry Newman, Elaine Hendrix; directed by William Arntz, Betsy Chasse, Mark Vicente.

(HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 8/27: LA PALOMA)

Without a Paddle — Three boyhood pals, facing their mortality at thirty, head out on a treasure hunt for the lost loot of D.B. Cooper. Or at least a hunt for low comedy: city slickers in the backwoods. They find a lot of the least. With Seth Green, Matthew Lillard, Dax Shepard, and Burt Reynolds; directed by Steven Brill. 2004. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Zatoichi — Reviewed this issue. With Beat Takeshi, Gadarukanaru Taka, Tadanobu Asano, and Ittoku Kishibe; directed by Takeshi Kitano ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/27)



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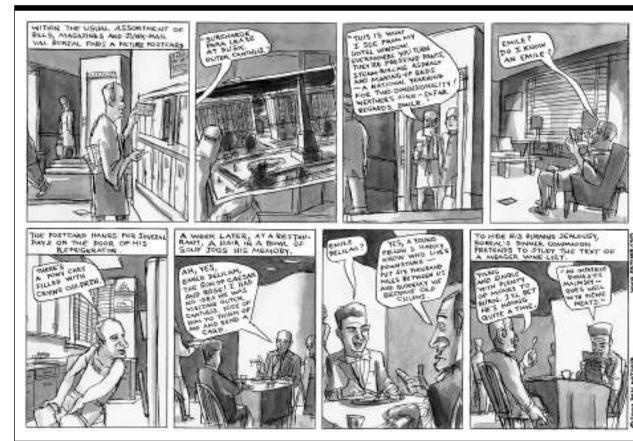
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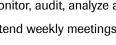
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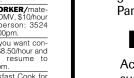
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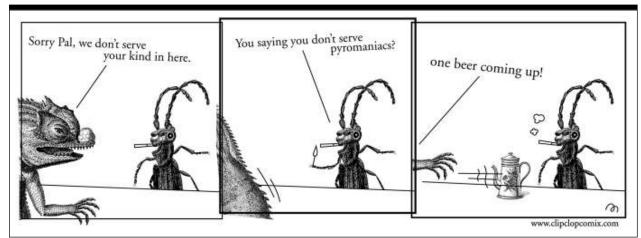
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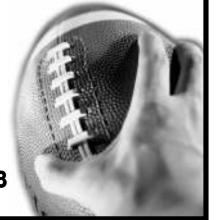
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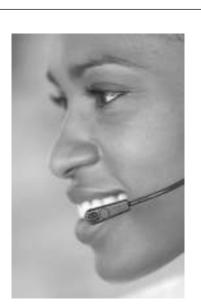
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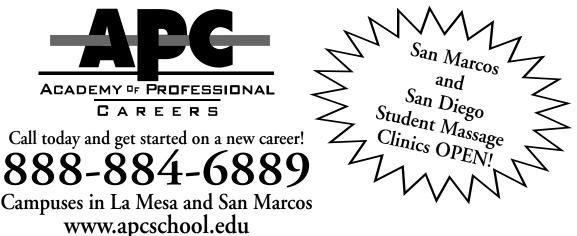
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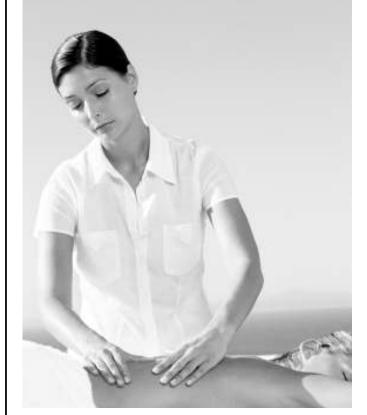
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Anthony Pedicab

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Hope Latkowitz Student

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Performing arts. I love dance. It P moves me to watch people dance, and I enjoy it as a personal form of expression. Anyone can dance and that's what's so great about it. I prefer watching people dance by them-selves as opposed to watching any kind of couples dancing. Any kind of visual arts would be my next favorite. Cubism would have to be my favorite style of painting even though I don't know any names of cubist artists. I like painting because it's aesthetically pleasing; it comes down to how a piece of art makes you feel.



### Daniel Axlerod Student

University Heights usic. Progressive heavy metal has Music. Progressive lieur, just to be my favorite kind of art. Dream Theater and Camelot are the heavyweights of that musical genre. As far as the visual arts, I enjoy the work of Salvador Dalí. I wouldn't consider myself to be into darker subject matter; I like art that has a larger story that can be dissected and wrapped around a piece, whether it be music or art. I appreciate if a piece inspires different interpretations from different people. My friends appreciate things like dance or theater more than I do, but I appreciate that there are different kinds of art and a mutual respect amongst the arts without judgment.



### Steffany Washington Vendor La Mesa

Music and movies are my favorite kinds of art. I listen to all kinds of rap, but I tend to like R&B singers who have a good flow like Usher or R. Kelly. I look to music to get me going; the feel of the music has to move me. I enjoy scary movies and any kind of movie with a good hero because I find art in those kinds of movies. I recently saw that movie with Vin Diesel, and that man is definitely a work of art with a body like that. I have friends who try and rap, but I don't really think anything of their abilities; it's not anything that I admire about them.



Rick Museum café server Golden Hill

Photography. I like that photog-Praphy allows the artist to capture the image at different times of day and show how completely different they are. A lot of people I know are into the performing arts. It's all beautiful and individual, so there's never really any disagreement amongst my friends regarding different kinds of art. I admire those actors who put on one-man shows because they play an array of characters and they have to keep their act fresh in order to convey their feeling to the audience.



Brian Artist Point Loma

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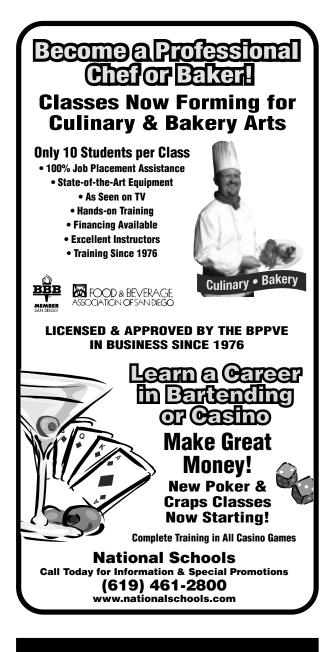
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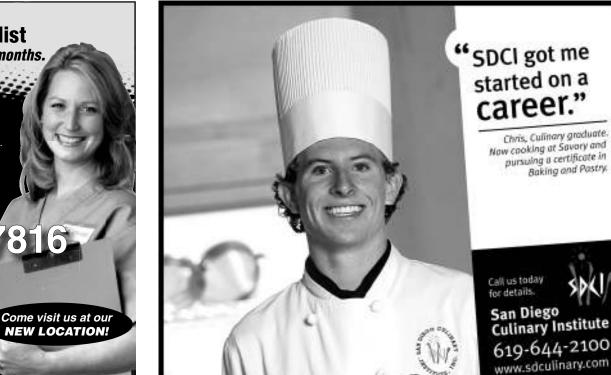
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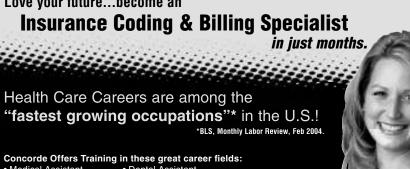


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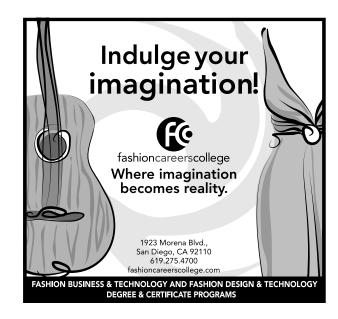


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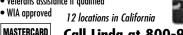
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SOPHISTICATED, SLENDER, white, youtinui, dewish, maroos, work accos, pretty, homeowner, many interests in-cluding music and art. Seeking educated aentleman, 65-75, joyful, fun, sincere. 5, joytul, tun, s (9/8) 🕿 30270

PRETTY ARGENTINEAN redhead, 45 125lbs., 5'4", long hair, professional. Love 125lbs., 5'4", long hair, professional. Love outdoors, camping, hiking, sailing, classi-cal music. Seeking white professional male, 50-75, for romance. (9/1) **2**30232

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE/OUTSIDE, 40. slim very successful doctor. Loves exercising, traveling, gardening, and cooking. Seek-ing an affectionate, loyal, well educated, sportive gentleman, under 45. (9/1)

SMART, SEXY, LIBERAL, Cute slender yet shapely, entrepreneurial, tree-spir-ited, drug-free, nonsmoker seeks kindred spirit; friendship, romance. Love books, health, music, communication, stimulat-ing conversation, life. (9/8) **3**30311 EXCUSE ME, WOULD YOU like a cup of coffee? Good friend, widow, 60. Looking for one good man, nondrinker, smokers OK. I smoke. Barona? (9/1) 330241

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TRANSPLANTED WOMAN seeks south Incost LANIED WOMAN seeks south-ern comfort. Me: 5'7", blonde, outgoing, curious, active. You: Southern Caucasian male, 55-65, with gentle touch, easy man-ners, kind speech, lusty heart. (9/8) 330301

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blonde/blue, 70s. Seeking fun-loving man, 70s-80s to share interests. Movies, dining, musicals, travel, financially se-cure. Must provide transportation. (9/1) **2**30245

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PALM SPRINGS. Divorced white profes-sional female wants to share frugal fun weekends with a beach guy, easygoing, early mornings, sailing, laughter, paraglipite 62, 5'8" (0(1) 20242 rnings, sailing, laug ,63,5'8".(9/1) 🕿 30242 MUSIC LOVER, 40, LOVES Prince to Chopin! Very cute, natural blonde, slim, fit, French/Swedish descent. Likes danc-ing, nature, hiking, art, music, travel! Call mel (9/1) 730231 (9/1) 🕿 COURTNEY COX LOOK-ALIKE. Active

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SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, LOVING, youth ful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys out-doors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (9/8) 230294 BOOKS, BEETHOVEN, BANTER! Life, love, laughter! Independent, active, thoughtful, interesting mind, 60ish, 5', 125lbs., nonsmoker, wants to share mind, body, soul with compatible man. (9/1) 230235

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HUSBAND WANTED. Petite, cute Mexi-107lbs., good shape, sexy, intel

ligent, romantic, sweet, monogamous. You: 55-65, romantic white gentleman, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, lasting relationship. (9/8) **T**30271

PERSONABLE, WITTY, attractive, 43. White, single, Christian lady seeks 30-45 man, stable, kind, humorous, adventure-some, for dating, possibly more. Nonsmokers only please. God bless you. (9/8) 230275

VERY CUTE. I'm a shapely size 4, white skin, dark red hair. Wanting very good-looking college graduated, well em-ployed, fit, nonsmoker. (9/1) **3**30246 Indyed, III, Horistricker. (9/1) 2030246 IMAGINE KATIE COURLC at 61. Playful, healthy, active, attractive, curious, retired professional, 5'3-1/2", 188lbs. You are healthy, active, attractive, financially inde-pendent. Seeking friends, possible rela-tionship. (9/1) 2030251

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CATALINA, CORONADO, JULIAN? Let's go! I'm Caucasian, 5'9", senior, active woman, searching for Caucasian male, 70+, tall, healthy nonsmoker for happy, elationship. (9/1) 🕿 30248 SLIM, PRETTY, classy, professional, 44, seeking conservative, handsome execu-tive-type, for quiet evenings at home, supportive, meaningful relationship to love and let live (have herpes). (9/8) 30289

RETTY BLACK FEMALE, 51, full-bodied, shapely, intelligent, anecuonate, quet lifestyle, seeks youthful gentleman, at-tractive inside and out, for sincere inter-action, movies, conversation, walks, smiles, hugs. (9/8) **2** 30291

smiles, hugs. (9/8) 30291 EAST COAST GAL, 38, 5'6", shapely brunette, educated, homeowner seeks accomplished white male, 40-52 for long-term relationship. Nonsmoker enjoys din-ing, theater, art, beach. (9/8) 30293 TALL, ATTRACTIVE, FUN, athle tic, 30-tall, atsomething black female. Seeking tall, at-tractive male, 30-something to 50. Race unimportant. (9/8) \$30310 ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN brunette, 5'2"

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PRETTY TEACHER, BLONDE/BLUE, 41. 5'8", slender, bikini looks; beach, con-certs, gym, boating, rock, jazz, Sinatra. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, non-smoking, moderate drinking, Christian, 34-48. (9/8) **2**30269 34-48. (9/8) 23 30209 AFFECTIONATE, CUDDLY, warm, cute theorful spontaneous, edu-

spunky, cheerful, spontaneous, euu-cated, healthy, looking for my soul mate, 59 to 70 years old. If you are there, please call. (9/8) 230296 58, EASYGOING, FUN, flexible teacher

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PRETTY, PERSONABLE, slender, intelli-gent, communicative, Seeking college gent, communicative. Seeking college educated, politically liberal, handsome, huggable, generous-hearted male 45-60, 510°+. Enjoy fine dining, cinema, lying back with you. (9/1) 230252 ATTRACTIVE, FUN AND FIT Asian female

30s, 5'3", 125lbs. Seeking well-educated, loving, supportive, sincere man for lasting relationship. Enjoy sports, hiking, ski, family, friends. (9/1) 230239

CUBAN, LATIN FEMALE, 46, seeks gen-tleman, 43-49, educated, active, serious-minded, for lasting relationship with great morals. Let's share life. (9/8) **T**30286 YOUTHFUL 50, LADY, slender, attractive, 5'3", South County, looking for unpreten-tious, open, fit, active man who likes hik-ing, outdoor activities, growth-oriented, meditation, nonsmoker. (9/8) 230292

PRETTY BLONDE, 5'7", college degreed, 47. Seeking confident, tall, independent 47. Seeking confident, tall, independent partner, 45-55, for outdoors fun, sailing, hiking, biking, travel, classic rock, con-certs, dancing, movies, laughter. (9/1) 230234

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ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN, single mom 39, size 18. Looking for that special per-son between 37-50 and who is ready to start a fabulous, meaningful relation-ship. (9/1) **2**30244

ship. (9/1) **12** 30244 CHRISTIAN, SINGLE MOM. Attractive, 5'5", 140lbs., strawberry blonde, green eyes. I own 2 Arabians and enjoy outdoor activities. I am also a musician. (9/8)

LOVELY AFRICAN-AMERICAN LADY. 48. wants to be spoiled and pampered. Seek-ing that down to earth gentleman, 45-52, very romantic, affectionate, and fun. Race unimportant. (9/1) **2**30250

NATURAL, very loving, affectionate, car-ing, white woman loves to cook, outdoors, ocean. Looking for white man, 35-50 for long-term relationship. (9/8) 230299 Hong-term relationiship. (Уго) ▲ 30233 SHORT, SERIOUS, true blonde, Pisces. Seeking construction-type dude with clean fingernails, honest, considerate, for friendship, romance, fun. No games, no addicts, homebodies OK. (9/1) ☎ 30238 DYNAMITE FIGURE, stunning blonde, blue, 5'8", 135lbs. Seeking 45-55, single white male, 5'10"-6'6" soul mate; fun, dancing, romance. Must be homeowner, financially secure, no baggage. (9/1) Tanpse

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FEMALE, 52, LOOKING FOR a retired gentleman who has time to travel, ocear fishing a plus, possibly marriage, a com mitment, outdoors man, looks unimpor tant, sincere. (9/1) 30230

STABLE, FRIENDLY, warm-hearted Latina, 40, 5'5", medium built, enjoys Latina, 40, 5'5", medium built, enjoys movies, dancing, reading cultures. Look-ing for serious relationship, friends first, with 40-55 male, same qualities. (9/1)

TIRED OF DINING ALONE, going to the movies, short trips? Meet this petite, se-nior lady of color from Central America Sav adjos to lonely days, (9/8) 730273 VANILLA LOVES CHOCOLATE; tall, pretty, blonde, fun, loving, sincere. Seek-ing black professional man, financially se-cure, Christian, 40-50 years old, for possi-ble long-term relationship. (9/8) **2** 30306 20, 5'3", 180Ibs., GREEN eyes. Seeking 20-28-year-old male for friendship, possi-bly more. Outgoing, sensitive and fun with a big heart. (9/1) 230261

BEAUTIFUL, BRILLIANT, sensuous, full figured, African-American queen, libera figured, African-American queen, liberal politics, artistic, loves travel, films, read-ing, intelligent conversations. Seeking honest, loyal, respectful, passionate, stocky, white professional. (9/1) stocky,

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 47, seeks sincere Christian church-attending gentleman for fun, friendship, fellowship and eventua long-term relationship/marriage. Nonsmoker, North County preferred. (9/8)

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HOT LOOKING, very fit gentleman, 39, 6'1", 195lbs. Looking to share my tropical waterfront paradise with you, slim beauty, 28-40. Must love good cooking, with hu-mor, traveling, animals, and must have a fresh positive attitude. Looking for a seri-ous relationship only. (9/1) 3 30700 LARGE BLACK TEDDY BEAR, very ro

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male. Enjoy cooking, golf, traveling, good jazz, fine dining. Seeking woman who's well healed and fully seasoned. Call if in-terested. (9/8) **2** 30751

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**LOCKING FOR A DATE,** girlfriend, friend. I'm 56, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, nature, walking, fun at home. La Mesa area. (9/1) **1**30723 YOUTHFUL 73, SHARING life, movies theater, dining, dancing, caring, conver-sations, with compassionate, nonsmok-ing, health-oriented lady in East County area. Simple things in life. (9/1) 230704

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CREATIVE ARTS professional. Fit, 6', 185lbs, 62, looks 52. Liberal Democrat, Notre Dame grad, pacifist marine. Plays blues, piano. Spiritual, photography, po-etry, Owns mountain ranch. (9/1)

SURFING, BLADING, tennis, restaurants, movies, theater, music, 37, 5'11", North movies, theater, music, 37, 5 11, 100m County coastal. We're physically fit, have time to date, enjoy outdoors, quiet evenings at home. (9/8) 230777

ATTRACTIVE AFRICAN- American/mixed race, 52, 5'10", 1751bc, degreed, playful, fit, spiritual, romantic, loving heart, ex-tremely kind, excellent communicator, friends first, race unimportant. Please call. (9/1) **T**30701

call. (9/1) 330701 JEWISH, PHYSICIAN, fit, kind, great communicator, enjoys travel, nature, hikes, in search of intelligent, kind woman, 20:-30s, for finendship leading to long-term relationship. (9/8) 330774 LIKE COFFEE? ME TOO! Guy next door, 40, seeks lady next door, 30-60, for cof-fee, conversation, a little romance and fun. Eyeglasses a plus. (9/8) 230756 TRULY HONEST, SINCERE, secure, homeowner, lonely, widowed, young 77, liking outdoors and travel. Seeking sin-cere lady for lifetime caring and shar-ing. (9/1) \$\$

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getherl (9/1) 330720 WANTED. VERY ATTRACTIVE, 28-50 non-smoker. Sexy in spirit, honesty, fashion, and kindness, who wants handsome, tall, 49, successful, sexy, romantic, honest, kind, sweet gentleman, for upscale fun. Let's enjoy life, and each other. Compan-ions, maybe more. Listen to my ad, I'm a prince! (9/8) 330744

ASIAN LADY WANTED, by caucasian centleman in his 50s. I'm 5'11", athletic, gentleman in his 50s. I'm 5'11", athletic, romantic, financially secure, homeowner, on the beach, no baggage, well groomed. (9/1) **T**30745

ATHLETIC, HEARTFUL, communicative winner, 41, seeking 32-45 cheerful, confident angel to laugh and explore wonders of the world. New arrival creating friends first then commitment. (9/8) 230775 AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monoga-mous, biracial African-American and white, 65, 6'4", 220lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white fe-male. Home dancing, travel, fun, more. (9/8) \$\$30755

RETIRED WORLD TRAVELER, physically fit, excellent health, secure, caring. Seek-ing 35-52 female for fun, romance, long-term relationship, travel, backpacking, sailing, scuba. Must be retired. (9/1) ☎30741

LOVABLE. CUTE. FINANCIALLY secure LOVABLE, CUTE, FINANCIALLY secure, 5'10', physically fit, and slightly compul-sive North County guy, seeks unencum-bered, attractive woman, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. (9) **①** 30767 **NORTH COUNTY** 56, 6'1", 195lbs, muscu-lar build, hair, homeowner, artist, liberal, surfer, financially stable, travel junkie, vegetarian into health, music, art, any-thing creative. Seeking thin, pretty lady into the same. (9/8) **①** 30769

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Lettering and more, (9/1) **3** 30/13 **HELP ME** find my way! (9/8) **3** 30762 **EL CAJON/LAKESIDE**/inland area. Application for happiness requirements: cuddling, hugs, kisses, friendship, ro-mance, quiet evenings, long-term rela-tionship with 61 young white male, race open. (9/8) **3** 30771

TALL AND GOOD LOOKING. young 49. nonsmoker, educated, financially secure, athletic, white, professional, honest, re-sponsible, unencumbered, humorous, Totally LovaBLE! I'm 39, 5'10", 175lbs, financially secure, handsome, easygoing, charming, romantic with nice body/smile. Seeking sincere, caring fe-male who needs a special love. (9/8) 303078 T 30778 YOU: 18-25. ATHLETIC/FIT. Love going to the beach and having someone cook for you. Me: 20, surfer boy looking for a wholesome girl. (9/8) **T** 30758

hugger, North Coastal homeowner. Y enriched, shapely fox. (9/1) 230726

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confi dent, romantic, fun loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsi-ble. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoker. (9/8) **3**30781

I WOULD LIKE to meet a special Asian lady for a date. I myself enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, and football. I teach preschool. (9/1) 330719

NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. Just looking for warm, passionate, athletic, petite woman that enjoys quiet times and running, bik-ing, beaching, sharing. 36, lean, blond, patient, grounded. (9/8) \$30752

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VENUS OR MARS? Seeking adventur-ous, nurturing woman for human connec-tion. Nothing heavy-duty to start: just fun, friendship and passion. Me: 36, sexy, good shape. (9/8) 30776

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WHITE MALE, 39, SEEKS fun-loving

white female, 30-40, for beach, sports travel. No games, and no Vegas wed-dings on first date. (9/8) 230779

HOMEBODY, WHITE GUY, 40, apartment

renter, employed. Into ocean, music, workout, reading, conversation, good food. You: sweet, white, 30-55, enjoy life, love life. (9/1) @ 30735

LONELY, HEALTHY, ACTIVE affluent wid-

ower, 80s, seeks nonsmoking, lovely re-tired lady counterpart, 70s-80s, for friend-ship, companionship, dinners, walks, shows, concerts, worldwide cruises, trips, tours together. (9/1) 230717

JUST ONE VERY OPEN, tactile, curious lady, for me; young senior, two out of three. All welcome. South Bay, very gen-erous, hurry, kisses. (9/1) 30733

HUMBLE, SINCERE, WHITE, 37. Healthy, fit, active. Seeking compassionate, yet assertive lady for romantic relationship. Core values, integrity, loyalty, emotional intimacy, adventurous, spiritual, bal-anced, outgoing. (9/1) 30706

anced, outgoing. (9/1) 330706 RANCHO BERNARDO guy. Fun-loving, honest, sincere, nonsmoker seeks like-minded, attractive, nonsmoking lady to 62. Prefer long term relationship with North County resident. (9/8) 330772

ner. You

TALL, ATHLETIC professional, 43, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle. Seeking thick, athletic lady, 340-48, for biking, ten-nis, sailing, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (9/1) 30709 COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, German

Irish Catholic, affectionate, attractive, un-encumbered, degreed professional, 40, 6'1", 215lbs., family oriented, seeks unencumbered, white, 24-34, possessing in-ner/outer beauty. (9/8) 230757

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Catherine! Heathcliff: Handsome lawyer, late 40s, Christian/spiritual. Catherine? Interesting, you. (9/8) @ 30732

LOVE BACK RUBS. White professional seeking Asian that appreciates hugs and back rubs. Caucasian, considerate, clean shaven, handsome, 45 looking 40, fit, highly educated. Friends. (9/8)

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SINCERE, 6'1", SLIM, mannered, bright, fun, father, degreed, varied interests. Seeking 42-52, bright, trim, nonsmoker, North County for conversation, outdoors, music, friendship, sharing life. (9/1)

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#### **Senior Active Guv**

5'10", white, retired, fit. Into golf, nature movies, dining. Honest, humorous Seeking attractive, sensual spontaneous, slim, lady. Together we do more and be happy. (9/8) **3**30753 OUTDOORSY FEMININE LADY needed Cure my all work, no play blues. Me: 45, act 25, 5'8", 165lbs., honest, reliable, ca-sual. You: one-man woman, non-smoker. (9/1) **3**30702

29, 611, 1851bs., nonsmoker/drinker, looks like Keanu Reeves, romantic. Enjoy walking, biking, Padre games, seeing live music, jazz and blues. No kids. (9/1) 330710

MAN OF PASSION, WIT, style, sub-stance, integrity, heart, creativity. Seeking stance, integrity, heart, creativity. Seeking life partnership/romance with sponta-neous, unjaded, communicative, sensual, arts oriented, cuddling cutiel 57, 5'10", attractive. (9/1) 30724

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN. Attrac tive black gentleman, 45, 5'7", honest, sincere, intelligent, romantic, healthy. En-joys life, adventures, outdoors, cooking, beaches, movies, music. Race unimpor-tant. (9/1) **2**30737

SINGLE WHITE MALE, medium build, financially secure. Looking for a medium-built single black female. Friends first to get acquainted, then maybe more. Ages t acquainteu, irien -45. (9/1) 230703

GENTLEMAN, 70, RETIRED, healthy in mind and in body. Love travel, movies, outdoors, East County. Would like to share life with like-minded lady. (9/1) 30736

SEARCHING FOR COMPANION. Slender, 57, brown/blue, 5'7", easygoing with var-ied interests and time to give TLC to my match. No games. Let's talk. (9/1)

56, CAUCASIAN ENGINEER, looking for close companionship if chemistry's right. Am confident, open-minded, good com-municator, independent but not selfish. Looking for same in 40-57 woman. (9/1)

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN, 6'1", 170lbs., 52, handsome, red/blue, en-trepreneur, swing dancer, bicycle racer, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs, child free, ac-tor, artist, Parlez Francais. Seeking chem-istry/connection. (9/1) 30721

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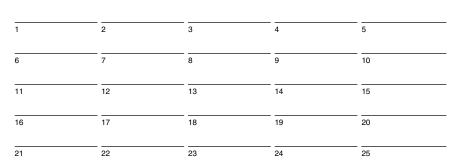
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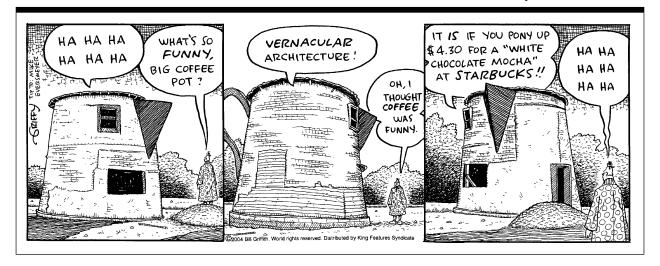
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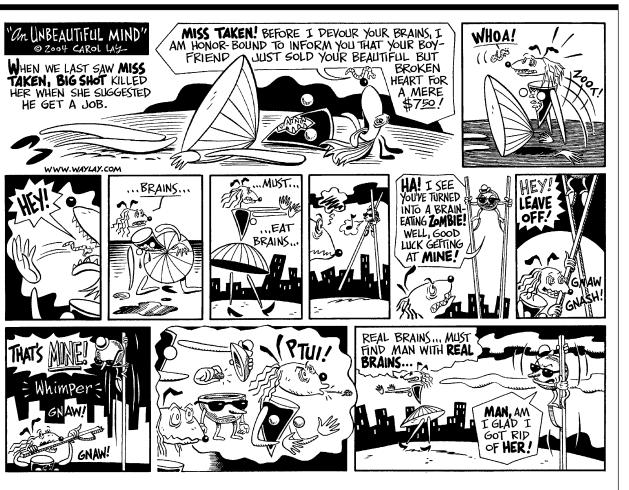
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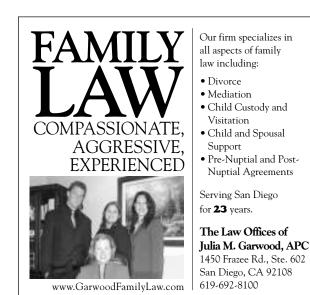
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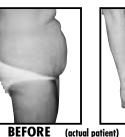
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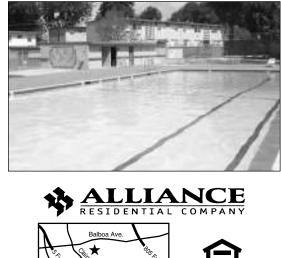
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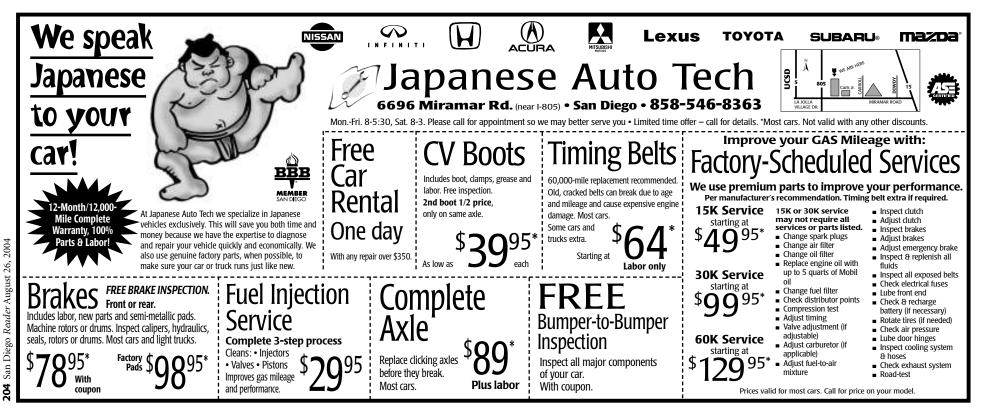
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#### LEAD STORY

- Autobiography of the Least Interesting Man in America: According to a 1996 Seattle Times feature, Robert Shields, 77, of Dayton, Wash., is the author of perhaps the longest personal diary in history, nearly 38 million words on paper stored in 81 cardboard boxes covering the previous 24 years, in five-minute segments. Example: July 25, 1993, 7 a.m.: "I cleaned out the tub and scraped my feet with my fingernails to remove layers of dead skin." 7:05 a.m.: "Passed a large, firm stool, and a pint of urine. Used 5 sheets of paper."

#### **Least Competent People**

 Joseph Kubic Sr., 93, was hospitalized in Stratford, Conn., in 1999 after he tried to punch an additional hole in his belt by hammering a pointynosed bullet through it. The bullet fired, ricocheted off a table and hit him in the neck. And four months after that, a 19-year-old man was hospitalized in Salt Lake City after undertaking a personal investigation into the question of whether it is possible to "fire" a .22-caliber bullet by placing it inside a straw and striking it with a hammer. Answer: sometimes (including this time it went off and hit him in the stomach).

- Tim Ekelman, 33, was hospitalized in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1998 with a collapsed lung, a sliced throat, and voice-box damage after he ---believing there was nothing to it - attempted to swallow a friend's 40-inch-long sword. (A professional sword swallower interviewed by the Hamilton Spectator said he would never stick a sword down his throat without first dulling the edges.) Said Ekelman's girlfriend, "I love him with all my heart, but what a jerk."

#### **Great Art!**

- From time to time "News of the Weird" has reported on the fluctuating value of the late Italian artist Piero Manzoni's personal feces, which he canned in 1961, 30 grams at a time in 90 tins, as art objects (though, over the years, 45 have report-

edly exploded). Their price to collectors has varied from about \$28,000 for a tin in 1998 to \$75,000 in 1993. In June 2002, the Tate Gallery in London announced it had purchased tin number 004 for about \$38,000. (The price of 30 grams of gold at that time was a little over \$300.)

#### **Clichés Come to Life**

- In 1998, Charles Cornell, 31, won his lawsuit at the High Court in London, England, and was awarded the equivalent of about \$100,000 in damages. Cornell's insurance businesses failed when sales plummeted following his automobile accident. In the crash, he received a head injury that his doctors said left him with a gentler, more amiable personality that Cornell proved in court was unsuited for the insurance business.

 According to a doctor's experience reported in the December 1997 issue of the journal Biological Therapies in Psychiatry, a 35-year-old female patient receiving a traditional antidepressant was switched to bupropion, supposedly just as effective but without her regular drug's side effect of inhibiting orgasm. "Within one week, her ability to achieve orgasm and her enjoyment of sex had returned to normal," the doctor wrote. "After six weeks, however, she experienced (spontaneously, without physical stimulation) a threehour orgasm while shopping."

- Life Imitates a Rodney Dangerfield Joke: In 1996, Steven Hicks, 38, and his wife, Diana, 35, were sentenced to six months in jail in Cape May, N.J., for child abandonment. They had been having trouble with their unruly son, Christopher, 13, and while he was hospitalized, they had packed up and moved to Inglewood, Calif.

#### **Lawyers Being Lawyers**

- The Times of London reported in 1997 that when an employee of the James Beauchamp law firm in Edgbaston, England, recently killed himself, the firm billed his mother the equivalent of \$20,000 for the expense of finishing up his office

work. Included in that amount was a bill for about \$2300 to go to his home to find out why he didn't show up at work (thus finding his body), plus about \$250 to go to his mother's home, knock on her door, and tell her that her son was dead. (After unfavorable publicity, the firm withdrew the bill.)

— No "professional courtesy": Marsha Watt, a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and formerly an associate at the prestigious Winston and Strawn law firm in Chicago, was disciplined in 1997 by the Illinois Bar over her then-recent conviction for prostitution (i.e., the kind involving sex, for which her published rate, according to a personals ad cited in her conviction, was roughly three times what the law firm was billing for her services).

#### At Last! A Job That Requires Geometry!

 Commissioners in Florida's Seminole County (near Orlando) and Manatee County (Bradenton) passed ordinances in 1999 prohibiting public nudity by requiring women to cover at least 25 percent of the area of their breasts and at least 33 percent of the buttocks, with highly detailed instructions as to the points from which each coverage must be measured. ("News of the Weird" includes this refresher for law enforcement personnel: The formula for the lateral area of a cone is pi times radius times slant height; for the surface area of a sphere, it's pi times radius squared; and, alas, for a flat surface, it's length times width.)

#### Surprise!

 Diane Parker accompanied husband Richard W. Parker (who had been accused of drug trafficking) to federal court in Los Angeles for a hearing in 1998. According to friends, Diane was such a believer in her husband's innocence that she had come prepared to put up her investment property and her mother's townhouse to make Richard's bail. However, when the prosecutor

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recited to the judge facts about Richard's double life that included a mistress and a safe house, Diane's expression changed dramatically within the space of a few minutes. According to a Los Angeles Times account, she removed her wedding ring with a flourish, walked out of court, drove to an Orange County office where the mistress worked, and punched her several times before being restrained.

#### **Compelling Explanations**

 Portland State University library employee Mary Joan Byrd, 61, admitted in 1997 that she had taken more than \$200,000 from the school's copy machines. According to the student newspaper The Vanguard, she asked for leniency on the criminal charge against her (i.e., stealing from the state of Oregon) based on the theory that she was just temporarily using the money. That is, according to her, she spent almost the entire amount she took to feed her habit of playing Oregon's governmentsponsored video-poker machines, and since she never won, the state got all its money back.

#### **Gone on to Their Just Rewards**

- In Dadeville, Ala., in 1999, Mr. Gabel Taylor, 38, who had just prevailed in an informal Bible-quoting contest, was shot to death by the angry loser. ... In 1998, the Rev. John Wayne "Punkin" Brown Jr., 34, died of a rattlesnake bite while ministering at the Rock House Holiness Church in northeast Alabama near Scottsboro. In a landmark book on snake-handling preachers in the South (Salvation on Sand Mountain by Dennis Covington), the legendary Brown was called the "mad monk," the one most "mired in the...blood lust of the patriarchs." His wife, Melinda, died in the same way three years earlier at a church in Middlesboro, Ky.

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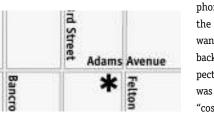
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#### EXTORTION

Location: 3343 Adams Avenue, Kensington Time/Date: 10:50 p.m. on 8/1/04

Investigation: Joseph M. saw one black male, accompanied by three other black males, take his cell phone from a table at Lestat's Coffee House. When M. called his cell



phone, he told the suspect he wanted [it] back. The suspect told him it was going to "cost him" a

pack of smokes and to meet him at the Pony Bookstore. M. gave the suspect \$10.

Witness Statement: Joseph asked me to go to the Pony Bookstore with him to get his cell phone back. I agreed to go because I didn't want him to get hurt. Joseph talked to a black guy with a "Fox" emblem...I recognized this guy. We used to deal drugs on opposite crews two years back. It was a good idea to have accompanied Joseph because these guys are crazy.

#### BATTERY

Location: 2431 Pacific Highway, Middletown Time/Date: 3:50 p.m. on 8/2/04

Investigation: I responded to a radio call at the residence of Nicole S. She wanted to report a battery that had



occurred to her earlier at the Pure Platinum Club, S. suffered a bite and swelling to her right arm, a

scratch to her left arm and complained of soreness to her neck. S. refused medical attention. S. is afraid of retribution from the Pure Platinum Club. Central Units were originally dispatched to a disturbance at Pure Platinum (incident #04-080003834). S. was not there because she says the club bouncers physically escorted her out of the business and warned her not to call the police.

Victim's Statement: Today I was in my dressing room, getting ready to perform. The suspect knocks on the door and barges in. She starts yelling at me. About a couple of weeks ago, we had a verbal argument regarding a customer. I left the dressing room. The suspect followed me. She cornered me in the hallway near the DJ station. The suspect yells at me, "Who do you think you are?" She then pushed me up against the wall, twice. She then grabbed my throat and started choking me [and] then bit my right arm. She then scratched my left arm.

I don't know her name but she is a dancer/waitress at the club. She is a white female, 30-35, approximately 5'2", 125 pounds with shoulder-length dark hair. She is very attractive. She was wearing a "skimpy" red top and blue shorts.

The bouncers came over and pulled her off of me. One of the bouncers is named Eric and the other one I call "Wolverine." After I called 911. Eric took my cell phone out of my hand [and] told me I needed to leave.

Eric was physically pushing me as he escorted me out of the club. When I got home I called the club. Eric answered and told me not to come back. He warned me not to file a police report since I had left the scene of a crime.

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charges. I can't believe Pure Platinum prevented me from filing a report with the police. I am willing to talk...about the drug activity that goes on in the "other dressing room." As one of the new dancers, I have been told that the "other dressing room" is off limits to me. Other employees have told me all kinds of drug activity goes on in there. I have smelled marijuana coming out of that room on several occasions.

#### STALKING

Location: 2900 Alta View Drive, Bonita Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on 8/10/04



Investigation: I received a radio call to Ralphs Market [for] a complaint of stalking. When I arrived, I spoke with Maria G.

#### Statement from Maria G.: I

was in the store today, looking at makeup, when the [suspect] male approached me. He got right in my face. He was approximately one foot from my face and I thought he was going to touch me. He said, "I remember you from the last time you were here." I became a little scared and walked away. I was at the checkout lane getting ready to pay when he approached me again [and] told me in an angry tone, "Well, I know you! Do you want to go to the movies with me?" I told him I didn't want to date him.

[He] walked away very upset and he was mumbling a lot, but I couldn't hear what he was saying. I don't want to shop at Ralphs for a while.

**INDECENT EXPOSURE** Location: [4700] Point Loma Avenue Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. on 8/3/04



Investigation: Upon arrival, Officer Nadeau and I noticed a "For Rent" sign at the front of the complex. We spoke with the victim/reporting party, Lindsey M...and she told me the following.

She was packing her belongings inside her apartment. The front door was open. The suspect entered the residence and asked if the apartment was for rent. She said that it was. Suspect asked how much the rent was. She answered her uncle, who owned the complex, was asking \$1,100. Suspect asked where she was from. Suspect all of a sudden said. "You're cute." She was surprised by the remark and was feeling a bit uncomfortable. M. answered, "Thanks." She was packing and looked up at the suspect [who] had his penis in his hand and was masturbating. Suspect said, "You want to kick it for a while?" M. became upset and told the suspect, "Get the fuck out of here." Suspect headed for the door...and said, "I'll be back." — Michael Hemminason

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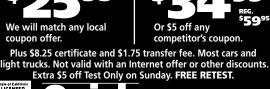








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"So I drove the Cadillac to my mechanic and found out it only had five cylinders working. It's a V-8, 500-cubicinch engine, so it did all right on five cylinders. But a couple fuel injectors and a little bit of other work later, it's running perfect. And because the car was a gift and I put my wife on the title, I didn't have to smog it."

I ask if old cars are a passion of his. "Not until I got this. I had a '68 Chevy Malibu when I was 15. But I ended up selling that and buying a Honda. I had an '83 Honda Civic and

an '86 Honda Civic. Then I went American and bought a Saturn, which we still have. But I drive the Cadillac about half of the time. On Wednesdays after work I drive it through the El Cajon car show, and on Thursdays I turn off in La Mesa and drive through the car show there; but I usually don't stop, because I've got a wife and two kids at home.

"One of the first weekends I had it, I cruised through Balboa Park, and they were having their concourse on the green. If I hadn't had the kids with me. I would've paid the 25 bucks or whatever just to park on the grass for a couple hours."

I ask if he usually drives with the top down.

"Always, unless it's nighttime and my wife's in the car. I come to work at 4:30 in the morning, and that's the best time for me. It's nice and cool out. I keep the top down and cruise up the I-8. When I go to lunch, I put the top down. When I go home from work, I put the top down."

And I ask if he just cruises, or does he use all the car's horsepower.

He admits, "I enjoy driving fast. But it needs new tires, so I haven't really tried it out. The fastest I've gone is about 100 mph.

"I used to do some racing in Hondas, and in a small car you really get the sensation; but in the Cadillac, unless I pay close attention, I can't tell the difference between 60 miles an hour and 80. As long as the road's smooth.

"I just love the Cadillac. In the beginning — since I'd been driving small cars, it took some getting used to. It takes up the whole lane. I had to concentrate and always keep two hands on the wheel. Now I'm more relaxed; but still, on surface streets, I have to be careful, whether it's people



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