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Untruthful Means

The article about Gibbs Flying Service ("The Mystery of Lot 3," April 28) was on-target regarding the business operation and Buzz Gibbs's competent and efficient management of the business. What was missing was that part of the story that should have spoken to the incompetence, mendacity, and dishonesty of the airport's director, Tracy Means. In your article she claims the city was "unable to consider [Buzz Gibbs's] proposal." She also made this claim before the Airports Advisory Committee. But by the time of councilman Madaffer's meeting she was forced to admit this was untrue. In that meeting she tried to blow smoke by the committee with false and misleading figures showing how much the airport lost by not taking over the Gibbs lease. Fortunately, councilmembers saw through the deception immediately. At one meeting, she claimed the city council had been fully briefed regarding her scheme to evict Gibbs. Then in your article she claims the council would not listen to her and a hearing was never held.

All this points out the fact that Ms. Means is completely unable to be truthful. In the five or so years that I have been dealing with her, I cannot recall a single instance where she has been truthful. Even worse, she is apparently unable to keep her lies consistent.

Her dishonesty is only exceeded by her incompetence. She referred glowingly to the additional money the Airport Enterprise Fund would gain from taking over the Gibbs lease. But the fact is that the Airport Enterprise Fund was forced to pay out a \$3.5 million settlement engendered by her ineptitude in contractual dealings with Paladin Avia-

tion at Brown Field. Her job performance ends up costing the fund money rather than adding to it.

She constantly cites the need for increased funding at the airport, conveniently glossing over the fact that all money collected from the airport goes into an Airport Enterprise Fund, which must be used exclusively for airport expenses. That is, it is not available to the city for nonairport expenses. As an example of her flagrant misuse of airport funds she is so eager to augment, she recently purchased a fire truck for about \$200,000. However, the truck is operated by non-professional airport employees only during weekdays. It is not available at night or on the weekends. Additionally, there is a fully equipped fire station, with trained personnel, a crash truck, and EMTs, less than 100 feet from the airport perimeter.

I have yet to meet an airport user who approves of her performance. To the contrary, there is a virtual unanimous opinion that she should have been terminated long ago. We are hopeful that this final blunder of trying to peremptorily and illegitimately evict a popular and respected provider of aviation services will be her last.

James H. Aldrich
La Jolla

CORRECTION

In last week's "Blurt," it was reported that KPRI's *Music without Borders* had been dropped and that producer Kenny Weissberg had left the station. Weissberg remains a KPRI employee and the station currently runs *The Best of Music without Borders* on Sunday nights between 8 and 10 p.m.

Misinterpreted

"About the Chef" I thought was about the *chef*! But it wasn't (Restaurant Review, April 28).

Because of this misrepresentation, I now need and would like to apologize to two people. First, to David Cohn, of Cohn Restaurant Group.

David Cohn has done nothing but help me and countless other chefs succeed in kitchens around San Diego. I want it to be known that I left Dakota Grill and Spirits because my tenure as chef was complete. Four years as a chef there was my goal, and I achieved that goal.

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Dede's pride and joy Former state senator **Dede Alpert** decided not to run for San



Dede Alpert

Diego mayor maybe due to scrutiny from critics who contend she is too closely linked to big labor. The Democrat — formerly from Coronado, currently living just inside San Diego's northern city limits in the tony subdivision known as Fairbanks Country Club —

also has cozy ties to big business. She is on the board of the Padres. Husband **Mike**, a semiretired corporate securities lawyer from the influential L.A. law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, has been on the board of San Diego's Jack in the Box for about a dozen years. His board colleagues at Jack include retired USD president **Alice Hayes** and **L. Robert Payne**, said to be a close friend and mentor of Alpert's.



Alice Hayes

Payne was a principal in the company back in the 1960s when it was run by **R.O. Peterson**, late husband of former San Diego mayor **Maureen O'Connor**. A self-described sports nut, Payne owned a share of the San Diego Padres during the controversial reign of **Roseanne** producer **Tom Werner** and is buddies with current owner **John Moores**.

Mike Alpert has traveled widely with his wife during legislative recesses. According to state records, since 2003 he has collected some \$26,000 in personal expenses from his wife's campaign.

Divided mind While termed-out assemblyman **Juan Vargas** toys with a run for mayor, fund-raising for his putative congressional race against Democratic incumbent



Juan Vargas

Bob Filner is proceeding apace. On May 5, the ex-San Diego city councilmember is set to have a "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Fundraiser" at the La Jolla manse of developer **Ruben Islas** and wife **Sandra**.

"Gold Level" is \$1000, Silver \$250, and Bronze \$125.

Islas, who specializes in state-subsidized low-income housing, found himself enmeshed in controversy last summer after his Islas Development purchased the Hannon Assembled Apartments in Seaside, near Monterey. According to a June account in the Monterey County *Herald*, tenants in some of the 133 units scattered around the town were forced to move out because their income was too high to qualify for new state subsidies arranged by Islas. "I know for a fact that there are people who make well over 60 percent of the median income living there," he told the paper.

Besides Islas, top hosts of the event include ex-Democratic congressman **Jim Bates** and **Lynne Schenk**, former chief of staff to ousted governor **Gray Davis**. Others on the pro-Vargas list are also

big players in the emerging San Diego mayoral derby, including lobbyist **Mitch Berner**; airport-relocation advocate **John Chalker**; car dealer **Stephen Cushman**; temporary-employment magnate **Mel Katz**; **Laurie Black** and her husband **Bob Lawrence** (son of the late Del Coronado owner **Larry Lawrence**); ex-city manager **Jack McGrory**; lobbyist **Louis Wolfsheimer**; and ex-Qualcomm exec **Harvey White**.

Big Ben Barrio Logan planner **Ben Hueso** — close political ally of **Juan Vargas** and Vargas's political lieutenant, indicted city councilman **Ralph Inzunza** — is no longer working at the city's redevelopment department. Labor-backed Hueso ran for San Diego Unified school board last fall but was soundly beaten by conservative Republican **Luis Aclé**. Calls placed to Hueso's city hall phone number last week were answered by a woman's recorded voice, saying, "You have reached a vacant phone number. If you were trying to get in touch with Ben Hueso, please call **Luis Ojeda**." Ojeda wasn't in, but another city staffer, **Tom Romstad**, confirmed Hueso's departure, though he could offer no details... the California Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission is seeking information about former district attorney **Paul Pfingst**... **David Allsbrook**, property-acquisition manager for the Centre City Development Corporation, has been fined \$1500 by the city's Ethics Commission for failing to disclose that his wife, an agent for Prudential Realty, made in excess of \$10,000 in 2003 on real estate deals in the redevelopment area he oversees.

Famous last words *L.A. Times* San Diego bureau chief **Tony Perry**, a sometimes regular on KPBS radio's *Editors Roundtable*, was asked two weeks ago Friday about *Time* magazine's dissing of Mayor **Dick Murphy**. Perry dismissed "the tizzy that this set San Diego in." He then went on to say, "the idea that getting mentioned in *Time* magazine — two paragraphs, I might point out — is a front-page story then in the *Union-Tribune*, top of the newscasts, for a week! We're still a small town, thank goodness, and being, my goodness, mentioned by a national magazine means a big deal to us." Asked whether Murphy deserved being named by *Time* as one of the three worst mayors in America, Perry replied, "The mass magazines, as you know, love lists. The five best schools. The ten best doctors. Five things your wife wishes you knew about the bedroom and won't tell you.... It's not really serious journalism." Chimed in National Public Radio's Western bureau chief **Alisa Joyce Barba**: "San Diego is so desperate for approval that this is front-page news here and nobody else really pays attention to it. It's embarrassing. It makes us look bad only among ourselves. Nobody else is really paying attention." Perry followed up: "I don't think it's a crisis.... And as to your question with Murphy, I don't see a chance in the world that there's even been an allegation that touches him." The Monday after the show aired, the mayor quit.

— Matt Potter

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Liars' Paradise

By Don Bauder

To weave a cleverly tangled web of secret offshore tax havens, sometimes it takes two to tangle. If the two tanglers are dead, it can be difficult for government investigators to penetrate the maze. Despite this obstacle, the U.S. attorney's

conspiracy, and mail and wire fraud conspiracy, and accountant Richard G. Boyer got nailed for tax conspiracy. Their



office last Thursday (April 28) won convictions of two more conspirators in the Advanced Technologies International scam. Purported inventor Stephen H. Smith was convicted of tax conspiracy and evasion, money-laundering

sentencing date has not been determined, and U.S. attorney Phil Halpern, who tried the case, expects them to appeal. Most of the others who have previously pleaded guilty will be sentenced June 20.

Alas, the two tanglers who

concocted the scheme, San Diego stock swindler Konstanenos "Nick" Hronopoulos and Chicago lawyer Burton W. Kanter, died in 2003 and 2001, respectively. Hronopoulos had been indicted before his death on multiple fraud and tax charges, as well as for physically threatening witnesses. Kanter had never been charged.

The company had an operation in San Diego named Basic Research Corp. that claimed it would exploit Smith's alleged inventions, such as one called E-spin, which would supposedly revolutionize medicine and telemetry. But company assets actually had been transferred to the Bahamas tax haven under the name Advanced Technologies. It also had an operation on the Caribbean haven of the Cayman Islands, and according to civil suits in the case, there was money funneled through the Isle of Jersey, the haven in the English Channel.

More than 100 investors — many of them evangelical Christians — lost \$12 million in the caper, according to the federal government. Perhaps it was no surprise, then, that at one point, there was a plan to move money covertly between two offshore entities:

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Bean Disguise

By Joe Deegan

Abe McNeil says that convenience is what prompts him to buy Café Moto beans to stock the PJ's Coffee and Tea franchise he manages next to the Hilton Hotel in the Gaslamp Quarter. It's only an eight-block drive from his Fifth Avenue and K Street address to Café Moto at 12th and J.

But customers come out on the short end. That seems to be the message in an April 8 "Food Inspection Report" by

to properly inform the public of the product they are purchasing." At the end, agent Encarnacion cites as reference the "Truth in Menu" section of the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law found in Article 3, Chapter 4 of the California Health and Safety Code. The section calls unlawful the



Abe McNeil

Ricardo Encarnacion of the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health. After a surprise visit to the Gaslamp café, Encarnacion wrote, "PJ's Coffee and Tea Company" is a brand name marketed and sold in this facility as prepackaged units of whole beans, ground coffee, and tea. Prepared coffee bev-

dissemination of any false advertising of food. More specifically, it mentions substitution, point of origin, packaging, and labeling violations.

Etienne Wiggins, a PJ's employee for four years, never did like his company's coffee-sale practices. They started, he says, when "I was working out of our La Jolla store, at



verages are made with Café Moto brand coffee but not indicated on the store's menu, outdoor displays, or marquee."

The report continues by stipulating to PJ's the following corrective action: "Indicate Café Moto brand usage

the coffee cart," says Wiggins, "and I received notice to reduce using PJ's coffee bags because it was too expensive a coffee to serve at the cart."

As a store manager, Wiggins knows that for bulk beans and other supplies, payments

of \$1300 to \$1400 to the store's parent company in New Orleans can fall in price to \$600 to \$700 at Café Moto.

"The company first sent me a couple of the Café Moto bags," says Wiggins, "but I decided not to use them, and they sat in my cart for quite a while. Then I received a memo from our general manager marked urgent. It was attached to one of the Café Moto bags." Wiggins shows me a copy of the memo, which notified him that his paycheck was attached to the bag, too.

"I guess there was a statement behind that," says Wiggins. "They knew I was opposed to the move, so in the memo they used the term 'rotate them in,' meaning work the new bags in slowly, or slowly start making the changeover to the new coffee. I still held off doing it until they said to stop using the PJ's bags, period," says Wiggins.

But PJ's owner Ken Satterlee insists the company never sold Café Moto brand coffee exclusively. "We are the most remote of all the PJ's franchises," he says. "Shipping the beans to San Diego is very slow, and when there is a big event at the convention center, we often have to get new supplies overnight. The store would be overwhelmed if we relied on shipments from New Orleans to restock. So we buy Café Moto and keep plenty of it on hand for those situations when we're short."

I saw plenty of PJ's beans in bags displayed in the Gaslamp store. But Marc Apodaca and Leigh Lawson, who wait on customers, say their manager Abe McNeil has forbidden them to use anything but Café Moto to brew coffee for over-the-counter drinks.

Now the Gaslamp café is the only PJ's Satterlee owns in San Diego. He says he sold his La Jolla store "in November or December." Wiggins has the more specific memory of a sudden announcement of the sale on Christmas Eve. "I've always been loyal to this company and its owners," he says, "so it would take a lot to get me to tell this story. But to dismiss employees the day before Christmas, that was ugly. I thought I worked for a mom and a pop who were only trying to make a go of it." (Besides owning PJ's, Satterlee works for Burnham Real Estate and is a partner in St. Croix Capital Corporation and Delta Development.)



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terlee works for Burnham Real Estate and is a partner in St. Croix Capital Corporation and Delta Development.)

After PJ's closed its La Jolla outlet in December, says Wiggins, "I was offered hours back down here in the Gaslamp, where I started in 2000. So I came down to take those hours, because I obviously didn't want to be out of a job. I'm a newlywed with a six-month-old baby at home."

At the same time, however, Wiggins's working hours declined and his pay rate dropped from \$11 to \$9.50 an hour. "When I got my first check with a substantial drop in it," he says, "I called the owner. He said he couldn't afford to pay me what he did before but hoped I would stay on anyway."

I ask Wiggins why PJ's cor-

porate personnel in New Orleans don't object to the drop in sales of coffee to the San Diego franchise. "For one thing," he answers, "we were buying just enough of their coffee that they would think things were okay."

"But I've wondered the same thing," adds Wiggins, "because we also stopped purchasing muffin batter from them." New Orleans sends its franchisees a batter that yields an overflowing mushroom-looking top to the muffins. But Wiggins tells me that PJ's in San Diego has taken to buying smaller muffins locally. He names S&S Bakery, Jody's Bakery, and La Provence as vendors.

"Maybe New Orleans isn't worried about things like that," says Wiggins. "Still, a franchise store is supposed to be bound by the agreement it

makes with the main company to continue using its products. Café Moto is doing the right thing for its business in keeping prices low. That makes their coffee attractive to somebody who is in a non-franchise store. If you are a franchise store, however, and you find a local coffee that is cheaper or better than your company's, then you should make your store a nonfranchise company, name it whatever you want to, and buy whatever products you want. Doing that would have been admirable compared to what our company did," says Wiggins.

In the past two weeks, a four- by two-inch Café Moto logo has appeared on PJ's front door. An eight-inch rectangular one is now pasted on

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one to be named the Truth and the other to be named the Way. The plan was abandoned.

The fellow who set up offshore trusts to facilitate the caper was Kanter, an expert in moving money around. The federal government — particularly the Internal Revenue Service — chased Kanter for three decades and was still pursuing his estate after his death. One of the civil suits in the Advanced Technologies case charged that "the Byzantine ownership structure [of the company and affiliates] was masterminded by

Kanter, a lawyer who is reputed to have been the architect of several similarly convoluted ownership structures designed to conceal and shelter the assets and income of those who have engaged in criminal activity and who are associated with organized crime."

According to the 1992 book *The Mafia, CIA, and George Bush*, as well as other sources, Kanter played a key role in the financing of La Costa, the North County golf club and spa that was financed with Las Vegas and Teamsters money in the 1960s. Kanter claimed he played only a small role. Kanter's name shows up throughout that book, largely in relation to alleged organized-crime-related contacts.

Another book, *Masters of Paradise: Organized Crime and the Internal Revenue Service in the Bahamas*, said that Kanter was instrumental in the forming of Castle Bank & Trust in the Bahamas. The Internal Revenue Service said the bank was a haven for criminals stashing money to dodge taxes. Kanter denied he founded the bank and was acquitted of criminal charges in the matter.

In any case, Kanter knew offshore havens, and not surprisingly, he also knew San Diego. At a meeting of shareholders in early 1999, Boyer opened with a prayer — thanking divine providence for Smith's inventions — and then described how his meeting with Kanter was next to mirac-

ulous. With Kanter's offshore savvy, financing would be heaven-sent.

It certainly turned out that way for Hronopoulos. According to the indictment, he and his fellow conspirators secretly transferred the ownership of Smith's purported inventions from Basic to Advanced Technologies offshore. Thus, investors in Basic were getting nothing. The offshore entity was one of the vehicles by which Hronopoulos and his colleagues funneled the investor funds into their own pockets and concealed these returns from the Internal Revenue Service, according to the government.

Investors were not told that Hronopoulos had pleaded

guilty to fraud and tax evasion in 1983 and had gone to prison. In 1979, he had been permanently enjoined from selling unregistered securities by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Nor were investors told that Paul Scheibe, another key insider, had been convicted in 1984 of selling unregistered securities, and he and Hronopoulos controlled the disbursement of investor funds. Scheibe pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and income-tax conspiracy last year.

The lawyer in the case, Lawrence W. Taggart, pleaded guilty last year to the same charges. In 1998, Taggart was charged in a civil suit with

fleeing a physician of \$400,000 through a prime-bank-note scam, or rapid-fire trading of financial paper among overseas banks. Unfortunately, in such scams, this trading does not take place. Taggart only partially paid the court judgment against him, according to Scott Dreher, the victim's attorney.

Taggart was state savings and loan commissioner during the 1980s. While in office, he approved Charles Keating's purchase of Lincoln Savings & Loan and gave the nod to the institution's dicey deals. A few weeks after resigning as commissioner, Taggart signed on as a Lincoln consultant, according to the *Dallas Observer*

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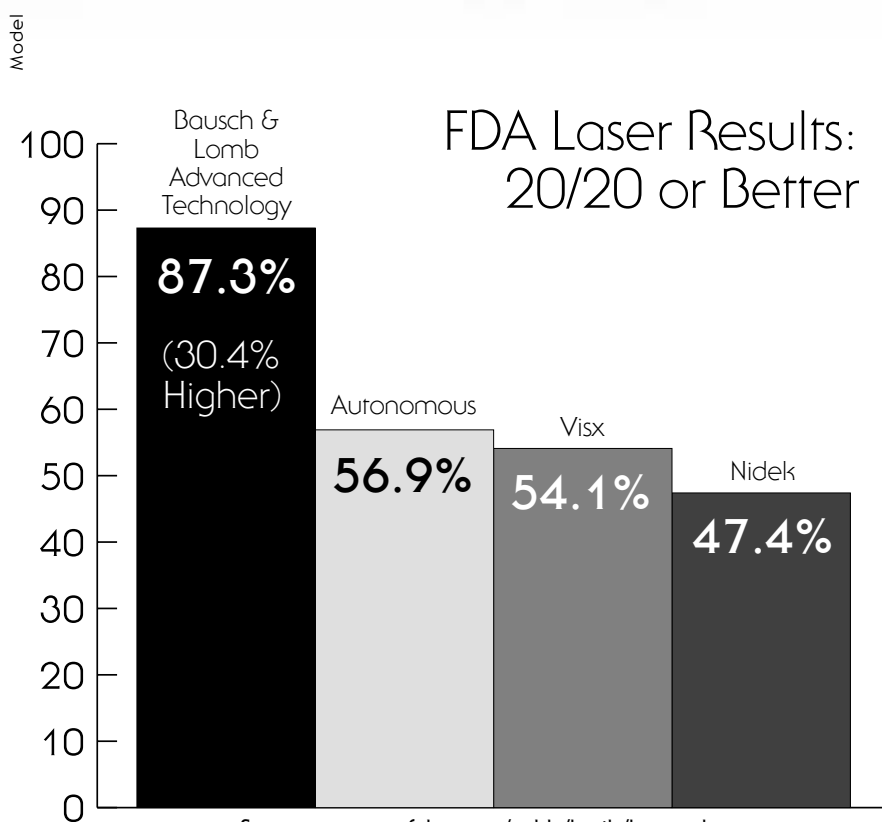
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and the *Union-Tribune*. That was before the savings and loan collapsed and Keating went to prison.

After leaving his state post, Taggart did consulting for \$10,000 a month for Don Dixon, the Texas savings-and-loan swashbuckler who spent much of his time in San Diego and got national attention for providing his boardmembers

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with the salutary services of Karen Wilkening, San Diego's once-famed Rolodex Madam. Dixon did lending at La Costa and landed in prison. He complained that he was misunderstood: the assignments with Wilkening's ladies were "artfully done in a classy manner." Like Kanter, Dixon is all over the book *The Mafia, CIA, and George Bush*. (Incidentally, the book concerns the senior George Bush. President George W. Bush is barely mentioned.)

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In his plea agreement, Taggart, who could not be reached for comment, admitted knowing that Hronopoulos was a convicted felon enjoined from selling securities. He also knew that the purported Smith inventions had been transferred to the Advanced Technologies offshore entity to line Hronopoulos's pocket. Taggart admitted he knew that investor funds had been funneled to Hronopoulos, Smith, and Scheibe. And he funneled some to himself. "There is no

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question Hronopoulos and Kanter were running a shell game using Taggart as a willing pawn," says Halpern.

Last year, Gilbert N. Holloway pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. Among many things, he admitted that, as president of Basic, he began raising investor funds even though he knew the company had assigned away its rights to the so-called Smith technologies. He also knew that investor funds had not been accounted for, and some had been diverted to Hronopoulos, Smith, and Scheibe. In 1997, Taggart had written Holloway, acknowledging a "serious problem" with the "use and possible diversion of these funds." Kirsten Hronopoulos, widow of Hronopoulos, pleaded guilty last year to income-tax conspiracy and tax evasion and got three years of probation. Patricia Smith, Smith's spouse, pleaded guilty last year to making a false statement to the government; her sentencing has been delayed until June 27. ■

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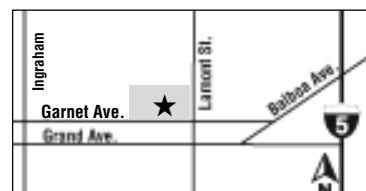
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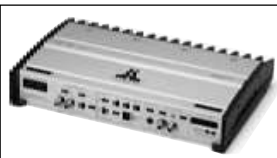


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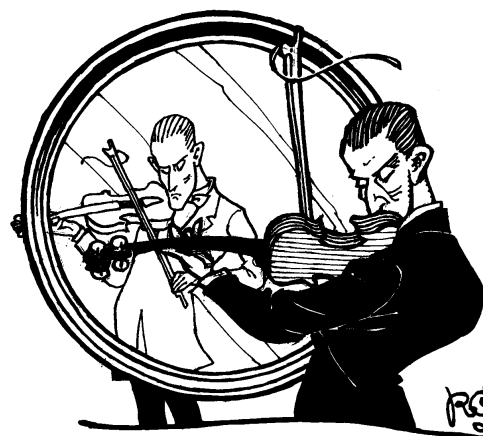


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Hi Matt:

I recently saw a movie where Cary Grant plays the violin...left handed! It coulda been a lefty violin. I know Paul of the Beatles plays his guitar as a lefty. My question is, are there any left-handed pianos?

— P. Harris, Clairemont

Pa Alice is still trying to market his line of lefty Jockey shorts. We thought he might have some insight into P's question, but we got nowhere. So we tried our friend the lefty French horn player and had a little more success. Danged if there isn't a left-handed piano. One, anyway, if we're talking standard acoustic baby grand piano-type instrument. From case to keyboard and pedals, it's a mirror image of a standard pianoforte. It was made for British pianist Christopher Seed in 1998. He was testing his theory that his more dexterous left hand could be more subtle and expressive playing the melody line of music than his clumsier right hand. It took him a few weeks to make the mental swap, but now he plays both a righty and a lefty piano in concert and gives piano lessons to left-handed students. A local piano teacher does confirm that it's often difficult to teach right-handers any subtlety in the lower-register on a piano. She assumes it's because they can't control the nondominant hand as well. Since Seed's lefty piano was custom made, P, you might save yourself a few bucks by rewiring an electronic keyboard to put the treble on the left and bass on the right. But as for violins, any student who plays backwards had better not have any aspirations to a symphony orchestra career.

Dear Matthew:

Where the heck did the expression "go to hell in a handbasket" come from? It doesn't make sense to us, and it's bad for business.

— Handbasket Makers of America

Finally, some good news for you. The original place people were inclined to go in a handbasket was heaven. According to the *Dictionary of American Regional English*, the expression "to go to heaven in a handbasket" was popular in the upper Midwest in the 19-teens, and it meant to have it made, to have your future secured, or something that is easy to do. Within a few decades, the expression spread to the East Coast and transformed itself into "going to hell in a handbasket," hell apparently being a more common destination for the average New Yorker.

From the Science Marches on Files: Mail We Never Asked for, from a Bar We've Never Been To (We Swear!)

I read your article "The Lightning-Pee Connection" and I have some further information as I have conducted an experiment (of sorts) on the subject. I own a couple of bars that get pretty wild, and I build crazy stuff for Science Project Sunday where we drink and play with dangerous stuff. I made cigarette lighters out of step-up transformers running at 30 thousand volts/15 milliamperes. These will send an arc about two inches or so and impressively light cigarettes and cigars.

For a while, I was pretty careful not to let anyone touch them as I wasn't sure of what would happen. Well, one night, this real loudmouth insists on touching the leads.... It zapped him something fierce, but he did it again...and again. So, once my fear of killing some knucklehead was past, lots and lots of people touched it...

Well, one slow night, about five of us were sitting around, bored. The old "I peed on an electric fence" myth came up. I decided to test this theory with my transformer. I wrapped a bare wire from the transformer around the subject's ankle and the other wire went to a metal serving tray which was placed on the floor. I got my digital camera out and the subject proceeded to urinate on the tray. Nothing happened. I made him pinch it off and I checked all the connections. I removed the wire from his leg and it made an arc to the serving tray. What could be wrong?

When I looked at the picture, everything was clear. A "stream" of urine becomes individual droplets after six inches or so. This means a circuit was never completed.... [W]e placed the serving tray on a footrest and made the subject kneel and lean over it making sure his member was at least six inches from the tray. Well, let me tell you THAT made a circuit. A beautiful white spark shot the whole six inches and, in a terrible spray of undirected urine, our subject's legs straightened out... launching him, hand first, into a quarter inch of electrically charged urine. Once he got hit with that, he rolled off onto the floor where the tray of urine fell on top of him and he began kicking and screaming as he tried to push it away, but it kept bouncing off the side of the footrest and landing back on him, popping and arcing the whole time. It probably only took a second or two for him to get separated from that tray, but it seemed like forever.... [W]e laughed so hard that nobody in that room could stand up for 15 minutes. We called our subject Genital Electric after that. — Jonathan

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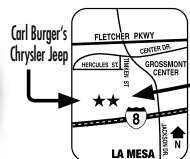


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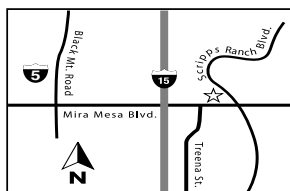
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Florist Face Off

Haruko Crawford says, “I started taking ikebana lessons when I was 13 years old. I’m 80 now.”

I lean back into my chair, close my eyes, and wonder how I got here, on the telephone with an 80-year-old Japanese woman talking about flower arranging. I hear my voice ask, “Where did you take your lessons?”

“In Japan,” Haruko says, “at the Ichiyo school. Ichiyo is a modern ikebana school, established in 1937. During wartime I couldn’t go for a couple of years. After the war I started taking lessons again, received a teacher’s certificate in 19...50... something like that.”

Ikebana, the dictionary tells me, is the “Japanese art of formal flower arrangement with special regard shown to balance, harmony, and form.” There are many schools of ikebana. Haruko is a master instructor and president of the Ichiyo School of ikebana, San Diego chapter. The idea behind this conversation is competitive flower arranging — Iron Chef flower arranging, if you will. I envision 50 testy, sweaty flower arrangers, each one creating a flower masterpiece under deadline pressure. I see seconds tick off the big digital clock on the judges’ table. Now, flower arrangers flick rose buds, stroke tree branches in a last heroic push to the finish line. The audience is screaming, rooting on their favorites. Television cameras crowd the stage, judges speed write on their hotel notepads, tension is unendurable, and what’s this? YES, YES...YES! Miss Daffodil wins by a NOSE! The auditorium goes nuts. Thrill of victory, agony of defeat. See you next week.

Seemed like a good idea at the time.

According to the Ichiyo Center website, the Ichiyo school of ikebana “was founded in Japan in 1937 by a brother and sister, Meikof and Ichiyo Kasuya...” Hmm. I ask, “You took classes from Ichiyo’s founder?”

“I learned from the master, Meikof. Long time ago,” Haruko laughs. “Long time ago. And I received the first teacher’s certificate from him. Before I left Japan I had an associate master’s degree.”

“Ichiyo was considered to be progressive when it began, right?”

“Yes,” Haruko says. “During wartime, many things are destroyed, so some ikebana teachers stopped using the different containers approach. Meikof Kasuya used broken dishes, maybe he found some wild flowers growing. We learned formal, classical design, too, but mostly modern design. Abstract and freestyle. Sometimes forget what is the flowers. Just use color or shape of a flower.”

“I’m trying to picture you as a student, in Japan, in 1938.” I can’t. “What was your school

day like?”

“I started taking ikebana lessons from my grandmother, at home. The teacher came to the house and taught her. She taught me. After high school, I went to the teacher’s temple. Teacher was a temple priest. I went to his place by streetcar to take the lessons, then come home and make arrangements. In Japan, at that time, very important for a good family’s daughter to learn certain things — ikebana or music or dancing — those things very important and good for the future wife.” Haruko laughs, “You know.”

I make a soft grunt sound indicating agreement.

“Ikebana is seasonal material. Bring to the house. Western arrangement is mostly based on the flower material, blooming flowers, but ikebana is nature’s scene brought to the house. That’s why sometimes there are branches or stones or some landscape in ikebana containers.” Silence. “Makes sense?”

After the war Haruko married an American civilian who worked with the U.S. military in Japan; eventually, the couple found their way to San Diego. “My husband retired and I started teaching. Navy wives want me at Coronado. My students were Navy commander and a general, two star. High-class people.” Haruko laughs.

I ask, out of nowhere, “If you took a Japanese person and flew him over to San Diego and had him do an arrangement, and took an American in San Diego and had him do an arrangement, and they were both of equal skill, could you tell the difference?”

“Yes. Most Americans don’t know branches, the yin and the yang. All branches facing sun, a little bit darker. Shady side is whiter. Those things...properly arranging it, American people don’t know how to do it. Japanese people are very much lucky people; there are always greens in their gardens. Bushes and branches. So, before you study ikebana, you already know something. Leaves are showing upward or downward.

“Different materials in the way you do arranging. We use container; it’s very important part. Western arrangement is large amount of flowers in the big base, but we do different. Big arrangements we do. We use weathered wood to make a big support; then we do branches and things and then the flowers.”

I judge this to be sufficient foreplay. On to business, “Tell me about ikebana competitions. Tell me *everything*.”

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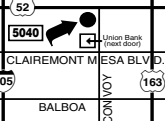
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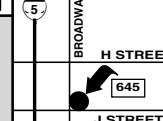
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"The Apostolic Church is probably the only truly orthodox church. We teach the apostles doctrine from the original 12 apostles. We do not follow post-apostolic teachings," said Bishop Joel David Trout. "For example, we are not a classic Trinitarian church, where there are three separate and co-equal, co-eternal persons. We believe there is only one God. He was manifest in the flesh as Jesus. We reject the idea that God the Father was revealed in Jesus. We reject people inserting language besides how God describes God. People don't understand the trinity. It is extra-biblical." Bishop Trout went on to tell me that "Catholics and Eastern Orthodox are an amalgamation of paganism with Christianity that was not part of the first-century church. If they want to continue the traditions of Peter, then do so. They have extra-biblical teachings."

I walked into a large auditorium to attend the Sunday night service. "Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Sweet Jesus, we need to hear from you tonight. We want to see mighty things tonight," a man repeated this chant as he paced in front of the sanctuary prior to service. A woman ran laps around the sanctuary with her arms outstretched. She stopped to jump in place while she chanted in front of the sanctuary. "Hallelujah," shouted another woman as she stood with her arms raised. Around the room, other people stood with their arms outstretched, or they kneeled, prayed, or chanted.

"Can't you sense the Lord's presence," asked Duena Watkins, who served as master of ceremonies for the service. "In this church you have found liberty. You have freedom to do what you want to do. God is here to tell you a special word." The evening's theme was "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Seven ministers spoke; three of the ministers mixed their sermons with songs.

"I used to think everyone that was not involved in the Apostolic or Pentecostal church was not a Christian. But I no longer hold to this position. If you believe in Jesus, you will believe in the Apostolic doctrine," said Minster Mavin Cross. Cross explained that these Apostolic doctrines demand that believers be baptized in

the name of Jesus or they will not be saved. "In the book of Acts, everyone is baptized as believers in Jesus' name."

The three-hour service ended with an altar call and invitation to be baptized. "Maybe you were a saint who forgot how they were baptized. You need to make certain. Someone answer the call tonight," said Bishop Trout. Later, I asked Trout about his church's view of baptism. "If someone doesn't know if they have been baptized in Jesus' name, they should be baptized again," explained Bishop Trout. "Baby baptism doesn't count. Show me one baby in the Bible that was baptized. A baby has no choice. In baptism, you have to confess your faith."

After service I spoke to Zeke Laguna about his experience with speaking in tongues and miracles. "When you speak in tongues, it is the only time you can speak to God without the devil hearing your thoughts. It is a gift all Christians have," said Laguna. "I can't say if someone hasn't spoken in tongues whether they are saved." Laguna has attended the church for five years. In this time, he has seen miracles performed. Laguna claimed one woman in a wheel chair was able to walk after she was prayed for.

"People speak in tongues in our services.

When people speak in tongues, we don't allow it to dominate," said Trout. Bishop Trout said they bring in a person to speak in tongues on occasion when there is a message from God. "At these times, the tongues are interpreted for the congregation." Trout told me about one recent translation of a person who spoke in tongues. "God said, 'I am very pleased with your praise. Ask me for whatever you want and I will do it for you.'" I asked Pastor Trout if God gave people homes and wealth. "When you are in God's presence, you're not thinking 'Bentley.' Our church

is not a name-it-and-claim-it, blab-it-and-grab-it church," Trout replied. Bishop Trout said that these name-it-and-claim it churches are an adulteration of the true faith. "True faith concerns life and death. It is not about material things."

I asked Bishop Trout what will occur in the final days. "There will be a peace pact signed to initiate the end-times. Believers will be taken to heaven in the rapture. Nonbelievers can be saved during this period of tribulation, but they will lose their heads," said Trout. "In the end times, the Jews will acknowledge Jesus is Lord. This will be after all the nations go to war with them. Two-thirds of the Jews will be destroyed, but Jesus will come back to save the rest of them. They will look at the piercing of his hands and realize they got their timing off on the messiah."

I asked Bishop Trout what will happen to a person after they die. Trout said those who believe and are baptized in Jesus' name will be saved.

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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Dear Saffron,

My husband and I were going through a hard time in our relationship a while back. He wouldn't go to counseling. He wasn't paying enough attention to me so I did the typical thing and went looking for attention elsewhere. I tried to talk to friends in the neighborhood but they didn't want to talk. I sought advice from an elderly neighbor. I probably shouldn't have confided in her, but I was taught that if you have problems you ask advice from an elder in your neighborhood or church. Well, this neighbor went behind my back and broadcast everything I told her to the whole block. Now everyone in the neighborhood acts like my problems are their business. My husband and I are working things out. We're doing great and going to counseling. We're moving on with our lives. But neighbors of mine who were never friendly and have bad-mouthed each other are now hanging out together in their front yards gossiping about me. When they see me coming they scatter like ants and run into their houses. Why should these people feel the need to judge me because I made a mistake? I'm not perfect, but neither is anyone who lives on this block. One of my neighbors has gotten so nosy that if I have friends over during the day he goes outside and stands there pretending to water his lawn (something he never did before) and makes it obvious he's watching me. When a marriage is failing it might be kinder to offer sympathy and support rather than mean gossip and hindrance. Why do people turn on you when they find out you're not perfect?

LEARNING LESSONS IN LEMON GROVE

Dear Learning,

Your neighborhood reminds me of junior high school — always lots of gossip. People sworn to secrecy couldn't wait to blab to anyone with ears. It was all very soap opera or reality TV show: intrigues and counter-intrigues, crossed loyalties, tears, promises, high drama. The important thing is that your marriage is getting healthier and you've learned to be a lot more selective about whom you confide in. Remain calm and polite but keep your own counsel. Take the high road and ride this out. I know being the butt of vicious gossip is painful and embarrassing, but it will blow over, and soon someone or something else will become scandal-of-the-month.

Dear Saffron,

A few nights ago, at 3:30 in the morning, my boyfriend and I were awakened by someone ringing our doorbell and pounding on the door. We were hoping they'd go away but this continued for about five minutes. My boyfriend finally went to the door and without opening it loudly said, "Who is it?" A young woman was crying and

pleading and yelling that we had to let her in. He asked (through the door), "Why, what's going on?" She continued yowling and crying that we had to let her in, saying incoherent stuff about being lost and not knowing where to go. We live in an okay neighborhood but it's not that great. My boyfriend turned to me (I was behind him, cowering in my PJs) and said, "Should I let her in?" He said he could hear a man's voice right behind the woman. I got really scared and said we should call the police, which I did. My boyfriend and I both thought the woman sounded like she was acting. The good news is the police came right away! Meanwhile, my across-the-street neighbors had let the woman in. They are four huge Samoan guys living together. The cops talked to the woman over at my neighbors' house and ended up taking her with them in their squad car. End of story. Except now my boyfriend is peeved at me, saying we should have let her in. I like to be a Good Samaritan, but I was assaulted when I was a teenager and since then I am really cautious. It seems to me that letting unknown person or persons into your house in the middle of the night could be incredibly dangerous. If she was really in trouble, I trust the police to help her. My boyfriend acts like I was chicken or really uncharitable.

CLOSED-DOOR POLICY IN LA MESA

Dear Closed Door,

I'm 100% with you. Better safe than sorry. Anything could have happened. Calling the police was the appropriate response. Your boyfriend is lucky that you have common sense. Rather than making you feel small, he should thank you for dealing with the problem in a way that didn't jeopardize both your safety and his.

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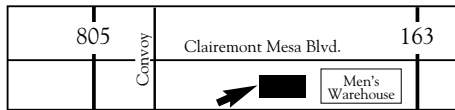
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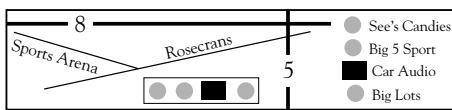


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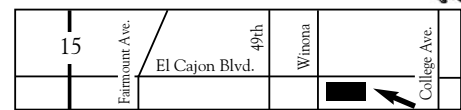
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— EVE KELLY

My friend Bernice is having a neighbor issue. The house directly across the street from her's is overgrown with weeds, dead cars lie about in the back yard, and garbage is strewn throughout the yard. She's about to put her house on the market, and she feels the eyesore across the street is going to cost her a lot of money. Bernice tried to talk to the crusty old widower who lives there about it. He grumbled something like, "My land... do what I want with it," before he closed the door on her. She sent him a letter offering to pay for a crew to come and clean up the yard. She got no response. She baked cookies and left them with a "Please call" note on his doorstep. The next day she found the uneaten cookies and unopened letter on her own doorstep. "I'm at wit's end over this," she told me as we sipped margaritas on my deck. As she spoke, I recalled that I had an aunt back East who got help from a professional mediator to settle a fence issue she was having with her next-door neighbor. I told Bernice I'd make a few calls and find her one.

"Mediation has always been needed," offered Robin Seigle, director of the business center at the National Conflict Resolution Center (619-238-2400). "For people to have disputes is not new. Often the problem for two people in interacting with each other is that there is not someone neutral who runs the meeting, makes sure that each person gets to hear what the other has to say, and be heard. We are a neutral provider of service. We talk to people about what their issues are, explore with them what their situation is and the various alternatives and choices they may have. We are not going to report anything to the police, and we are not mandated reporters like psychologists."

Seigle says the company mediates for all kinds of issues. "We offer just about everything. Our community division handles neighbor/neighbor mediations, landlord/tenant, consumer/merchant, parent/teen, elder care, roommates, and any other kind of family relationship. Our business center covers divorce and any kind of commercial dispute. We do personal injury, probate, real estate, homeowner association, construction defect, environmental, and land use."

How does the process work?

"With a neighbor case, the person leaves their name and phone number. A case coordinator will then call the person who has an issue. We'll find out who the other person is, what the issues are, and discuss with them whether or not they have talked to the person about mediation, or is this going to be the first call. There are times when somebody has an issue with someone, and they haven't talked to them. They don't always know that somebody has an issue with them. We can contact the other party to discuss the option of mediation with them and describe what the process is. For

"There are always issues about parking, people working in their garage late at night, or issues about kids."

more complex cases where the parties have attorneys, it's usually an attorney who calls and arranges it with the other one."

What are some of the neighbor problems that you mediate?

"Noisy parties is a common one," she replied. "There are always issues about parking, people working in their garage late at night, or issues about kids. There are issues about people's landscaping, about trees, and view disputes. Or people concerned about the appearance of their neighbor's property with a lot of clutter and weeds, really the garden-variety things that happen when people live close together."

The mediations take place in sites available throughout the county, says Seigle. And they usually don't last more than



a few hours. "The community kind of cases — neighbor/neighbor, landlord/tenant, consumer/merchant — those mediations take about three hours. We do mediation at the small claims court, multiple calendars a week, and those are 45-minute mediations. Any kind of more complex case might take a whole day, or more than one day."

"If someone is not willing to mediate" continued Seigle, "we can't force them to mediate. Now there are certain kinds of situations where people are obligated by contract or by law to mediate. A residential real estate contract, for example, has a provision in it that before people can go to court, under certain circumstances, they have to go to mediation, or arbitration."

Satisfaction rate with mediation is high. "It's probably about a 75 percent agreement rate," Seigle says, "and about an 85 percent compliance rate. And satisfaction rate — people that are satisfied with the process and the experience — is probably about 90 percent."

What about cost for mediation?

"There is a range of charges." But for a problem like Bernice's, "neighbor-to-neighbor is a \$10 administrative fee for the person who initiates and no charge for a mediation. We have a contract to provide services that is funded through superior court filings fees. When people file in superior court, \$8 of that is collected and earmarked for alternative dispute resolutions. So we are funded to provide those kinds of mediations."

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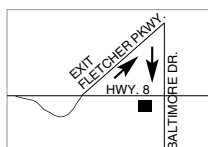
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— **"THE POOR MAN'S COUNTRY CLUB,"**

John Martin, May 8, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"Some American students were opposed to the showing of a political movie. There's a very tense anti-Iranian feeling. The American students and the administration should let the Iranian students see what they want to see. The whole situation has been escalated by the display of the American bodies in Iran."

Gitata, Business Student, Kenya

— **OFF THE CUFF: "IS THE IRANIAN CRISIS CAUSING TENSION AMONG STUDENTS?"** Lin Jakary, May 8, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Today my wife watched three beach "visitors" as they stood on Strand Way and urinated. This was during the afternoon. I drove home one night and there was some idiot urinating on my garage door. I have asked people doing this what they would say if I went to their house in the suburbs and urinated on their garage door. They couldn't come up with an answer. Just some comment like, "Hey, this is the beach, man."

— **LETTERS: "STARTS AT YOUR DOOR,"**

Carl Sundstrom, May 9, 1985

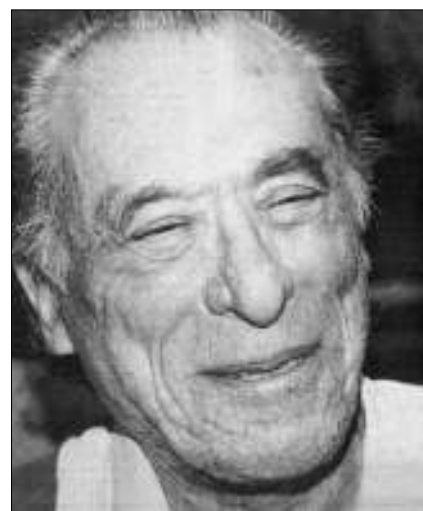
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— **LIZ LANG'S ON THE TOWN,** Liz Lang, May 10, 1990

Ten Years Ago

THE USES AND ABUSES OF BUKOWSKI. In 1987, spending a week with Roger Hedgecock on a dumb piece for this sheet, I



Charles Bukowski

decided to spring some Bukowski on him. Like here was this guy ranting about American illiteracy and how we gotta keep current with our arts and such B.S., a public figure, one of whose frigging poses was I-read-therefore-I-am, and he hadn't read Bukowski, hadn't even heard of him. This American author translated into 17 languages — right up Roger's alley.

— **"BARFLY,"** Richard Meltzer, May 4, 1995

Five Years Ago

I baked a chicken the night I left my wife. It was a chubby-thighed roasting hen I rubbed with olive oil and salt and hefted into a 500-degree oven where I left it to sizzle for about an hour. The hen's buttery smell filled the kitchen. Soup I'd made with the hen's neck, giblets, and feet simmered on the stove. Out in the dining room, my wife, my stepson and his wife, and two guests, chattered and laughed and complained they were hungry. Our Sabbath candles shone in their silver holders. The challah waited beneath its embroidered velvet cover to be blessed.

"He monopolized my time on my honeymoon," is what my wife told Star and Bob, our marriage counselors, by way of expressing her past and present dissatisfactions. I sat there and wondered about my wife's use of the possessive, "my honeymoon." But what did I know? I wasn't sure of much. The only thing I knew for certain was that I was paying \$185 an hour to a husband-and-wife team named Star and Bob to listen to my wife complain that I'd monopolized her time on her honeymoon.

"Interesting," murmured Star, toying with her chunky ethnic necklace. Bob picked imaginary lint off his taupe corduroys. Star, eyes wide with bland compassion, turned to me, "What are you feeling?"

"I'm feeling," I said, "that I have to go home and bake a chicken."

— **TIP OF MY TONGUE: "CHICKEN,"** Max Nash, May 4, 2000

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HIGH ABOVE DOWNTOWN

by Josh Board

I went to two events downtown. The first was trying to fight traffic after a Padres game. The second was me getting lost.

The Hyatt Hotel near the convention center had a festival showcasing American Indian culture. I put on the one Indian shirt I own, which has colorful embroidery around the collar and on the pockets. Since the event started at 3 p.m., I figured I'd arrive around 4:30 p.m. I didn't realize a Padres game would be ending at 4:00 and that driving downtown would be a mad house. There were pedestrians everywhere, lots of cars slowing things down, and police officers trying to direct traffic.

I eventually made it inside, where I saw dancers, musicians, and storytellers from Alaska, New Mexico, South Dakota, and California. The food smelled good, but I wasn't hungry. One person I asked said, "You've got to try the buffalo and wild rice. It's fantastic." I grabbed a bottled water.

Former U.S. senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell was hosting the event.

Several people were dressed up, a few in feather headdress, and others with



bells on their boots. I asked one older guy if I could take his picture for the *Reader*. He said, "If it's *Reader's Digest*, yes." He then laughed for about a minute, before I was able to snap a shot of him.

There was a guy on stage telling a story about killer whales. He was very animated, did many voices, and had a small drum in his hand that he'd beat for emphasis. I was distracted by the kids walking



Top: Native American performers bottom left: Jamie (middle); bottom right: Adrian (middle)

standing there talking the entire time the story was being told from stage. They were more interested in the shot Tiger Woods made at the Masters than what the guy onstage had to say. I'm not

"I loved the Indian dudes with long hair. They were kind of hot."

around that were dressed up, jingling from the bells attached to their moccasins.

One guy came in with a Padres cap and T-shirt. He grabbed some food and quickly left. Two other guys were

Surprisingly, not a single cell phone rang.

After the story was told, they brought dancers out to do a "Buffalo Dance." The intro mentioned how important the Buffalo was: "It wasn't just for food. We used every part of it, for clothing and tools. [The buffalo] was like our supermarket."

As I was getting ready to leave, I saw an old Indian praying in the lobby.

Two women were leaving at the same time, and one said, "I loved those bird singers." The other said, "I loved the Indian dudes with

long hair. They were kind of hot."

The next day I was invited to an opening of a club called Altitude. It's on the top floor of the Marriott. I was invited by Jamie, who had invited me to her rugby team's party, before telling me that the coach didn't want me there. I had seen the Marriott right next to the Hyatt, where the Indian shindig was the day before, so I headed over. The invite said it was on the 22nd floor, so I jumped into an elevator. On the 22nd floor all I saw were rooms. I went back to the lobby and saw a guy carrying towels to a room. I asked him what the deal was and he said, "You were probably in the wrong tower. We have two towers here." So I went to the other tower. Same thing. I went back down to the lobby, and when I asked someone, they said, "There's no party going on here. But there is one going on at the Marriott on K Street." It then occurred to me that Jamie did tell me it was in the Gaslamp.

There were a few tables to check in at, and then I headed up in the elevator.

The view was amazing. You can see the ballpark, although you're so high up,

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you can't recognize the players. I wondered if they were going to put some kind of guardrail up. One could fall, or easily jump, over the edge.

When I was waiting in line for a drink, a guy got pissed that he could only get a Cosmopolitan or a

Martini. He walked away mad as the woman was trying to tell him he could get anything else from the waitress. I started talking to a guy from South Africa. He is a massage therapist. I asked his girlfriend if she got a lot of massages. She laughed and said, "Not

enough." When she went to talk to another couple, he told me he's only given her three in the two years they've dated. "She was stressed one time from work," he explains. "I came over with my table, unfolded it, and said 'Someone ordered a mas-

sage?' She loved it." As I took in the view high atop downtown, I noticed there were searchlights for this event and a lot of security guards. I overheard two bald guys talking about how they shave their heads.

One said, "Don't you get ingrown hairs doing it that way?" The other said something about Bic Shivel heads and electric razors. I was with a few guys that were looking over the edge. One said, "There's no way the fire marshal will

let this stand. Not only could someone easily fall, but you could throw a glass over the edge. If it landed on someone down below, they'd be dead." Another man was arguing with me over what he called "an irrational fear of heights." I said, "It's not irrational. If I fall over the edge, my head squishes like a melon. That seems like rational logic to me. It's not like I can't stand here because I'm paralyzed with fear. I just don't particularly like heights." He said I should see a psychiatrist. He then went into a long story about his cousin having a fear of spiders. He asked what I thought of spiders, and I said, "I love them. That Charlotte was adorable, always posting messages on her web. But a spider can't push me over this edge. If a spider comes up to me, I can step on it. See how rational that is?"

I finally met up with Jamie and she introduced me to her fiancé Adrian. He grabbed us a few appetizers from a waitress walking by. And someone brought up something that tasted like the egg rolls at Jack in the Box. We then got into a conversation about our favorite fast foods. When he mentioned the tacos at Jack in the Box, I said I eat them on occasion, but that I think they're crappy and greasy. He said, "I don't know what the meat is they use. It could be assholes and eyeballs; I don't care. They taste good."

The waitresses were soon telling everyone to go downstairs for dinner. The DJ stopped spinning tunes so a guy could tell us about the activities going on below. They had a second party they were hosting upstairs, and they also wanted everyone to hit the restaurant on the ground floor. He ended by emphasizing, "And there's lots of food. Just take the elevator to get to the food."

There was one blonde in a blue outfit that was so drunk she couldn't walk.



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Downstairs there were some statues, and Adrian, who had a little buzz going, was fondling a few of them. He was doing it mostly to make us laugh, and he was doing a great job. He was hysterical. When we were waiting in line for pizza, we were joking with two cute girls. One of them said to me, "You know he's gay, right?" I replied, "That

would be news to his fiancé." She insisted that nobody would act the way he did. He was spanking a few waitresses that walked by and being flamboyant. When I told him what the girls said, he then went into a gay voice and talked about their outfits. He was being sarcastic, but one of them said, "See, see! Listen to that voice."

We stood there eating our pizza and laughing as Adrian would cut in line for another slice. When the cook left for a few minutes, Adrian walked behind the table and started cooking, throwing a few pieces into the air and onto the pan. It was like watching Robin Williams. A less hairy Robin Williams.

Adrian would go up to the women and occasionally say things like "I'm not gay just because I bring men to bed once in a while." It would always make me laugh, but they would always say "See?"

I asked Jamie how they met. She told me the

story of seeing him in college and wanting to sit next to him. She said, "I thought he was cute, and when he started talking to me, I realized we had a lot in common. I did some traveling, and we weren't dating for awhile. When I came back, one of our friends said he kept talking about me. I never even thought I would get married. He proposed to me on the rugby field."

One waitress we joked with looked like Hilary Swank. I always seem to run into women that look like her. When we told her that, she said, "I hear it all the time. And I always think of how she looked in Boys Don't Cry, and that scares me."

One young kid that was working there overheard this and asked me about movies. It turns out he wants to be a filmmaker. We talked about Sin City. I told him I liked it but thought the dialog could've been better, especially with Quentin

Tarantino involved. He said Tarantino was one of his favorites. A lady walking by said, "Why do young people love that guy's movies? He's so over-rated."

There were oysters and caviar, but I stayed away from those. They had this lobster on crackers that were delicious. And, with Adrian bringing me drinks, I was getting pretty blitzed. Once the fog machine started going, I was sure I was going to fall on my ass.

I was running late for a racquetball game and called my friend to tell him I'd be late. I sat down, hoping to sober up a bit. I asked Adrian if it bothered him that those two women thought he was gay. He said, "No. But it's funny that one of them had so much metal in her face it was scary. And she's commenting on me. The other one said she had been involved in a threesome. I think she was looking for another threesome. And

she was the one that said she had a boyfriend that wasn't here."

I waited another 15 minutes and then had the valet bring my car over. I tried not to stumble, thinking they wouldn't let me drive off if they thought I was drunk. I knew I only had to make it to Friars Road, otherwise I wouldn't have driven. My drink total was only five apple martinis.

I made it to the rac-

quetball court and tried playing. Wayne said, "What's wrong? You're missing every shot." I was swinging the racquet like I was swatting at flies.

I just hope I got enough exercise in the short time we played to burn off the pizza and lobster calories. ■

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by Barbarella

Spoiled-a-Lot

All charming people, I fancy, are spoiled. It is the secret of their attraction.

— Oscar Wilde

'Do you want to go see *Spamalot*?" I asked David. We sat at opposite ends of our living room facing our respective computer screens.

"Sure," he said, the same way he would if I had offered him a Diet Coke. *Spamalot*, a musical written by Eric Idle, is based on Monty Python's *The Holy Grail*. In a way that is adorably geeky, David possesses enough Monty Python paraphernalia to classify him as a die-hard fan equivalent to the most dedicated Trekkie. When I hear him say something nonsensical in a British accent, I accurately assume that he is quoting from one of the Pythons' 45 episodes and four movies.

"Cool, I'll book the trip right now," I said, and hopped on Expedia. Though I prefer *Kids in the Hall* when it comes to sketch comedy, the

opportunity to venture forth for a funny musical was one I could not pass up. If it were not for Kip, whose e-mail I had just read inviting us to the show, I wouldn't have known about *Spamalot*. After a successful opening in Chicago, the show was headed for Broadway — and so were we.

Before I met David, weekend trips across the country were unthinkable and impractical — a privilege reserved for the faces that stare back at me from the covers of magazines when I'm waiting in line at Ralphs. But the man I love has taught me that such luxurious self-indulgence is a part of *living*. This would be our fourth weekend trip to the Big Apple in two years.

The first time we made the journey because David

wanted to view a ParkeHarrison photograph that was on display at the Bonni Benrubi Gallery in Manhattan. While in the city, we saw three shows in two days (*Stomp*, *Blue Man Group*, and *De La Guarda*). By the time we left, David had *Low Tide*, the photo he'd come to examine, and I had a better sense of rhythm.

Several months later, we made the trip back to Benrubi's gallery for an exhibition of David's own work. Our third jaunt eastward was almost a year ago, when we flew out to attend a surprise birthday party for a celebrity doctor at the legendary Friars Club. And now we were traveling those 3000 miles for a musical.

As is just about everything I do, this trip was carefully planned well in advance (a good thing, because the entire season sold out shortly after we procured our tickets). David and I agreed that this should be a top-notch expedition — we traded in 60,000 hard-earned miles for first-class seats to New York and back. I booked us a room at the swankest hotel in SoHo, known for catering to A-list celebrities and lesser-known hip cats like us.

Just as he has spoiled me by introducing finer wines, foods, and high-end modes of travel to my life, David has inadvertently made it impossible for me to be appeased by any Ramada, Sheraton, or Holiday Inn. When I think back on the motel room I rented late one night in Anaheim after partying with my drag queen friend Sassy, I shudder with retrospective disgust. Young and happy for a bed, Sassy and I

didn't think twice about the unmentionable gunk that, these years later, I am certain covered the matted carpet and encrusted the brownish '70s-style blanket whose hideous pattern only aided in concealing the filth. I remember gagging when I stepped into the cramped, dank shower stall reminiscent of the one I shared with classmates at sixth-grade camp.

Now, spoiled rotten, I am incapable of falling asleep unless wrapped inside a down comforter with 300-thread-count sheets on a king-size mattress topped with a featherbed in a room with original art, fresh flowers, a soaking tub, and a rainshower head surrounded by glass doors within a large marble or granite bathroom worthy of its own spread in *Dwell* magazine. Fortunately, all this luxury can be had — for a price. However, despite appearances, I'm not, as my father would say, "shitting money."

According to Dad, every penny I make should be squirreled away for the inevitable emergency, like a typhoon or other random act of God that is not covered by insurance. David, the other main man in my life, has a very different philosophy. He maintains that, within reason, you should not deny yourself the rewards of your hard work until you are too old to enjoy it.

I exist somewhere in between the two. I think it's important to have a financial buffer — meaning, I cannot relax without enough money in the bank to cover at least one month's worth of bills plus contingencies, such as an unplanned car repair.

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But, if I have any money left over after stashing away my emergency fund, I will not only spend it in a heartbeat, I will savor every moment of giving the green away for something I'm convinced I deserve. This is where we agree; David is the least judgmental person when it comes to what people choose to spend their money on.

For example, the last time we were in New York, we happened upon the Hat Shop while traversing SoHo. I tried on a \$500 hat the way I'd feel up jewelry in the platinum section of Tiffany's: look, maybe touch, fantasize about, but do not ever, could not ever buy.

"That looks great on you," David said as I fingered the wide, rich-woman-at-the-races brim of the hat that was already perched on my head.

"Really? Yeah, it's great, isn't it? But I'd never get it." At this, his brows furrowed, forming little question marks in the skin of his forehead.

"I couldn't," I said, in answer to his quizzical silence.

"Why?"

"Because it's expensive." I found it exasperating that he didn't understand this.

"Well, why do you work so hard, if not to be able to buy yourself something you love?"

He has a point, but could that be right? *Yes. Yes, yes, yes!*

"Good point," I said. Then, to the redhead standing by, "I'll take it." I bought the spectacular Audrey Hepburn wannabe accessory for my head. And another. And another. Until the lady of the shop raced to measure my head and make up my profile in her "repeat customers" database.

As I signed the credit card slip, a voice in my head said, "How could you? Do you know how irresponsible this is? Couldn't that money have gone toward your school loans or car debt or anything practical?"

This, of course, was drowned out by another, much louder voice squealing with delight, "You are going to look so fucking fabulous

on Martha's Vineyard next month. So. Fucking. Fabulous."

So it wasn't a coincidence that of the two boutique hotels we favor in the city, I again booked us a room at the one a few doors down from the Hat Shop. Though the other boutique boasted "on-call therapy," I figured blowing some cash on a fabulous new hat was therapy enough. The day before we saw *Spamalot*, I bought two more hats — another elegant Audrey Hepburn number and a giant red floppy thing from Madagascar.

On my way home, I relaxed with free refills of red wine in a lush seat to help prepare myself for the slower pace and milder climate of America's Finest City. Sure, the sound of my credit cards weeping was audible above the hum of the aircraft, but the cards' pain is a small price to pay for the weekend I had. David may have spoiled me in the beginning, but in the end I learned a valuable lesson: there's nothing wrong with living well. ■

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As Thin as Butterfly Wings

My mother was born in the high desert of northeastern Arizona. Even now it's a hard place to thrive, with rain unlikely and resources few. Her father built their house out of adobe bricks he formed by hand. Her mother sewed quilts out of old clothes, boiled peach pits to make jelly, and scoured the desert to create her garden: petrified wood, round stones, clear glass, broken statuary, wagon wheels, and a bare tree studded with blue bottles, the sight of it gorgeously improbable, as if a camera had caught the moment spouts of blue water turned to ice.

From this my mother learned to make do. She sewed herself off the ranch and into college. In 1956, when she was 19, she sewed two narrow-waisted, full-skirted dresses and pasted the pictures of the patterns into her scrapbook with swatches, saying they "looked nice and wore well." Two years later, she sewed matching striped shirts for herself and the man who became my father, posing for the camera with him, giddily in love. She sewed for one child, then two. When I was four, she made the fringed poncho I wore for a family portrait and sent the picture to my father in Vietnam.

After the war, she sewed scraps of denim together and made my father a jacket. She made a sleeping bag of slippery red and white material that she had to stitch into baffles and then stuff with bags of down so fine that tiny feathers flew all over the sewing room as she pushed them in. She sewed a Pilgrim's dress for me, and I wore it to school just before Thanksgiving, inspiring the principal to show me around the classrooms as a mortified historical exhibit.

Despite this, my mother and I were one at the fabric store. We perched at long tables lined with pattern books and planned what I would wear to school, the sixth-grade dance, my piano recital. Each pattern book sat heavily on a tilted table like the Gutenberg Bible. They could not be moved, so we moved from stool to stool, from *McCall's* to *Vogue* to *Simplicity*, turning the pages very quietly, never seeing my actual self in the clothes, but a sketched icon, the archetype, the ideal.

We took home the patterns in smooth white envelopes, our bags filled with bolts of cloth, button cards, zippers, thread, and needles. Inside the envelopes the pattern pieces were as thin as butterfly wings, folded precisely into forms that would be

lost as soon as they were opened.

In the basement room, where the window was at ground level, we cut the gossamer paper apart and weighed down the patterns with heavy steel weights my father had made for us, each square like silver from the mint. Carefully, with the heater ticking beside us and the iron burning the air, we cut out sleeves and yokes, ready to begin the intricate series of seams that would, if we could just sew well enough, yield the archetypal woman in the pattern book.

Outside, it was usually winter. Snow fell, night fell, and stars shown on the fishless waters of the Great Salt Lake. My father got cancer, I went to college, my brother married, I married, my mother got cancer, and still the sewing machine pushed and joined two pieces of thread through two layers of cloth, interlocking over and over, until my father died and my mother was alone in the house, at the sewing table, with all the old white pattern envelopes dark in

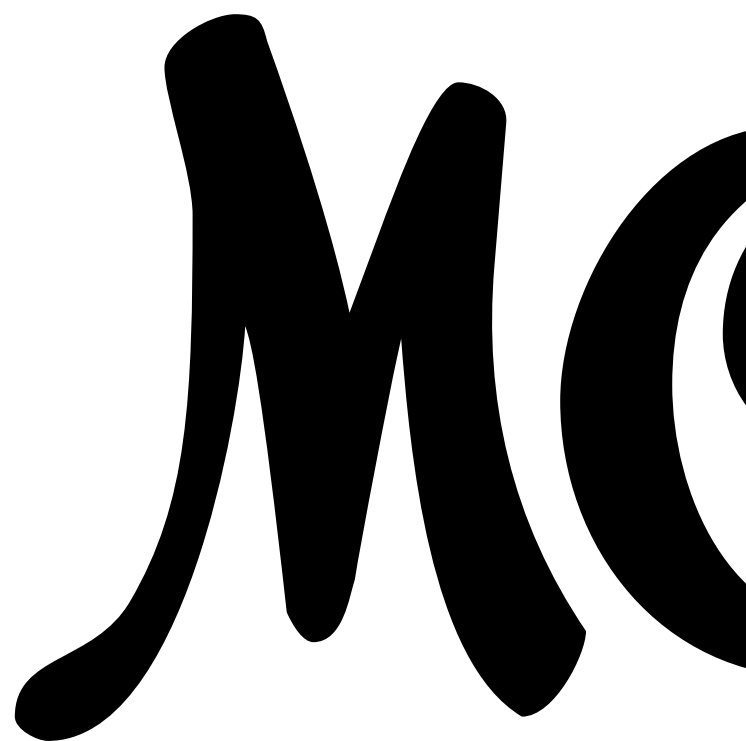


Laura McNeal's mother

the drawers, the gossamer pieces of long-ago prom dresses and men's shirts useless now and wrinkled.

She goes to the fabric store alone now. She sits at the tilted tables before the huge pattern books and turns the pages. All is possibility there; the women's faces, red-lipped and angular, have not aged. She takes home new patterns, for herself once again, as when she was 19, and although the snow falls outside the sewing room window, on the fields, tract houses, and my father's grave, she cuts them apart, sets out the heavy weights, and sews.

— Laura McNeal



The Defender

If I had known of such a thing at age 11, I might have told my mother I was having an anxiety attack. As it was, the only way I could communicate to her my situation was to say, "I can't get out of the car. I can't go there, I just can't! Please? Please don't make me go!" I knew I wouldn't be able to face a day of school the moment she woke me up that morning, but my attempt to fake a fever had failed.

"Come on, Barb, don't give me that," she'd said in response to my exaggerated swoon. "I can see the *Ls* in your eyes." For many years, I believed in her special power to see a small letter *L* on each of my pupils if I lied to her. Thus making it impossible for me to lie and helping to mold me into the upfront, blunt woman I am today.

Despite my protests, Mom had managed to get me in the car and drive me to the spot where all the other parents dropped off their kids. Mom knew I was harassed at school for being the "new kid" and the "fat kid" (less than a year before, we moved here from Rhode Island, and I'd been pretty and plump since the age of six). She had secret meetings with the principal as part of her campaign to end my stomachaches — the unhealthy side effect of stress and stifled feelings. "Please?" I was getting desperate.

"Okay," she said. Elation immediately replaced my anxiety, and my heartbeat slowed as I watched the institution of torture grow smaller in the distance.

When we got home, Mom made the call and I listened as she saved me from truancy. "My daughter won't be in today, she's staying home with me... Why do you need to know?... Fine then, she's sick." Handled like an expert. No matter what happened, however we might have messed up, we could always rely on Mom to defend us or, if necessary, attack on our behalf. In high school, I quickly went from an A to an F in Spanish class. Mom was disappointed in me, but she scolded the teacher for not letting her know about my rapid decline, and I ended up with a passing D-minus.

"So are you sick, or do you want to come with me?" Tough question. If I said I was sick, I would get her doting attention (as one of the middle children — number three of four girls — attention was a commodity I craved). But what a treat it would be to join her!

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"I'm feeling okay enough to go," I said, as if she didn't already know this. *Oh, my sisters will be jealous*, I thought. I get to go to the bowling alley! It seemed that no matter where we lived, Mom always found, and joined, a women's bowling league. My sisters and I had all been before. When we were doing well in school, Mom would cave easily to our requests to let us take a day off and join her. She was particularly easy with me these days, but I never questioned why and couldn't have guessed it was because she suffered as much as I did when she learned what I'd been going through and that she was experiencing — not for the first time — how cruel children can be.

By the time we arrived at the bowling alley, there was no hiding my exuberance. With the money she'd handed me as we walked in, I bought myself a soda and snack. I sat above the "pit" (because you couldn't bring food or drinks down by the lanes) and took out a pen and pad of paper so I could write and draw. Mom would peek back to see my crossed fingers when she was about to throw the ball, and she'd sit with me when it wasn't her turn. I relished the hollow-wooden sound of balls knocking over pins and cheered along with the ladies of the league each time one of them bowled a strike. With all of my worries sitting in a classroom across town and my mom having fun just a few steps away, I thought, *I could stay here forever*.

— Barbarella



Barbarella's mother (left)



Jeff Smith's mother

The Next Jean Harlow?

Betsy was a piece of work.

There's a scene in *Amadeus*: Mozart scribbles strings of notes. Salieri gasps. Mozart feathers in complex tones. "Genius! Perfection!" shouts Salieri. "Oh no," says Mozart. "Now we put in the fire."

Betsy was the fire. She had two mottoes. One was "If you can't lower heaven, raise hell."

Betsy Faith Herlan was born in Seattle in 1918. Her German father, Peter John Herlan, was a stern-faced, God-fearing salesman. When he was home, which was rare, he allowed no talking at the dinner table and wouldn't let his oldest daughter Sophie ("Sissy") cut her hair until she was 18.

On her way to Franklin High School, Mom always put a flower in her hair. She removed it when the last bell rang.

She showed me a letter her father wrote: "Dear daughter," it began, and then got *real* formal. That side of the family's in her second motto: "Bessie do-ee," meaning she would never accept help, of any kind, from anyone. And, in my older sister Shirley's words, along with being "unselfish, creative, loyal, and truly one-of-a-kind," Mom had "lotsa rules. You did not cross your

mother."

On her mother's side, Smiths (from England and Scotland, who sailed to America from Ipswich in 1630) and Scovells (French Huguenots who sought religious freedom in Germany's Black Forest) were teachers, ministers, and naval officers. Among the latter, Captain Aaron Smith was "a burly seafaring man." According to London tribunals in 1823 and 1850, he was also a pirate.

Then there's the infamous uncle expelled from Santa Clara University around 1915, either for drinking or — merciful heavens! — entertaining an actress in his dorm. From 1951 to 1997, our family lived on Harrison Street in Santa Clara, three blocks from the scene of such ancestral ignominy.

Mom rarely spoke about her past. When she did it had the blur of myth, not biographical fact. In 1938, did she bleach her hair blonde and go to Hollywood to become the next Jean Harlow? Did she stand in audition lines and hang out at Schwabb's? Whenever I asked her, Mom laughed and changed the subject. Did she go? Don't know. But she *could* have.

We do know she enrolled at the College of Arts & Crafts in Oakland.

And that she and Donald Smith, her favorite teacher, would paint landscapes in the Berkeley Hills or Niles Canyon. They married in 1940 and were inseparable until he died, 50 years later. But did he flunk her out of art school, as they sometimes joked? "Highly doubtful," says my younger brother Michael, "given the quality of work she did there."

Dad and Mom loved music and had amazing senses of humor. Both were artists. But while Dad liked to go someplace quiet and make something, Mom preferred large, public canvases: PTAs, church groups, women's clubs, historical societies. When Wilcox High School opened in the early '60s, she became the principal's secretary. She ran that school with lotsa rules but also became a legendary ally for students in trouble or in need.

Mom had no time for psychology. She'd rather do than discuss. People's secrets were nobody's business (she thought the current penchant for open confessions was, a favorite expression, "rum-dum"). You face problems. Swallow hard and move forward. She loved Winston Churchill's saying, "If you're going through hell, keep going."

And she suffered in silence. She had two operations for lung cancer. After the second, for almost ten years she lived a full life with just one lung. She turned Christmas and Thanksgiving into family spectacles. And, since no one else would, she always ate the drumstick.

She was so vital on Christmas 1996, we had no clue it was her last. Before the traditional feast, my brother-in-law Ed Burke saw her clinging to a wall on the back porch and gasping for

air, the right side of her face beet red. The cancer was spreading. She told him, "Please don't say anything."

In the spring of 1997, Mom left the hospital to spend her final days at home. The stretcher that carried her from the ambulance to her door was just a bundle of blankets. When someone said a perennially nosey neighbor was spying through slit curtains, an emaciated hand rose from the bundle and gave a feisty last salute.

Later that day a beloved neighbor, who had agoraphobia and never left her home,

walked across the street to say goodbye.

Mom died on May Day 1997. Her ashes joined my father's in Monterey Bay, at the one-mile buoy off Crow's Nest Harbor. When the time comes, you can scatter mine there too.

— Jeff Smith

Bleach, Hand Cream, and Onions

"I visited your father's grave," my mother said when she last called. "And I gave his headstone a good kick."

This is the sort of joke we share, my mother and I. Survivors of an undeclared war of attri-

tion. First my father went. Then, my brother. My mother and I live with the awareness that one of us is caught in oblivion's crosshairs. One of us is next in line. We're not quite sure what one of us will do without the other.

"He's still dead," my mother will phone and say on the anniversary of my father's or brother's death. "Looks to me like it's permanent."

She reads the Psalms every morning. She is of the generation of women who say without irony, "I lived for my family." She endured my father's and brother's mortal defec-tions with greater dignity

than I. Asked how she's done it, she says, "It's my faith."

I loved my parents with a love that bordered on idolatry. They held the answer to the mystery of my appearing in the world. Because they loved me without question, because their love wore the everyday simplicities of lower-middle-class life — my father's work clothes smelled metallic, my mother's apron, when I wrapped my arms around her, smelled of bleach, hand cream, and onions — this mystery seemed knowable. With my father's death I figured my chances of solv-



Abe Opincar's mother

long drive through the part of south Oregon where my family had resettled. The clouds were low and blackish blue. Bright green fields and hills stretched around us.

"Stop the car," my mother said. "I can't breathe. I know they're burning his body now. I can't bear it."

I pulled off the road. My mother ran from the car, through deep gravel, down to the bank of the South Umpqua River. I ran after her. Rain and hail pelted down on us, icy beads clinging to our faces, ice water fingering its way down our necks.

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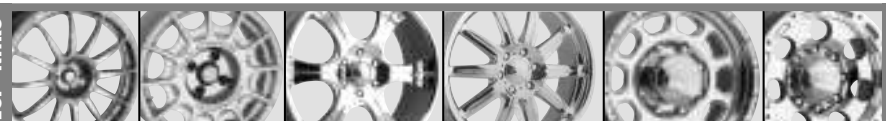
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happen?" She clenched her fists. She stared at the river. "Why did we ever come here? Why did he have to die?"

For a long while later, whenever she spoke of my brother, she talked about "my son's death." This went on until I reminded her, "You mean your *eldest* son's death."

"You had two sons. I'm still living," I told her. "At least I was the last time I checked."

"You've got a point," she said.

Apple-cheeked and jolly, hobbled by weary joints and bones, my mother, I now see, has always played for keeps. I know I have my father's dreamy melancholy. I hope I've inherited my mother's strength.

While my father was in the last stages of his illness, I told him I had to go home, to return to San Diego for two days, but would be back. He grabbed my arm and pulled me close.

"Your leaving is going to kill me," he said.

I took my mother outside, to the redwood

deck, slick with moss, that wrapped around the house.

"There are right ways and wrongs ways of dying," I told my mother. "And I don't think Dad's doing it right."

"Cut him some slack," my mother said, pulling a pair of blue rubber work gloves from her hands. "This is the first time he's died."

— Abe Pinocar

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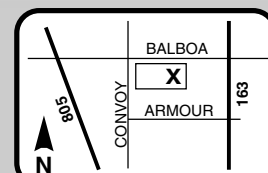
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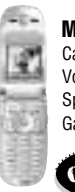
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Four kids. One husband. No help.

I should mention that my mother always worked a full-time job, 40 hours a week plus commute time. First, and for many years, as a key-punch operator, then, at the age of 52, enrolling

into college, earning a nurse's license and securing a job at a mid-sized hospital.

She moved 34 times during the course of her marriage. We lived in every part of the country save the Northwest. My father could not keep a job; his skill, and it was significant, was acquiring one, usually in aerospace. His Bedouin employment scheme required that my mother sell their current house, hire the movers, pack the household, placate children who didn't want to move again, then travel to a new city, shop for and buy a house in double-quick time, unpack, set up a household, make a home, get her kids into proper schools, find herself a job,

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while every step of the way, care for her husband, cook meals seven days a week, wash dishes, clean house, pay bills, shop for groceries, do the laundry, the ironing, work in the yard, hour for hour, alongside my father, doctor our ouches and colds, remember/celebrate all birthdays...and then pack up and do it again in six months' time. And again and again and again and again and again and again.

Her last address was in Marietta, Georgia. My father was ill the last 10 years of his life. That's why she went to college, enrolling into an alien

and intimidating institution 35 years after she graduated from high school, so she could learn nursing, so she could care for her husband. Two sons and a daughter lived in the Atlanta area. My parents decided to move there, thinking it would be comforting to have family around. They bought an old house, paid cash, ten blocks from Kennestone Hospital. My mom got a job there as a nurse, just as she planned.

My father died in 1973.

I went back to Georgia every year to visit my mom. We loved each other. We liked each

other. We were buddies. One year, she was in her 70s, I showed up from California and found her on top of the roof raking leaves. That was the visit I finally got around to asking her about all the moving. I wanted to know how it was, being married to someone who changed jobs every six months. "I loved him," she said.

My mother killed herself on July 7, 1997. She ingested a large quantity of Nembutal and drank a half-glass of vodka. She'd fought cancer, emphysema, and shingles. Battled them for 15 years. Toward the end, saddled with an oxygen



Patrick Daugherty's mother

tank, walker, and tray full of medicines, she still kept her house and cooked her food. She'd told me how it would end. She would die in her own home when she could no longer live inde-

pendently. There would be no hospital ward, no assisted living. I called that night to joke about the Atlanta Braves baseball game; she was a fan. A Marietta policeman answered the phone.

The next day I drove to Saint Charles Parish in Imperial Beach. I hadn't been to church in 40 years. I parked my truck, walked into the administration building, told the receptionist I wanted to see a priest. She showed me to the office of Reverend Michael Robinson. I said I wanted to arrange a funeral service for my mother. We talked about her suicide. He said

nobody but God knew what was in her heart those last moments. The Church would not deny her blessings. I was back in his office the next day. We walked over to the parish church together. He unlocked the front doors, removed his vestments from a small leather case, and said Mass for my mother. I was the only attendee. That was the kindest act any stranger has ever tendered to me.

My mom, Adelaide Hilda Flannery Daugherty, was the rock, the one person who loved me no matter what. She is also the person I have

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Some years back, a friend whose father died eight years previous, told me how she missed him, how she thought of him every day, and, as she talked, tears came to her eyes and she cried. I remember thinking, "Eight years, that seems long enough to get past tears and the daily ache of loss."

Well, this is my eighth year.

— Patrick Daugherty

A New Definition of Shine

My mom has always understood: a mother's duty merely begins when she has children. Linda Bouvier took me to heart from the start — to museums when I was two, to symphonies at three — and she read me good words from conception until, well, she just read something uplifting to me over the telephone a week ago. It didn't faze

my mom that I was too noisy and rambunctious to civilize as a child; for my own good she did what she could to enlighten me for higher things. And it doesn't faze her now that I sometimes return the favor and civilize her, now that I'm a grown man. Back then, we'd have to leave the museum because I was the one putting on a display, and today I'll suggest to her which artists she might go see. Such are the prices and prizes for raising a son who is more or less culturally aware.

My mother's own acculturation turned her verbal. She learned the art of good communication. Even when she's quiet, you can see her brain working; even when she listens, you can tell she bites her tongue. But the words she holds are almost entirely good words, positive words, words sewn of fine and strong fiber.

My mom provides

helpful advice, candid opinions, blunt judgments, and well-imagined scenarios. Often, her words are of the sympathetic, self-help variety. She takes another person's situations deeply into consideration, and then she'll launch a thousand ways to rethink any mess. This is because my mother is very much a force for Good. She wants to believe in Goodness, and she wants to help everyone else see Good in everything. Which is to say, if you're bad, or if you stand in her way, then watch out! My mom can throw you a scolding like no one else.

Besides her offerings of honest words, my mother cleans. She is a cleaner. When she came to visit San Diego over the holidays, just weeks after my ex and I were separated, my mom took one look around the house, asked where all my rags and cleaning products were, and then got



Geoff Bouvier's mother

down to scrubbing.

After a few hours of cleansing, scouring, tidying, and polishing, during which I'd tried to help her but had been turned away, she told me, chillingly, "I'm not just cleaning. I'm exorcising an energy."

By the time she was done with the place, I understood a new definition for "shine." I saw the day air through suddenly dustless light. My mother finds dirt beyond the tangible dirt, it seems. For her, the messes in our lives are metaphysical.

My mother has always been somewhat of a live wire. Fresh out of college, she left her Italian immigrant family behind, in upstate New York, to dream in Southern California with my dad. After I came along, we moved back east, to Connecticut, added my sister to the mix, and my mom raised us exclusively for a few years before she went into the newspaper business mostly on a whim. In a short time, she made managing editor.

After our local paper, the *Milford Citizen*, was taken over by one of the big news organizations, my mother picked up and decided she wanted to go into the trade of designing kitchens. She's currently the president of Milford Rotary. And she still plays first-rate tennis at 61 years young.

Back in the day, my mom was a cheerleader and the queen of her high school prom. Now — her charismatic teenager's

smile both improved and intact — the vivid eyes of my mom glow readily from under boisterous wisps of brilliant silver hair. She's beautiful. And when I call her on Sundays, she still ends our conversations the same way: "Believe in yourself," she'll counsel me, out of the blue. And then, like this past Sunday, she tells me, "Hold on a second. I want to read you something. 'Keep on listening. Be flexible. Laugh. Know the important issues. Let all the other stuff just float away.'" And then she always conveys the three motherly words I've heard from her more than any of her other motherly words. The three words she delivers with utmost sincerity, since probably even before she delivered me. The words at the veritable heart of my mother's sanguine doctrine: "I love you."

— Geoff Bouvier

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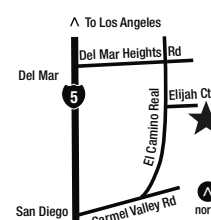


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My Grandpa Pilon died long before I was born, and Grandma died when I was ten. I never saw her, even in old age and frailty, when she did-



Ernie Grimm's mother

n't look joyful. But it wasn't the joy of the ignorant or the unaware. My mother's parents knew that life demands hard work and exacts a daily tithe of suffering from all of us. And they communicated that to all nine of their children. But they also taught them that life is full of consolations: the love of family and friends, the beauty of the earth, the delights of music and literature and, most of all, the Catholic faith that reconciles joy and suffering. It's exactly that approach to life that

Mom brought to her family.

She met my father, Bill Grimm of North Hollywood, at a beach party in Santa Monica thrown by a common friend named Myrtle. It was 1944. Mom, a short, tanned brunette with brown eyes and high cheekbones, was only 14 years old. Dad, 17, was 6'2", blue-eyed, curly-haired, and stunned by Myrtle's pretty young friend from Inglewood. "But I thought she was there with another guy," he recalls. "I knew she wasn't when we all piled in a car to go down to Ocean Park to ride the roller coaster and your mother raced to make sure she got the seat next to me in the car."

"Absolutely untrue," Mom replies. "I was told to sit there."

Whichever version is true, both say they fell in love that day 61 years ago. They married three years later, on July 4, 1947. Ten

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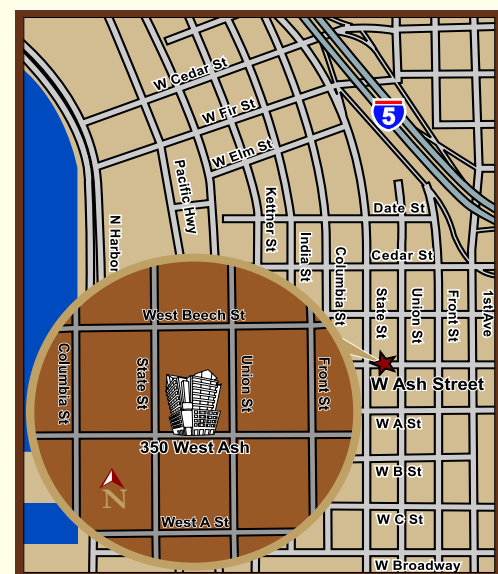


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months later, their first child, Jess, was born. Twenty-four years later, I, their 16th child, was born. (They had their 17th and last child two years later.) I was raised in a seven-bedroom house in Pasadena. But through their first 10 children, Mom and Dad lived in a three-bedroom house in the San Fernando Valley. Dad's parents lived with them. I've never heard Mom complain about her annual pregnancy or the crowded living conditions. I believe she never felt she had anything to complain about. She had a husband who provided for and loved her, and she had her faith, and she had her mind, which she cultivated through reading. She never worried about how many kids she should have. "Their number was already known to God," she says.

By the time I came around, my dad was a battle-hardened veteran of parenting. My mother

never hardened. She still seemed like a young mother when I was growing up both in demeanor and appearance. When women her age were gray and wrinkling, Mom still had long, dark hair and bright, youthful eyes.

She worked harder than anybody I've ever seen. She still does. Most mornings, she would come into the room I shared with three brothers before 8:00 and sing "Good Morning to You" while she picked up laundry for us. As we dozed, she cooked breakfast downstairs. I remember watching Mom cook up pancakes 20 at a time on two big griddles. She could broil three London broils; bake two dozen potatoes; steam a pound of green beans; prepare a green salad with sliced tomatoes, radish, and green onions; and have it all finished cooking and set on the table at the same time. She could make and bag seven

school lunches faster than I can make one sandwich for myself. She pushed through six loads of laundry per day while cleaning a 6500-square-foot house. Yet the hard work never made her cross or unavailable to her children; quite the opposite. Through it all, she maintained complete self-possession, as well as cheerfulness and prayerfulness. Only now that I have six children and struggle to keep my patience every day do I understand just how remarkable she was and is. My wife puts it simply, "I feel very peaceful around your mother."

— Ernie Grimm

Rage to Kill

I think I got my perfect pitch from my mother's side of the family. I got my anger from her side too. I call it the curse of perfect pitch. Or the chip-on-the-shoulder gene. My son has it. He used to scream every day for hours when he was

younger. I would tell people that he channels my mother, and she isn't even dead yet. He and I are both extra-sensitive: to pitch, to socks (him), to temperature (me), to nonmatching clothes (both of us). He has some kind of angst, and he likes to share it in the middle of the living room. I've taken to wearing earplugs. I discovered that my son had perfect pitch when he was 5½ years old. My daughter, who is three years older than my son, does not have the ability to recognize pitches by sound, nor does my husband. One night my husband leaned over the dinner table and said to our daughter, "Don't feel badly; I can't do it either."

It never dawned on me that my ability might be genetic. I thought it was unusual that I could tell what the piano notes were when others couldn't, but it wasn't until I was 15 that a choir director real-

ized I had perfect pitch and told me so. My parents never knew. My father recently e-mailed me that he thinks it comes from my mother's side. "Your grandfather was into music as a young man and played the trumpet in the Army in World War I, and your grandma was into playing piano. My family was never known as musical."

I remember my grandfather's trumpet and how my mother would warn me not to drop it for the few seconds that I got to put the mouthpiece to my lips for one quick blow. Then it was put away for another year. The trumpet was silver and had mother-of-pearl caps on the tops of its pistons. I remember the contrast of the silver metal lying there against the purple felt of the case's interior. It was nickel silver, the same material that plates my Holton Farkus French horn, which I have owned

since I was 18. I'm 47, and I've played the horn for 37 years. My grandfather also had a bugle: a smaller, dingier brass thing. I can only see them in my mind for I have no idea where they are now.

I can't ask my mother because I haven't spoken to her in eight years, ever since she threw a scene at Taco Auctioneer in Cardiff. I won't send her a Mother's Day card because I don't have any emotion left for dealing with her. I know it's tough being a mother. I was in the 98th percentile in spatial relationships when I was seven, and I think all that ability has gone into loading the dishwasher. I am a master dishwasher setter. If it seems like overkill, you have some insight into the life of a mom. Highly skilled and changing diapers. Mothers wig. They lose it at some point. One mother confessed to me, "I never wash the dish-towels with my under-

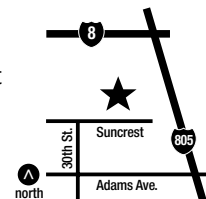
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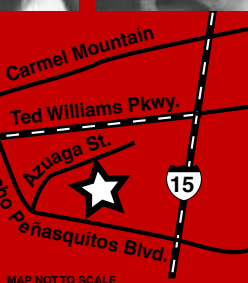
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wear for fear of public hairs." You have to be crazy to really spend that much time thinking about your laundry. Another mother told me that her son wanted a tattoo but she said absolutely not. He said, What about you? She confessed to me that she had gotten her lips permanently colored, but "that was different."

I use these reference points as a way to understand my own mother. Even though I don't want to see her again (the therapist says you don't need to see your family if they make you crazy), it helps to put her in context. To realize that to be a mother is to go a bit cuckoo at times. When I was breastfeeding my firstborn, I called the police at 3:00 in the morning to report a car driving down the street slowly with all its lights on. It looked as if there were four people in the car. The next night when

I called again to report the same suspicious car, the dispatch officer asked, "Could it be the newspaper deliverer?"

Yes, it could. I realized that what I thought were people were really stacks of newspapers. I also realized that I was losing it. In my case, it was remedied by more sleep. In my mother's case, there is no remedy. People always ask, "What could she have done that was so terrible?" I don't like to be sensational, but if they force me, I will tell them about the time that my mother pointed a rifle at me when I was 13 and said she was going to kill me. That tends to shut people up.

My mother has never had a lot of self-esteem. I remember her telling me that when her older brother died (she was 14, he was 16), her mother — my grandmother — told her that she wished my mother had died instead. My

grandmother said that Sid had gone to live with the angels because he was too good for this world. My mother told me that Sid had died while pouring gas into the family car while it was running. She said, "People didn't know not to do that in those days." She told me that the gas tank exploded, and he fell off and hit his temple. I remember this story like a litany. But one time when I was visiting my aunt and uncle, I recited this story, and my aunt (who is not related to my mother but grew up in the same small Northern California town — I have a picture of them in kindergarten together) inhaled sharply and said, "Is that what your mother told you?"

According to her, my grandfather, who was known for his inebriation, had accidentally run over my uncle in a stupor while the family watched. My aunt said, "The whole town knew it. He killed

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his son because he was drunk.”

Remembering the time that my grandfather forced me to eat a bruised banana, which I said I didn’t want, his breath hot and stinky as he leaned over me, I can believe he could be drunk enough to run over his son. I don’t think I ever ate much of the rotting fruit because I was faster than he was. Another time I remember my grandfather showing me a vial of gold that the company he owned had drilled out of the ground. It was a fine powder that he accidentally spilled on the

floor then futilely tried to pinch up and put back into the vial, along with dog hairs and the detritus of an ancient house. When I think of my grandfather as a dad is when I realize that my mother had it tough too.

Knowing all this doesn’t make up for my childhood, but it does make my mother more human. It doesn’t pay to romanticize, however. I hadn’t seen my mother for ten years prior to the scene at the Mexican restaurant. The absence didn’t seem to make her heart grow fonder. So I will spend the time that I would have spent with

her with my children instead. Discovering their special talents rather than threatening them with firearms. It seems so easy as I write this and they are asleep. And now, for me, it is.

— Jennifer Ball

Strength and Determination

Mom, baptized Margaret Mary Howard, “Peg” to family and friends, was born March 20, 1932, in Fauleighter (pronounced Fall-ay- [clear throat]-ther), County Mayo, Ireland, to John and Margaret Howard, the third of five children. She spent her first 15 years in Ire-



Jennifer Ball's mother

land. In 1947, she sailed to America with her older brother Jack to meet up with her parents, who had come to New York ahead of her. She lived on 600 West 204th Street in Manhattan. She and Dad

met on a blind date, dinner at Del Rio in Yonkers, and married nearly 2 years later at Good Shepherd Church, New York. Their first place was a chilly apartment in Hastings on the Hudson. A few years later, they moved their growing brood to Ridgefield, Connecticut, where they live today.

I asked my siblings (there are eight of us) to share their thoughts on Mom.

“I’m profoundly grateful for Mom,” offered my oldest sister Cathy. “The main thing I am thankful for is her passing on of the Catholic

faith. Daily Masses, nightly rosaries, Lenten devotions, visiting shut-ins were things that she did regularly and were beyond the minimum requirement. She tried to instill in us how to live out love of neighbor and love of God in our life. It has affected all of us because we know to put God first, pray, and all else follows.

“Mom was always present to us, she was always home,” continued Cathy. “This to me is an incredible sacrifice, because being a mom myself, I know how much I need a break from duties, and she did not do

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that. Mom also had a saying, 'There but for the love of God go us.' She constantly reminded us children of the less fortunate and how we ought to care for them."

I have two brothers who are missionary priests, one in Argentina, one in the Philippines. Both have told me that Mom's (and Dad's) faith and prayer life contributed to their vocations.

Priest brother Greg also noted Mom's bravery. "She made us all learn how to swim and took us kids every summer day to the lake, even though she didn't know how to swim herself. That could not have been relaxing for her."

My brother Bill credits Mom with instilling a good work ethic in her children. "We were all encouraged in our early teens to get odd jobs to earn money and then to deposit our pay religiously in our own sav-



Mary Grimm's mother

ings accounts," remembered Bill. "Work ethic and husbanding resources were important to Mom, as was our education. She regularly visited our school administrators a couple of days into the new school year and completely disrupted our already settled schedules for the sole purpose of ensuring that we were with the best teachers for each subject."

"I'd like to thank Mom for my deep and abiding love of the bargain," joked my sister Meg. "Mom gifted me

with a sense of frugality which enabled my husband and I to go through law school on a part-time income."

My sister Nancy also had humorous memories of Mom. "I love Mom's abbreviations — 'delish' for delicious, 'marvey' for marvelous, 'muff' for muffin — and funny names for things — 'goo-gie' for egg, 'Himself' for any male relative, and 'whosy-whatsy' for anything."

Nancy added, "She saves little 'biteens' of muffins and chocolates and hides them about the house. She said this traces back to her childhood when treats were hard to come by, and she would save her Christmas candy in a matchbox and treasure it for months. It makes me think of how small her treats must have been."

To me, Mom has always epitomized strength and determination. She had no running

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I too share my siblings' gratitude for the way Mom raised us. I feel doubly blessed and grateful, because for the last eight years my mother (and father) have spent a month or two of every winter with my family here in San Diego. My children have grown to love her as much as I do. And in addition to being my mom, she has become a great friend. Happy Mother's Day, Mom. We love you.

Talent for Joy

*All women become like
their mothers. That is their
tragedy. No man does.
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— Oscar Wilde,
*The Importance of
Being Earnest*

Since differing with Oscar Wilde must constitute literary blasphemy, I regret having to disagree with him about the universality of the above epigraph. It's not that I deny similarity to my mother because I dislike her. Au contraire, I admire her, but from afar, as a penguin might cast approving glances at a stork. That my mother and I have always seemed to be opposites is not just my observation. It's a fact agreed on by virtually all who meet us. To her immense credit, she never really held this against me, though our temperamental differences are so great it must have been, at times, like trying to raise a changeling, a creature of a different species. How did she — an all-embracing, openhearted, zesty, demonstrative, unsinkably social being — produce such a reticent, interior, broody daughter? Ah, the Russian roulette

of genetics. I take after my father and other less vibrantly green leaves on the family tree.

My mother is upbeat, energetic, and gregarious. A gourmet cook and appreciator of every sort of cuisine from chocolate

mousse to hot pastrami, she's also an avid sports nut bursting with vitality and enthusiasms, with healthy life appetites, though she's no fan of excess. In her heyday, she sang light opera and played the piano and

accordion. She loves to swim. She remains a canny and unbeatable card player who adores traveling. Her deep regard for others taught me, long before I knew the word, what humanism is. And when my father died

quite suddenly, I learned the depth of her bravery. She has a talent for joy, and for shared enjoyment, for appreciating life's delights. This quality can bring even the dourest people out of themselves, which is one

reason she has so many pals. In her early 70s, there's something still girlish about her, a kidlike immediacy and sweetness, a wide-eyed quality that has mutated, now that she is on the nether side of childhood, into a

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lively, abiding grace.

By contrast, I have ever been the little old lady my mother will never be. That's just my sensibility. I've always liked wearing black. Hats with veils would suit me just fine. My main ambition as a teenager was to somehow resurrect the dark-minded writer Franz Kafka and become his girlfriend. Shy and uncertain, socially awkward and spontaneous, I'm scared of the water. Traveling makes me nervous. Often I can't manage to make conver-

sation even with people I know well. I hate card games. One of those quiet types who logs a lot of time in the bedlam of her head, I sometimes need to be startled awake to the fact that the outside world still exists. And, sad to say, Mom, I have no idea what a scrimmage is. But I love watching you leap to your feet and scream, "GO GO GO!" when you watch football games.

Like many confused and evolving humans, I live in constant danger of transformation. This



Amy Gerstler's mother

winter I might gain 50 pounds, elect never to get out of bed again, or shave my head and troll the streets clutching a beg-

ging bowl. I might decide to start a llama farm. I might run away and join the circus (don't laugh: in contrast to my mom, whose limbs are stiff, I'm double jointed and can do some pretty interesting contortions). But unlikelier by far than any of these possibilities would be a scenario that featured me becoming much like my wonderful, cheerful, outgoing mother, however beneficial that might be. Sorry, Oscar.

— Amy Gerstler

and I — until I hit puberty and became sullen and hostile — a team, us against the world, a pretty blonde girl and a redheaded kid, walking among strangers. There was a housing shortage during World War II, and from December 7, 1941, until VJ Day we lived at seven different addresses, most of them a single room for the two of us. Then we graduated to apartments and houses in strange and unfamiliar neighborhoods.

My mom was born Mildred Elizabeth Spurlock, the youngest of three children of Frank and Nancy Spurlock of

Ava, Missouri. She grew up on a farm, but my grandfather never farmed it. He was a maker of deals. Of him it was said that he could trade a jack-knife into 160 acres and 30 head of cattle in four revolutions of the town square, swapping as he went.

My grandmother was a tall and imposing woman. Tyrannical, I think, is not too strong a word. He had a lot of reason to go to town.

The defining incident of my mother's life came when she graduated from high school. She was class valedictorian. My grandfather flat refused to

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My mother and father were monumentally, epically unsuited to each other. She was practical and hardheaded. He was a prisoner of impossible dreams. The marriage lasted two years. We were at my grandparents' — my grandmother was dying of terminal cancer — when he sued her for divorce. In 1939 that was a huge and public disgrace, and she never for-



Jim Morris's mother

gave him. Forgiveness was not my mother's long suit.

After my grandmother died I stayed at the farm for the next two years, while my mom went to business school and got a government job in Washington, D.C. There she married again, another handsome guy, though bespectacled. My granddad and my great-aunt Nora drove me to the suburbs of Washington, where we lived in a

small cottage for a few months.

Then the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and my stepfather went into the Army Air Corps, never to be seen again.

I believe my welfare was my mother's highest priority, but she did make some miscalculations. Once, when we were living in Oklahoma City, she got a job as executive secretary to the president of the Phillips Petroleum Company. She had to move to Tulsa in the mid-



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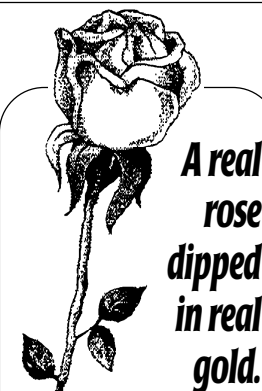
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I was sick that night, with intestinal cramps, the worst pain I've ever experienced. It was more than grief; it was an amputation.

But in many ways it's as though she's been given back to me. Now I don't think of her as an old lady in Oklahoma City, but of all the ways she was, young and beautiful, courageous and dear.

My favorite memory is one evening when I was home from college, and we were doing the dishes. The radio was playing, and she danced in the kitchen, laughing and doing pirouettes as she

dried a dish and took it to the cabinet. She didn't cut loose like that very often; it was beautiful to see.

— Jim Morris

The Letter Writer

My mother died at the end of October. At her wake, Duyen Pham asked if my mother ever wrote me, back in 1975. That was the year Duyen (13 at the time) and her family fled from Vietnam to America. My parents took

the family into their home for a couple of weeks, and Duyen wondered if my mom had commented in writing about that experience.

I thought she had, so after I returned from Chicago to San Diego, I searched my house for old letters. Stuffed into shoe boxes and packing cartons and a battered red cloth suitcase, I found a jumble of offerings from siblings, old friends, ex-

boyfriends, former co-workers, and my mother. It took me two days to organize it all. When I was through, the pile from my mother was the largest. Between April of 1974 (shortly after my husband and I moved to San Diego) and 1986 (when I began throwing her letters away; they seemed such a commonplace), I'd saved 138 of her dispatches. The vast majority are two to three

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She never went to college and had no literary aspirations. Her grammar sometimes made me wince. But she recorded what she was

experiencing in her life and in the moment. "My dogs are going crazy as they've spotted a bunny and a squirrel in our yard," she interrupts herself, halfway through a two-pager. "Oh, how they'd love to chase them!" While commenting on my middle brother Lee's behavior in a June letter, she types, "Oh nuts, I think he [Lee] just got up... I hope he doesn't look over my shoulder as I don't like people to read what I am writing."



Jeannette De Wyze's mother

References to the Vietnamese family pepper the second half of that year, though there's less direct description than I had hoped for. Having the Phams stay with them so delighted both my parents that I think they splurged on more than the usual number of long-distance phone calls to tell me the exhilarating details, which meant the letters came less often in those weeks.

My mother's missives from that year told me more about the smaller dramas that preoccupied

her. A postal truck smashed into the rear right side of her VW Dasher and inflicted \$682 in damage. A blizzard lashed the Chicago area in March. Here's my mother's report on it. (All the ellipses are hers. I believe she thought they were somehow more conversational than cold, unadorned periods.)

"I've been wanting to write about our great MARCH SNOWSTORM last Wednesday... What a surprise it was... most of all to our weathermen. I was at work at the Tennis Club and Lee was to pick me up about 3:10... but he said we may just as well stay inside as there were about 20 cars lined up trying to leave the club and going nowhere as the lead car was deeply stuck in snow. Well, we left in about 15 minutes and really slipped and slid at about three miles per hour. Lee stopped once to help some guy and then he and I went grocery shopping at A&P because I knew that once I got home my car was going to stay in the garage. The wind was so fierce and the snow was coming down sideways. We got about 12 inches which is a whole lot! Mary [my sister] and I then shoveled the driveway. John [my youngest brother] had done it twice in the earlier afternoon and Lee was still sick with bronchitis. Anyway Mary and I had a good time. We took a few pictures.... I

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She chronicled pleasures more often than dramas. In August my mother and youngest brother came to visit us in San Diego, and somehow they got upgraded to first class on their return flight, where their menu selections included (according to her letter)

"Filet Mignon, Chicken Teriyake, Crab Legs All American! The dish of appetizers given to each person (for themselves) consisted of shrimp, hard-boiled egg, tomatoe wedge, large cheese wedge, rolled-up salami and I think 'anti-

pasto' (if I am spelling it right)...this came with bread sticks...then a delicious salad and hot rolls choice of several kinds. Before our plane lifted off champagne was served. With dinner adults had a selection of wine and John was on his fourth coke. After coffee and fudge sundaes, liquors were offered plus 'after dinner candy.'"

Even more delicious than all that food was the greeting they received at the gate at O'Hare. "Lee and Dad were at the airport to meet us (we landed on time). Dad greeted me by picking me up and swinging me around...for someone under 30 this is a great greeting but for me...hummmmm... I

am a little more sedate BUT THAT DIDN'T BOTHER DAD!" Once back at the house, she noted that their tiny garden had produced "good size green peppers, cucumbers, green beans, onions, radishes and the tomatoes are really red now. Dad picked nine beautiful ones yesterday."

In October of that year, she finally got the new carpet for her living room that she had coveted for so long. "It really looks beautiful! It's a real blue blue...sculptured and the sculpture design has dark green in it...from a distance it looks like a dark blue or black. In fact, much to my surprise there is a little of this green in the other area of the carpet but you

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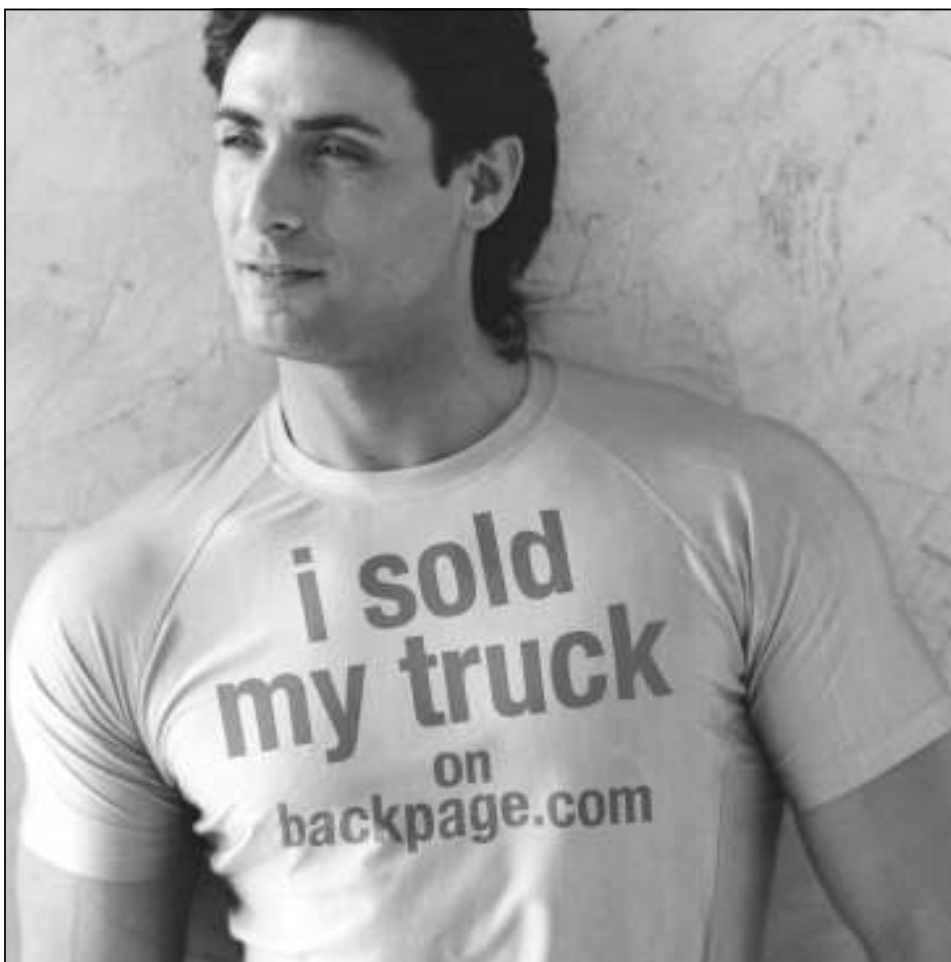
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My mother's letters from 1975 plunge me

back into the fullness of her life that year. I haven't read through all the other letters from all the other years yet, but I'm happy to possess them. I wish I had more. I wish I'd saved every one of the ones I tossed. I wish phone service had never gotten so cheap that my mother stopped writing. I wish she were writing me still.

— Jeannette De Wyze

What She Called an Overhaul

The mother of my youth was never afraid. She wore splashy polyester pantsuits with a thin self belt. Every weekday at 6:00 p.m. she careened into our carport in Oakland on Penniman Street in her faded pink 1960 Nash Rambler. Nash made a lot of Ramblers in pink that year, and my mother was fated to buy one at a used car lot. It broke down almost every day, and one Friday it

broke down at a gas station on High Street and she simply left it there and walked home in her inexpensive size-six high-heeled sandals. She laughed about it. The pink Rambler was no match for my mother. Every time I see one I think of her and feel stronger than I am.

She had a good job at Heald Business College, and her boss, Bill, was in love with her. He took us all to the movies once to see *The Love Bug*, a Disney movie. He loomed toward her with armfuls of popcorn and Jujubes and Milk Duds. My mother was not swayed. She kept her job, he kept his love. There would be no Uncle Bill lurching about. My mother didn't play that tune. She supported us all on her secretarial wage, and my father paid nothing. Nothing was too little, we all decided. My father went

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into a separate place in the family tree, a kind of anteroom for fallen relatives. We visited him every other weekend in San Francisco, but we longed to be home. He never made it up to us.

He couldn't.

When my mother had a problem in a business or retail sense, she always immediately asked to speak with a manager. She triumphed over every situation involving store

clerks or telephones; she had a smooth professional voice that sounded lovely and collected. A mere five foot two, she wore heels and appeared much taller than she actually was. She had a

large, round butt and big breasts. She wore black Maybelline eyeliner — not too thick, just right — and lipstick in a subtle bow. And her hair was thick and substantial and black; her hair framed her face just so.

I'd watch her apply makeup in her closet, which she had made into a dressing room, with a rectangular mirror with round soft-white bulbs all around it, studded like stars in a sky. I sat on the floor in her closet and watched her apply makeup. She was as stunning a creature as I had ever known. I didn't look like her; I had my father's wide forehead and fine hair. My hair was always headed every which way. My hair hadn't the discipline my mother's hair had. My mother went to a

beauty salon. She would occasionally give herself what she called an Overhaul: In a single afternoon, she went to the beauty salon, shaved her legs, plucked her eyebrows, and painted her toenails. Coral pink. Always.

She took my father back three times, and then he was called "out." She then, after a perfectly right period of time, met a man at work in the mailroom who was eight years younger. Naturally, he fell in love with her, this pale blond man with a wispy beard named Ronald Mathews. He gave her a bag of combs, I remember; some of them were shaped like fish. He came over and hung her swag lamp over the bar in the kitchen and made her Harvey Wallbangers in

large, frosty mugs. Ron was handy, and he drove a big, yellow Cutlass Supreme that was like a ship. He didn't make any money, and he wasn't fancy, but my mother saw through all that to the diamond underneath. He put in nice custom bookshelves in her bedroom, and he fixed our sinks and faucets, which the landlord wanted nothing to do with. Our landlord was Mr. Farkas, and he paid my brother to clean up the trash around the apartment complex.

"Real good, Dan," he'd say, handing my brother a ten-dollar bill. Then he'd disappear for a long time; a happy man.

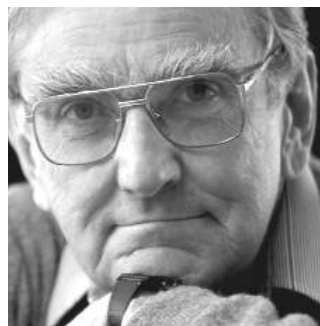
We weren't supposed to have a dog or pets on Penniman Street, but we did have a dog, a fireplug white fluffy dog that

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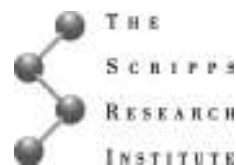
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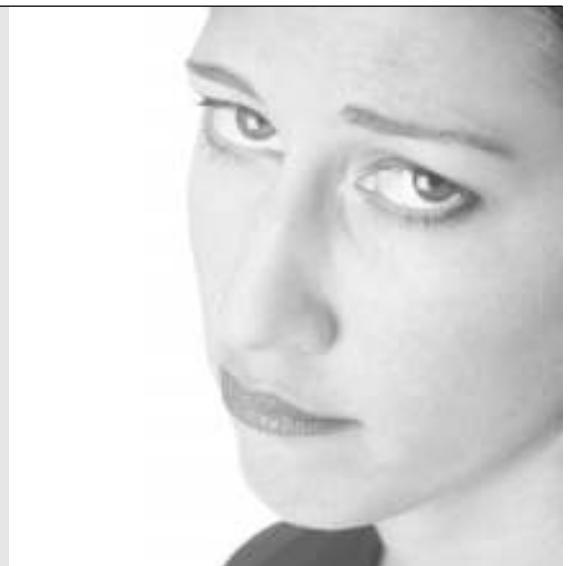
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showed up on our doorstep with perfect authority one Wednesday. By the time my mother came home, we had named him Snowy, and she let us keep him. She defied rules and we had a dog; her courage was true. How she worked it out, I'll never know. Snowy liked to run around the neighborhood collecting greasy bones that he would pile proudly on our doormat. My mother just stepped around them. She loved that dog, we all did. There was a small campaign at our house: Snowy for Mayor of Oakland. We cast our vote for Snowy every day he was alive. When Snowy got arthritis and limped around looking pained and aggrieved,



Suzanne Finnamore's mother

it was my mother who took him to the vet to have him put down. She cried hard and long, and then she came home and made us all creamed eggs on toast points — a recipe she claims to have forgotten, but I know better. She is keeping it to herself. She is saving it for a greater emergency.

In 1970 they were married, Ron and my mother. They are still married. The mother of my youth learned things once, and that was enough. She got it right. And when my own husband left my 18-month son and me, my mother came right over and stayed with me until I was functional. She didn't lecture or whine or blame anyone. She looked my husband straight in the eye when he came to visit our son. She was bigger than all that. She wanted to part his hair with an ax, but instead she kept her composure.

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My mother never

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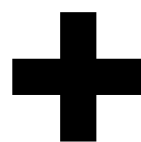


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badmouthed my own father, just let him be: as Anne Lamott says, "...let him lay where Jesus flang him." She outlived my father by decades. This is the reward, I think, for being such a mother. Longevity and a good second marriage.

Long live the mother of my youth.

— Suzanne Finnamore

Speaking Only in Memory

My mother died suddenly and in her sleep — with a peaceful smile on her face, my father said. I was eight when it happened, and I moved around my new life as if in a terrible dream. For the first few months, every second of every day had to be jam-packed with activity. When I stopped — stopped what I was doing or stopped looking at something or just stopped moving — it all came flooding back and the pain became unbearable.

Our house was on the prettiest block in New York City, right across the street from the General Theological Seminary. The seminary buildings were old brick, covered in ivy, and shaded by tall trees. Wisteria vines grew along the walls, dangling their fragrant purple flowers over our heads like bunches of grapes. When the days grew longer, my mother and I would stay out late on our stoop, partaking in a ritual we called Watching the People Come Home from Work, as we ate summer cherries and spat the pits down the stairs.

My mother loved simple little activities like these, and to this day they remain close to my heart. My mother and I spent most of our time together either creating or lounging. We baked, we wrote, we read and drew, but oftentimes we just reclined and talked. "What are you thinking about?" she would ask me. Always this question, "What are you thinking

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about?"

A few months shy of 13 years after my mother's death, I know that grief is something that nobody can ever quite shake. My mother, once a lively and driving

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small and otherwise insignificant about her so well and so clearly, but these quick moments are few and far between. Our time together has ended.

Shortly after my father and I moved out of



Rosa Colwin Jurjevics's mother

empty, without a trace of us left in it. I stood on the sawdusty floor of my mother's room and looked around the space where she had typed away at books, where we had played so many silly early-morning games. It was like standing on a grave looking down at bones, the bones of a life and time and family I knew I would never quite lay to rest.

— Rosa Colwin Jurjevics

take care of yourself?"

Mom's reply was immediate. "I know. I've picked out what I want to take with me." First item: her teardrop-shaped Waterford crystal lamp, the one that sits on her nightstand. I don't remember the rest, but I can't forget how quickly she responded — almost as if she had really planned for this eventuality. I was unnerved. Did she think I was serious?

Mom taught me what little I've learned about acceptance. During my senior year of college, I had decided to ask my girlfriend Deirdre to marry me. If she said yes,

the house we had shared with my mother, I went back to it. Renovations were in progress, and the workers had left the front gate open. I went right in, palms sweating. The house was stark and

Sacrifice

"Careful, Ma; don't spill your soup," I warned.

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I was going to take her to Ireland for our honeymoon — neither of us had ever been. Deirdre came to me a couple of months before graduation and told me she was planning a post-grad trip with two of her girlfriends — to Ireland and England. I'd been scooped. I was, ridiculous as it sounds, unhappy about this. My mother's response: "Women sacrifice more than men. When she's older, she'll be happy to have this to look back on." I guess Mom would know; she went to Europe during her college years. And she has sacrificed.

My parents did not buy a second car until the mid-'80s. Up until then, we had no need; Dad walked to work. But when my mother's mother developed the mouth cancer that would eventually kill her, Mom started making weekend



Matthew Lickona's mother

trips to Albany, four hours away. Once she got there, she visited her mother, took her father out to dinner, and cooked enough meals to get him through the week. He had never lived on his own.

When my grandmother died, my grandfather came to live with us. Mom took care of him for five years, until he died in our guest room in 1994. My brother Mark and I were out of the house by then, but a couple of years later, Mark

moved back into my parents' house with his wife and children while he attended film school. It was not easy having two mothers under one roof for two and a half years.

Mark and his family moved out, but not before my father's parents moved in — to a gentleman's farm my parents bought them in the next town over. They had grown too frail to live on their own in Florida. After my father's father died, Mom began spending more and more time at the Farm, taking care



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of Grandma. Eventually, she started sleeping there, though she has never regarded it as home. Now, she shares time at the Farm with Grandma's only daughter, Cheryl,

and Cheryl's husband Chad.

Me, home for Easter, trying to make pastry dough for dessert: "Mom, where's the food processor?"

Mom, with pain in her eyes: "Oh, Matthew, it's at the Farm."

Why the pain? Maybe partly because she herself was frustrated at the division of her

kitchen — of her whole life. But partly, I think it was because she feared I would be upset. She was right; I was upset — not so much about the food processor, but that my

mother's life was so obviously not her own. She wanted me to accept, as she had accepted.

I do better at it than some, which is why Mom was able to share the fol-

lowing revelation with me. Mom wears a crude beeper; when Grandma presses a button, the beeper produces an oscillating electronic ring. "Sometimes I play a little game," Mom told me. "I see how long I can sit down before Grandma calls for me."

She was counting on me to laugh about that. She gets to vent, to the extent that she ever gets to vent, to me. I'm the one she can joke with. Sometimes, I won't even give her that. If she shows me too much, I get mad like everybody else. "Mom. You can't let this situation stay this way." But she doesn't want advice or even sympathy. She just wants to laugh about it for a while.

—Matthew Lickona

A Purple Paisley Pea Coat

I don't know quite what to say about my mother. I love her. I talk to her twice a day on the phone. She spent years tending to a pack of feral cats, and now she works in a pet shelter. She loves her grandchildren more than you could ever know.

My mother lost her own mother when I was two. After a long struggle with cancer, my Grandma Alice was gone, and my mother, a new mother, was left with two squalling kids and one on the way. My dad worked long hours and didn't change diapers. She was alone and left doing the unglamorous tasks of childrearing and housework. She baked pound cakes and devil's food cakes from the box. At Christmas she made hundreds of cookies from scratch and chocolate lollipops shaped like snowmen and snowladies.

When my mother was young she worked in Manhattan. For a time she was an executive secretary who wore smart outfits with matching shoes and gloves. When she worked at Gimbel's, the famous department

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store immortalized in *A Miracle on 34th Street*, she was tapped to appear in a newspaper ad for hats. I imagine my mother cut a glamorous figure on the subway each morning in her sheer stockings and velvet coat. I'll bet she had a book in hand, or a pad and paper for clever notes. At a young age I remember seeing her old clothes in the basement — tweed and velvet and imported wool. Coats and short dresses with sparkly adornments — clothes so foreign from the red windbreaker and sensible front-pleated polyester black pants she hid behind when she was my mom. Those two moms were too hard to reconcile. Sometimes I was mad that I was left with Polyester Pants Mom and not Purple Paisley Pea Coat Mom. Purple Paisley Pea Coat Mom might have been stronger and braver. She might have resisted



Rachel's mother

her lot, resisted us kids, and had more of her own life. She might have joined a book group full of clever women who drank wine from Long Island vineyards and occasionally journeyed to the city to see a Broadway show. Paisley Pea Coat Mom would have been happier, happier with herself, happier with her world. She would have gotten angry sometimes. She wouldn't have let her inner pain ball grow and grow and grow and grow. She would have

subscribed both to *People* magazine and the *New Yorker*. When she laughed, it would have been long and loud and true.

I love my mom. I love who she is now, and I love that after I left for college she started to tend to herself and tend to her life.

Was she waiting for me to leave?

She joined a gym and made gym-friends; she started getting brave and confident and strong. She stopped putting herself last and started to realize that she was as important as her family. She bought more colorful shoes.

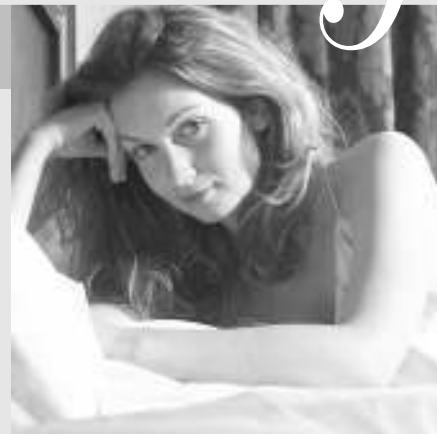
It took time and tending, but my mom grew back into the purple paisley pea coat long after the coat itself had turned to purple paisley dust.

I have decided not to be a mother. Sometimes I think this hurts my mom. It is not because of childhood misery that I want

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to forgo a child. It is because I don't want to risk giving up my purple paisley pea coat. My mom was, is, unselfish and loving and willing to give up everything for her family without thinking. Without getting the credit, the appreciation, the rousing applause that she deserved. I won't do it, I can't do it.

And it only makes me love her more.
— Rachel

True in Love and True in Deed

"A Woman's Place is in the House...and the Senate," read the banner on the door of the cabinet that housed our dinner plates and cereal bowls. Similar posters peppered the kitchen walls: "What if Prince Charming never comes?" "Housework is like stringing beads on a string with no knot." I remember pictures of Eleanor Roosevelt and Abigail Adams, quotes from Margaret Sanger, and a dishtowel featuring Ronald Reagan that read "Doormat." As I was becoming a teenager, my mother was becoming a feminist. Or maybe she always had been and just felt more free to express herself as I started forging my independence.

Mom stayed a feminist ever after, so it might seem odd that the phrase that comes to mind when I think of what she taught me is "Stand by your man." She has stuck with my dad through thick and thin, and it didn't take long for things to get lean. My parents had been married for two years and were living on an Air Force base in Wiesbaden, Germany. One child, my brother, had been born 18 months earlier, and I had been nestled in Mom's womb for eight months. Shortly before I was born, my father had a brain aneurysm and was rushed back to the United States. Saving his life required brain surgery. My mother remained calm through the surgery and after. Like

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roots deep underground, she nourished him.

My father made it through the surgery, but even after several years of therapy, he was unable to perform his military duties. He was granted military retirement, but the pension wasn't quite enough for the family to live on. Mom went back to work as a nurse.

Dad lost more than some of his faculties to execute precision tasks. He also lost part of himself. Years later, Mom confided in me that his personality had changed after the aneurysm; he wasn't quite

the same man she had married. Tender parts of him had hardened. Patience had drained away. A bridge between them had been broken and could not be repaired. But my mother remained true, true in love and true in deed. Her fidelity was not built on religious convictions — she left the Catholic Church long ago. Rather, she had a sense of personal responsibility and deep reserves of sacrificial love. She knew my father needed her. She had promised to remain with him in sickness and in health. She also knew that

a fractured family would damage the children. No matter what forces encouraged her to put herself first, she continued to take the road less traveled by, always emptying herself in small ways.

I remember trips to the discount aisle in the grocery store, buying mushrooms with black spots for 15 cents, slightly wilted lettuce for 30 cents. Generic chicken noodle soup in stark white cans with bold black print. I hated the mushrooms and was embarrassed by the soup. My mother's coupon folder seemed to



Deirdre Lickona's mother

have endless folds, all filled with meticulously organized coupons; she never shopped without it. She never bought a dress, slacks, or even pantyhose

unless they were on sale. Dad taught us kids a song that we used to tease her with, crooning, "Mommy bird, Mommy bird, cheap, cheap, cheap!"

Now I realize that she was not cheap. She saved money all through the year so that we could go on a family vacation. Every summer, Mom would pack up our ancient orange Volkswagen camper van, and off we'd go to places like Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, San Francisco, Corpus Christi. We ate bologna sandwiches for lunch and Hamburger

Helper for dinner, and after the dishes were done, we roasted marshmallows by a fire.

I never think about the spotty mushrooms now or about the fights between my parents. I think about the boiling mud pits we saw on vacation, the yellow geysers, the burnt orange and rich brown of the Grand Canyon. I think of the trolley in San Francisco and the white sands of Corpus Christi beaches. Memories I might not have had if my mother had chosen another road.

— Deirdre Lickona ■

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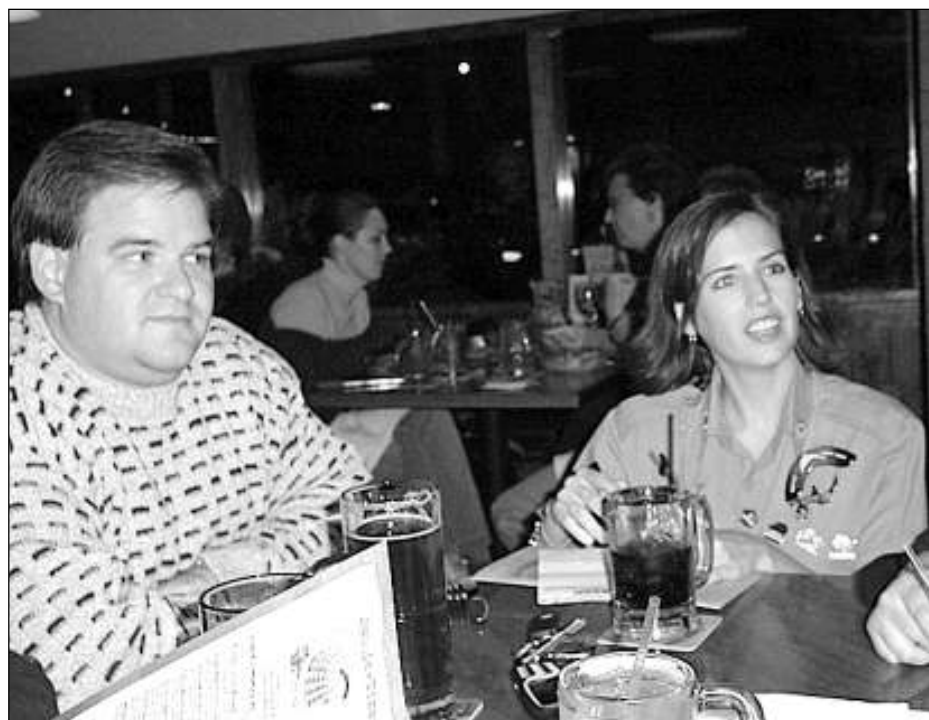
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I remember it as if it were yesterday...staring down the famous Outback Steakhouse 16 oz. sirloin steak on the plate in front of me. It was at Outback where I discovered my love for meat. That my father is from Texas has made me a meat-eater, too, because if you know anything about Texans, they have a high meat intake. From Black Angus to San Antonio's Rudy's, I have been to every steakhouse imaginable. The fact that my father is also Mexican doesn't help, either; 51 of the 52 Sundays of the year you will probably smell the sweet fragrance of carne asada and pollo asado leaking through the door cracks.

Steak, chicken, sausage, bacon, pork — any cut of meat is fine for me. There isn't any meat out there that I won't eat or that I haven't tried. I just don't get those people that stick to a certain piece of meat; if they would just open their eyes and mouths, they would see the wonderful world of meat in a new light.

I haven't paid much attention to vegetables until recently. To stay healthy, I know that I have to eat them, so lately I have been trying to do so. I haven't touched a piece of meat in nearly two weeks (okay, maybe that's a stretch).

— Joel Herrera,
Monte Vista H.S.

Unlike most vegetarians, I did not have a life-changing moment when I decided I would no longer eat meat. It wasn't because I felt bad for the animals, I was fat, or because I was raised vegetarian; I didn't like meat. My older sister had been a strict vegetarian ever since I could remember, and because I spent most of my time with her, you could say that it rubbed off.

I haven't had red meat in about five years, and I have no desire

to eat it. Like soda, you lose a taste for it if you don't have it for a while. In fact, since my sister moved away last year, I've become slightly less strict and will eat chicken on occasion if I prepare it myself. I love fish and neither my sister nor I would give up salmon or orange roughy. I know people who won't eat anything if it could have looked at them. I solve that problem by chopping the fish's head off.

Although I don't have the passionate, save-the-whales vehemence that is characteristic of so many anti-meat-eaters, I oppose the slaughtering process. Has nobody seen the pictures of the pig/cow farms and mills, the way they're herded and slaughtered? It's not uncommon for the animals to "bleed out" or be dismembered before they're dead. It's not a pleasant industry, and I believe that it should be regulated more strictly than it is. If you have to kill for food, okay, but at least be humane about it. It's a rush for money — corner-cutting for the profits — and I think there

should be more accountability in the slaughterhouse industry.

— Gabrielle Clifford,
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I am not a vegetarian; I love eating meat. Carne asada, hamburgers, chicken, steak, and turkey are all wonderful. Everyone in my family is a "meat eater." Family gatherings usually include a couple choices of meat; on Thanksgiving we have turkey and ham.

I have never gone without eating meat. I choose to continue to eat meat for a couple reasons: I tried tofu and I have tried to eat veggie burgers, but they just didn't do it for me (and the veggie burgers made me sick); and I love to eat meat.

Hamburgers, chicken enchiladas, and orange chicken are among my favorites. I must admit, however, that I am a little wary of trying new meats. For example, I refuse to try cow tongue and exotic meats of that sort. Also, I hate to eat the fat trimmings on

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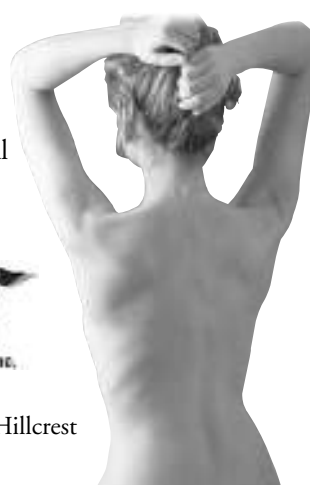
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the side of steaks...and I
hate chicken skin because
of its texture.

When I was in the
third grade, I had a vege-
tarian friend who'd been
raised in a vegetarian
household. I considered
becoming a vegetarian and
was supported by my par-
ents; however, they
explained to me what it
meant to be a
vegetarian...that I would
have to stop eating ham-
burgers and cheeseburgers.
That scared me off.

I know a few people
from school who are vege-
tarians and I think that
they are wonderful people.
I think that for them,
being a vegetarian is as
much a statement as a
choice, and I respect that.
Vegetarians refuse to eat
cheeseburgers — an
American cliché — and
opt for their tofu; that, to
me, is admirable.

— Christina Chovan,
Mission Bay H.S.

I love meat. Not just any
meat — real, red meat.
Living in a house with a
health-conscious Jewish
mother, red meat is often

hard to come by. Kosher
chicken and fish fill our
plates most of the time,
and while these are tasty,
they don't have the taste of
real red meat. As my
mother keeps reminding
us, chicken and fish are the
healthiest way to obtain
protein and red meat leads
to a gluttonous life halted
by a heart attack. There
was a time when my
mother, inspired by a
health study, stopped buy-
ing meat and insisted
upon serving tofu in all
sorts of weird and disgust-
ing preparations. A new
study came out a few
months later that con-
demned the tofu lifestyle,
and we were back to fish
and chicken.

I remember how my
mother's face lit up with
terror as I told some fami-
lies at synagogue that my
favorite breakfast meal was
"pigs in a blanket" ordered
from our local pancake
house. I was eight years
old. She hushed me and
later explained to me that
Jews don't eat pork
because it is not kosher.
We didn't go back to the
pancake house for a long
time. As I got older, I real-
ized how much I love red
meat. Steak, lamb, and
even brisket were reserved
for special occasions, so
they became a delicacy.

The last time we had
red meat in the house, it
was a birthday gift for my
father (also a big red-meat
fan). My aunt and uncle
must have heard our
gripes of meat deprivation.
The steak sat in our freezer
for two months because
my mother dreaded the
prospect of cooking it.
Finally, she decided she
had had enough. She
cleared her Sunday sched-
ule and set to preparing
four pieces of steak for our
family. That night, as my
father, sister, and I chewed
the delicious pieces of red
meat, my mother said it
felt like a giant weight had
been lifted off of her
shoulders.

— Matt Franks,
Torrey Pines H.S.

Sure, cows are cute,
but when I'm crav-
ing a hamburger, no
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I have friends who
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abstinence, yet I doubt their motives. Those who say it's for the animals' sake don't seem to mind that the pounds of makeup they smear on their faces each day probably have more meat product in them than the average Big Mac. Others say that meat is unhealthy. To these peo-

ple, I say that meat contains proteins and vitamins that are essential in a balanced diet, and the only way meat damages a person is when it's eaten in excess or improperly prepared. The same can be said of all foods...including the vegetarians' precious fruits and vegetables.

I'm not a bloodthirsty beast; I just see no valid reason to deny myself the satisfaction of a tender chicken breast saturated with marinade. I can see how a side order of veal milkshake would offend some, but I'm not advocating the slaughter of baby animals to satisfy my

greedy appetite; I'm making use of the supplies that have been put on earth for me. God himself said, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you" (Genesis 9:3), so it would be ungrateful of me to say, "Thanks, but no thanks, Lord. You see, your animals are great and

everything, but this potato is satisfying enough!" I don't think less of herbivores because I know they have their reasons and I respect their right to eat what they want. However, I do think less of those who try to deny me the right to eat what I want. Some people pretend that ani-

mals have more rights than I do. Animal-rights activists wonder why humans can't get along with nature, but nature has this little thing called a food chain. We happen to be lucky enough to be at the top of that natural order (at least until the T. rex makes a comeback). If

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we behaved more like animals, we'd be eating our young the moment food became scarce.

— Mary Lindquist,
El Capitan H.S.

I eat meat for two reasons: for the nutritional value and because I like the taste of it. Meat is one of the primary ways in which I receive sufficient protein in my diet. However, I am a somewhat picky eater; generally, I only eat beef, turkey, and chicken. Also, I don't enjoy preparing the meat, so I usually choose to eat hamburgers or grilled chicken sandwiches at restaurants. My cooking at home does not extend much further than making macaroni and cheese, scrambled eggs, or a turkey-and-cheese sandwich. The types of meat that gross some people out I am turned off by as well — lamb, duck, eel, or squid.

A few times per year something will come up that will cause me to reevaluate whether or not I want to continue eating meat. Once, my mom was watching a documentary on television that displayed the inside of meat-processing factories and butchery farms where cows and pigs are killed. In the factories, there were hidden cameras that showed practices I wish I had not seen. After that, I went for about a month without eating meat. I resumed meat-eating, but every once in a while I can't help but think of what goes on inside those factories.

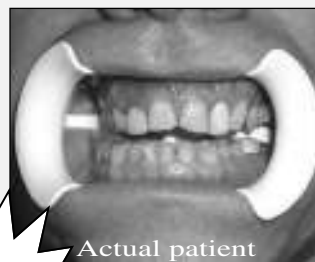
I have no strong arguments against those people who refuse to eat meat. I have friends who do not like the taste of meat — no different than someone who doesn't enjoy eating brussels sprouts. Many people argue that we are being cruel to animals by eating them, and I admire their respect and concern for animals.

Nevertheless, I believe that it is the circle of life; humans are meant to eat primarily plants but also meat, and a small amount of meat in one's diet is healthy.

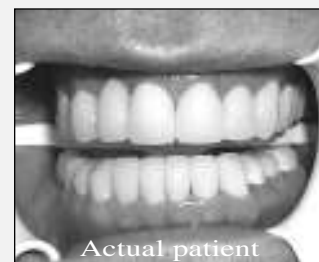
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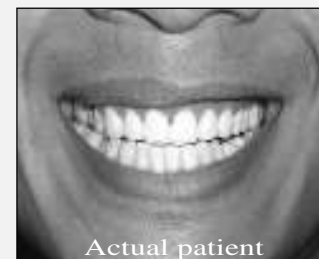
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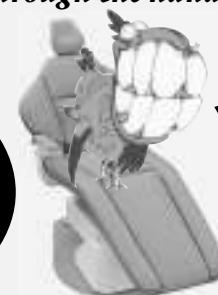
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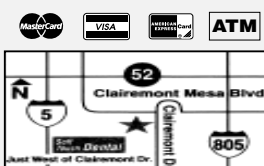
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From the start, Buster worked hard to prove that he's a graffiti artist, not some little hoodlum with a sneer on his face, paint stains on his fingers, and a can under his jean jacket. Buster is the *nom de plume*, or perhaps more correctly, the *nom de guerre* of Jesse Ortiz, 22; he carries a business card and an album full of photos of his art work, including the abstract mural he painted for the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park and the logos he completed for a local



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Cousins' wall

Top 40 radio station. Still, he gets little respect from cops and security guards. Truth is, Buster will always value the walls of a building more for their size and texture, their ability to serve as blank slates for his imagination, than for anything that could possibly be inside them. Last December, a security guard tried to chase him away from what he and other graffiti artists refer to as the California Street walls, near the Santa Fe railroad tracks, just north of downtown San Diego. "I go, 'What do you want?'" Buster says he asked the guard. "He goes, 'What are you, some kind of punk? You think you're a badass trying to mess with me?'"

Actually, Buster had permission to paint at the site. He'd met late last summer with the manager of Cousins Warehouse, just east of the railroad tracks, and showed him his portfolio and asked if he could practice his art on the massive

retaining wall behind the store parking lot. The manager gave his approval warily — and only to Buster. But soon a whole flock of young graffiti artists and hangers-on were gathering at the site, turning the wall behind Cousins, as well

as the back wall of Southwest Safety and Supply, on the west side of the tracks, facing Cousins, into a riot of color and design. Some called it art. Others just called it trouble, big-time.

Eventually, almost every square inch of the two walls was covered with spray paint — an imprecise medium, to be sure, but one whose practitioners take great pride in the precise drawings they are able to create. It's all a matter of can control, they say. The walls drew curious onlookers and photographers, who cautiously stepped out of their cars to see the urban artwork: simple cartoon characters, outlined in bold, dark lines; black-and-white portraits of singer/dancer Paula Abdul and of a female body-builder; the torso of a robot; big block letters filled with colors that fade into each other; a sinister creature clutching the strings of a marionette; examples of

the often-illegible interconnecting letters once known as wildstyle; and other samples of the New York graffiti style that West Coast kids have been imitating for more than a decade.

And the graffiti was not confined to the two walls, each of which measures more than 250 feet long. It was scrawled over Dumpsters, over two long-forgotten refrigerators lying on the ground and filled with empty spray cans (their nozzles removed to keep younger kids from spraying the leftover paint on the walls). A silhouette of a human figure was painted on the cracked concrete lot, where more graffiti spread like a rash in every direction. Spaghetti noodles of color stretched across an abandoned Plymouth, covering even its broken windows, its four flat tires.

Buster was the pioneering artist at the California Street walls, but that

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doesn't mean he's ever been king of the walls. That distinction was earned a few months ago by Sake (pronounced like the Japanese beverage). Sake is the nickname used by the leader of a graffiti art crew named No Suckers Allowed. The crew has another name too: 594 — the California Penal Code section dealing with vandalism. Sake says he was first caught in the act of vandalism five or six years ago when he and a couple of friends were chased out of a school yard as they were spray-painting the outline for their piece (as in "masterpiece") onto a wall. To this day, Sake believes the man who chased them must have been a ghost because of his great speed and because the man was lis-



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piece. And they know that a tagger is a young wannabe artist who scrawls his name everywhere (on buses, electrical boxes, fences, storefronts) to get up, be recognized. They know a toy is an unskilled amateur — not really an artist at all — and that a sucker, the lowest of all earth crawlers, destroys artists' pieces or fraudulently claims others' pieces as his own work by signing his name to them. They know "who can rock the walls," as one artist describes it, and what it takes to be king.

In his battle against Quasar, Sake painted a giant jack-in-the-box. The Q on the front of the box left no doubt that the toy was Quasar. In the background, Sake painted a gray castle and in the

foreground a handful of bright red, blue, and yellow children's play blocks. Quasar painted "San Diego King" in highly stylized, interconnecting letters for his battle piece. But he quickly conceded that Sake had won with his impressive mural.

Quasar, who spends 40 hours a week cooking meals at Children's Hospital and most of his free time spray-painting walls, always figured he'd have to relinquish his title someday. Quasar is 23, the self-described old man of local graffiti artists, and he says it's only natural that the work of older artists will continue to be superseded by that of younger ones at the walls, "if society doesn't kick us out of here."

Sake, though, resents

tening to a transistor radio tuned to what seemed to be a Padre game — at midnight. "You could just see his silhouette," says Sake. "It was really weird."

Sake is now 20. He

wears three gold hoops in one ear; his curly hair is cropped short, except for the braided tail that rests on the back of his gold turtleneck. As of last fall, Sake confined most of his wall art to the California

Street walls, the place where he earned the title of king by battling the former king, Quasar. Insiders know that a battle is a contest to determine which spray-paint artist can create the best

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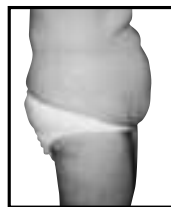
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any suggestion that graffiti art is just for kids. "Aerosol art is like a disease," he says. "Once you start, you can't stop. I'll be doing this art form probably till the day I die." Expecting him to quit at the threshold of adulthood is "like telling Gauguin to stop [painting] when he's 40. That's bull."

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Last summer, shortly after Buster started painting the wall behind Cousins, store manager Ken Bond was approached by police, who asked if the store wished to press charges against the spray-paint vandal or vandals at work there. "We gave the authorization to a Mister Ortiz to do nice murals," Bond told police. But he was alarmed at the growing number of youths who had joined Buster since last summer. "I

don't like the direction it's going," said Bond ominously. "At this point, I'm not seeing what I would consider art or something that would enhance a wall."

And a few days after Bond made those comments, and as Sake and Quasar and about a half-dozen other guys stood around, casually surveying the Southwest Safety and Supply wall, a well-dressed man emerged from Cousins. The man called across the railroad tracks to the artists, asking if Jesse Ortiz was present. No, he was told; he asked them to have Ortiz contact him and left. "Well, there goes the wall," said one of the youths. "Doesn't look good," warned Sake. They worried out loud whether the manager meant to take the Cousins wall away from them. After all, police had visited the site the previous weekend,



PHOTOGRAPH BY PAUL STACHELER

Sake

after one kid threw a cap from a spray can at a passing train. "I don't think he'll take it away," said one bear of a kid, "'cause he knows what

the consequences will be." The artists and their entourage of taggers and assorted other followers knew they had a good deal going here, and they

did not wish to lose these two walls they'd taken by storm.

Graffiti art has long been associated with trains; in New York, early writers filled subway trains and tunnels with their art. Buster talks fondly of the time several years ago when Crayone, a well-known L.A. graffiti artist, came to San Diego. Together they painted the boxcars of freight trains that passed through town, hiding under the stopped trains when watchmen emerged, swinging lamps. The California Street walls held romance, at least for these youths, a romance enhanced by the Amtraks and freights that regularly pass between the two walls.

Buster, a loner who eschews membership in a graffiti crew, would have been content to keep the Cousins wall to himself, though that proved

impossible. Buster says he tries to not even let other artists' styles influence his work, though some of the other young artists talk behind his back and claim that he bites (steals) some of his ideas for murals and lettering styles from others.

Fred Brousse, owner of Southwest Safety and Supply, was also alarmed by the graffiti art that appeared about three months ago on the back of his building — without his permission. When he confronted the youths at the time, he warned them he'd call police and hire a security guard if he discovered tagging anywhere on his building but the back wall.

So Buster stenciled "No Tagging Please" onto the sides of Brousse's building. He didn't have enough paint to cover over the tags that already blemished the sides of the building, so in some

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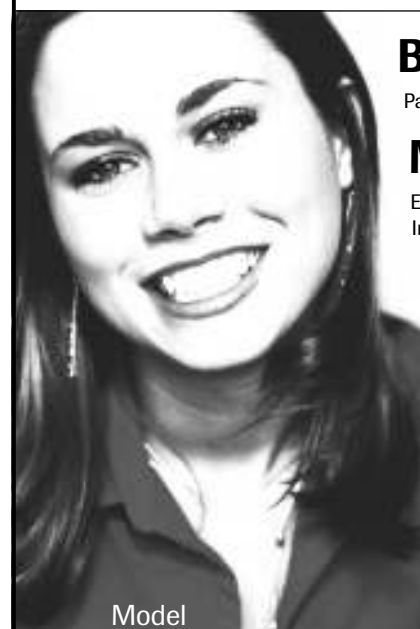
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cases, he sprayed the warning right over the tags. Brousse was impressed by Buster's efforts and by some of the art work. "For the time being, I'm turning the other cheek," he said at the time. "They're not into destroying property. They're looking for a place to express themselves, really. They're out there with respirators [protective masks] on and the whole business," Brousse said, affably. "It's very interesting to me; they'll come in and paint something, and you'll figure it's gonna stay there. Strangely enough, someone comes in and paints right over it."

But the graffiti artists understand that transience is the flip side of the spontaneity inherent in much of their art. Buster explains: "It's part of the wall life. When I paint on that wall, I know I'm gonna be gone over sometime. If they can do better than me, if they can do a better piece,

then go ahead and go over me. As long as it's good."

In late February, one of the murals on Cousins' wall depicted the span of a freeway bridge; its pillars were 3-D letters spelling out "Buster," painted with grays and blues to look like crack-

ing cement. Street lamps painted into the piece shed a plum glow, and a full moon completed the scene. Buster has a photo of the piece, but the bridge mural itself was history less than two weeks later.

Members of Wall Power Crew painted over

it with a large "WPC" — a throw-up — a simple one-color design inside a dark outline. WPC didn't even bother to finish the throw-up. The destruction of his elaborate work stung Buster. "When I'm gone over the way they did it, that hurts me. They just did a little one-

color piece. I thought they were going to do a top-to-bottom, side-to-side piece. They go and do this little throw-up. It makes them look bad."

Why'd they do it? "Them guys, they heard you were coming, so they went over me," Buster said. "They did it out of

jealousy because I had some stuff up."

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But even Sake was critical of WPC's deed. "That's just a throw-up," he sniffed. "It looks trashy."

All that remained of the bridge mural was the dedication Buster had included: "To Julia, my aerosol heart, from your father, 1990."

Julia, Buster's two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, figures prominently in other wall art. Late one afternoon, Buster climbed into his primer-gray '66 VW bug to take a look at an illegal wall he's painted, illegal since he never gained permission to paint on it. Julia's photo, enclosed in a red plastic heart, is attached to the dash. The VW rides low to the ground, and Buster drove very slowly over the rail-



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Paint-over of Cousins' wall

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road tracks, car metal scraping track metal every inch of the way. Heading toward Old Town, following the line of the railroad tracks, Buster says he knows of two San Diego girls who are writers, as graffiti artists call themselves. One goes by the name of Pastel, he says, adding, "She's pretty good. She could take out some of the toys. L.A.'s got some good girls [graffiti artists]. I want to see some good girls getting up."

Buster stopped the car where the railroad tracks meet the juncture of freeways 5 and 8. The name Julia is painted in big chrome-blue letters on a six-foot-high retaining wall behind a motel. There's also a big red heart with the words "Happy Valentine's Day Julia." Twice while painting that wall, Buster recalls, police drove up, in a San Diego squad car and a state police car. Neither officer

approached him or spoke, but both watched him intently.

Buster was standing a few feet from his Old Town wall, talking. A wool beret, stiff with a coat of black paint, rested atop his head. He wore a jean jacket; on the back, he had airbrushed a life-like portrait of LaToya Jackson. On one sleeve is painted "CAP," the tag for the originator of throw-ups. His jeans were splattered with paint, and he wore one gold hoop earring.

Buster said his dad once worked as a sign painter and drew Disney characters in his spare time. But his dad now lives in a convalescent home; ten years ago he collapsed in the back yard while gardening. A stroke left him paralyzed on the right side. Buster and his mom tried to care for his dad at home for a few months, but the work proved too hard for the two of them. Buster once filled his dad's room at

the convalescent home with his own paintings, but all of them, he said, were later stolen.

Buster and his mom live in the same modest Linda Vista home where the family's always lived. The two interests that dominate Buster's life are evident in his room. His own canvases cover the walls, including an African-mask-like self-portrait, the face half yellow, half black and linked by full, red lips. A drawing table and coffee cans full of colored markers are in one corner. A Fisher-Price stove set, a doll in a stroller, and other toys take up most of one wall. Photos of Julia all around. Julia spends three days a week with Buster and the rest of the time with her mom, Buster's former girlfriend, who lives down the street from him.

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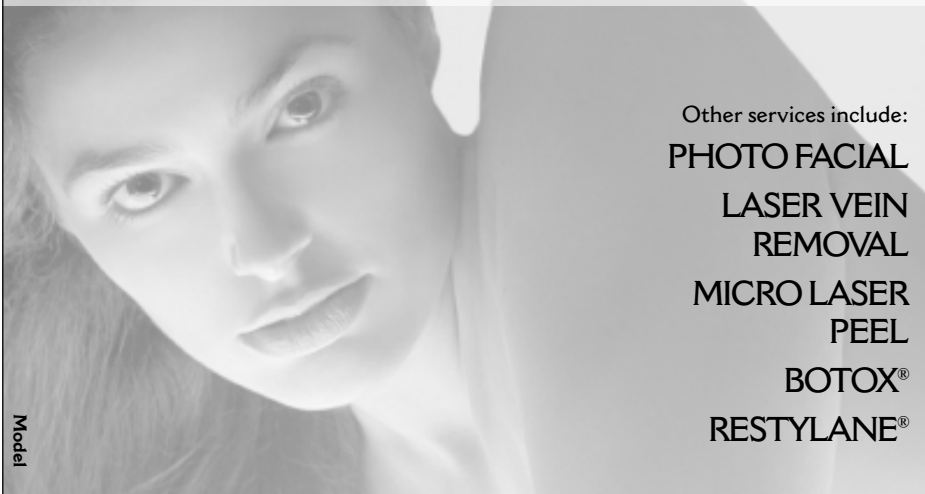
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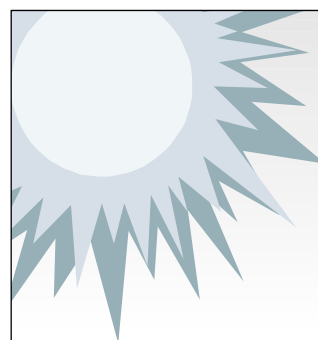
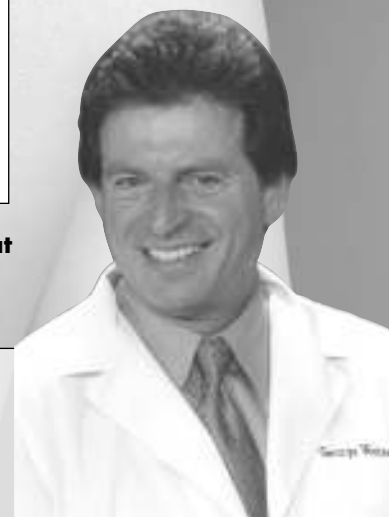
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while painting walls, as well as his paints, a sport jacket that looks as if it could stand up alone, it's so stiff with bright smears of acrylic paint. A chalkboard hangs inside the shed. "When writers come over, I don't want them tagging up my buildings," says Buster.

Behind a cluster of auto shops a few blocks from his home, Buster has painted what graffiti artists call a permission wall. A prehistoric bird appears ready to dive from a tower at the edge of a cliff that's dripping with vines. A prince riding a huge white rat is poised to rescue a damsel held in the clutches of a genie who's materialized from a gold lamp. There's a green Medusa crawling with snakes, words reading, "Why have a dream if you can't live your dream? Only you can make it happen." Also "San Diego" in orange-and-brown, interconnecting graffiti letters, bisected by a character


with Mr. Spock's ears. But someone has scrawled "LVC" over the word "Diego," and the garage door next to Buster's art work is littered with Linda Vista Crips' scrawls. "They just trashed it," complained Buster, who vows to paint over the gang graffiti.

There's plenty of chest-thumping, survival-of-the-fittest, boys-who-would-be-king rivalry among local graffiti writers. But if there's one thing they all agree on, it's that society has wrongly pegged them as gang members and equated their elaborate designs with the careless scrawls of gangsters staking out turf. "So many people stereotype us because of our medium," complains Daze, one of Sake's crew members. "Man, I'm so against gangs and drugs and stuff." (Both Sake and Daze are members of the Guardian Angels.) "It makes me so upset to have someone claim

they're a graffiti artist and they're in gangs," Daze continues. Sake openly ridicules the names gangsters choose for themselves. "To be called Goofy or Lazy...sounds like people from *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*," he says.

"Writers — they have real cool names, like Dash. They're harder." He prefers the nicknames like Buster, Daze, Dyze, Quasar, Nex, Kers (as in "curse"), Zodak, Romeo, Clash, Crush, Vapor, Scae, Fire, Lost, and Penguin, and the names of the others who frequented the California Street walls.

And the writers always try to restrict their battles to the walls. Recently, there was a standoff at the railroad tracks between Daze and another member of No Suckers Allowed and the Underworld Kings. One guy claimed he could paint a piece far superior to the other guy's. Then one guy was accusing the other of making fun of



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the way he talks. Soon, one side was challenging the other to a fight. "Daze goes, 'No, man, I don't fight,'" says Buster. "He goes, 'I just "piece."'" Daze's version of events is similar. "If you wanna go against me," he told his opponents of the moment, "we'll just paint.... I wish everything could be settled that way."

"We had to break it up," says Buster, who says he warned the others, "If you guys fight, everyone thinks that when it's time to battle, that's what it's going to lead to, fighting. They all agreed and said, 'You're right, you're right.'"

Romeo, given his tag by his brother Picasso, is leader of the Underworld Kings. Like a lot of kids who are part of the hip-hop culture of rap music and graffiti, a culture that in past years included break dancing, Romeo wears his hair short on the sides and top and long in back. Anyone

who has taken the trolley out of downtown has probably seen a mural painted by Romeo and a friend last year on a small grocery at 12th Avenue and Market Street. Interconnecting letters filled with swirls of color and outlined in a shade called true blue, spelling out "San Diego." A palm tree, a boy character, skyscrapers, the words "No Toys."

On a quick tour, Romeo and two of his friends point out two graffiti walls: the Euclid Avenue trolley station, completed by Quasar and some buddies in '86 with a commission from the Metropolitan Transit Development Board, whose directors wisely figured permission walls would earn respect of youths who might otherwise deface the station with unsightly graffiti; and an unsupervised, free-for-all graffiti wall called "the pit," just east of the trolley station. The pit is nearly a block long and, in sharp contrast to

the organized series of murals at the trolley station, is full of spontaneous throw-ups, slogans, and characters. "This one's 4 all U punks who sell out your own crew! Suckers! Sayin' peace to my real homies," reads one that lists Case, Sok, Shok, Terock, and Spy, presumably as the homies.

"Personally, I think Romeo's better 'n Sake," confides Lost, whose teeth are swaddled in braces, as they leave the pit. "It's just that Romeo has trouble sometimes getting paint. But he's more creative."

In front of Romeo's home in Logan Heights, there's a retaining wall filled end-to-end with blue-and-pink letters spelling "Memories," complete with painted-on starbursts of reflected light. Romeo dedicated the piece to an 18-year-old girl who had lived on his block and who died in a car crash last December.

Romeo, 16, a student

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“I want to work in real estate,” he says. Not art, not graphics. Real estate. “This is just my hobby, and I want to take it to the limit.” But, says Romeo, “I just don't want to live how I live now. I want to live different.”

In contrast, Buster definitely wants to make it in the art world (after he becomes king locally, that is; he thinks Sake and Quasar should battle again and that he should take on the winner). Next to his genie-and-white-rat piece, Buster painted his true name, Jesse Ortiz, his home phone number, and two others where messages can be left for him. One number will reach the Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park. Centro director Victor Ochoa notes that very few graf-

fiti artists will ever make a living at their art, but Ochoa holds workshops for the kids, urges them to wear masks to avoid the toxic fumes from spray paint. And he's got the connections Buster needs; Ochoa has helped the younger artist land several art commissions. Buster also has made a friend of graffiti guru James Prigoff, co-author of *Spray Can Art*, and regularly sends the Sacramento author and photographer photos of his own pieces. “I really feel strong about my art, and I don't want to let it go,” Buster says. “I'm looking at my future. Should I stick to what I want to do, or should I go out and get a job?” Buster doesn't have a high school diploma. He was kicked out his senior year because he skipped school too much. And he doesn't know if it's worth his while to go back for the diploma.

While at his house, he takes his beret off for

the first time, and it's suddenly clear why he wears the hat so often. Vestiges of a Mohawk, growing out. Ah, adulthood, paths chosen, haircuts abandoned. “I can't walk into Target and get my film developed with a Mohawk!” he says, incredulous that anyone should even ask why he hides his skull.

Buster worries there aren't enough serious graffiti artists in town. “You got a lot of people in these crews that say they're graffiti artists. They get their name tagged right along with yours. All they are is just taggers, someone that just hangs with a crew.... I don't like to waste my paint on tagging.”

Zodak, the 15-year-old artist who painted the monster with the marionette at the California Street walls, was out tagging along G Street with some friends earlier this month and was busted at about 11:30 p.m. for violating curfew. But the

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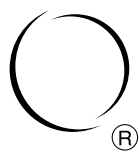
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cops didn't take away the kids' markers. Zadak's artwork, including an impressive sketchbook, full of muscled bodies and a wide range of lettering styles, seems to show the makings of a graffiti king.

Tagging is what younger writers do to get up, to be noticed. "That's how you establish yourself," says Daze, 20, who attends Southwestern College full-time and takes care of kids part-time in a latchkey child-care program. But tagging is done less and less with age, partly because most kids are savvy enough to know that once they're 18, any new criminal convictions become part of the public record. One writer, who still tags occasionally, especially when he's angry about something, says, "Really, vandalism is no great crime. You could tag your name a thousand times, and when you're caught, you're caught for only that one

tag. If they try and make you pay for all [past vandalism acts], they can't do that, because that's the way the law is."

Two years ago, Sake says, he dropped out of high school after getting in trouble for a graffiti spree that caused extensive damage to San Diego sanitation trucks. Sake claims, with a straight face, that he went along with his friends to the city yard but didn't do any tagging. When the spree made the TV news, Sake says, "Teachers were, like, looking at me all screwed up. I just dropped out 'cause I couldn't take the people there. They'd look at me like 'you scum' 'cause I do aerosol art — I don't like to use [the term] graffiti art."

After he dropped out, Sake says he spent his time tagging everywhere his paint and markers found a flat surface. "That's all I did. I didn't work. I racked [stole] my paint."

But lately he's been making payments to his mom for the shiny black '82 Mazda she bought for him. He works 40 hours a week as a "maintenance artist," he laughs, tending the grounds of a church in Casa de Oro. When a writer tagged the church building, says Sake, "I told him not to do it anymore, because I work there. I was, like, 'Damn, now I gotta clean it up.'"

Sake plans to get his high school diploma. He wants to be a cop, like his older sister, a San Diego police officer. "She's real tough and stuff. People respect her."

As a cop, he'd have to bust young graffiti artists, no? "That's true, but it's a job.... That's what's sad about this art form. To get good, you have to do it illegally. I didn't have a place like this [the California Street walls]. I had to go out and risk getting caught every night."

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didn't do it. Neither, apparently, did any of the regular artists who worked the California Street walls. It wouldn't have made sense for any of them to do it; they all knew the price they'd pay. Fred Brousse, the owner of Southwest Safety and Supply, had said he was turning the other cheek, allowing the artists to paint the rear wall of his building. Well, in early March some vandals

spray-painted that cheek. The vandals tagged all around that building. They also sloppily scrawled names like "FTL" (Fuck The Law), "Arnell," and "Filipino Prides" all over three of Cousins' trucks and, according to Cousins' manager, jump-started one of the trucks and rammed it into a wall. They also smeared graffiti on several nearby businesses the same night.

Their handiwork caused several thousands of dollars in damage and brought the curtain down on the California Street walls. "I have changed 180 degrees," said Fred Brousse, angrily. Owners of half a dozen businesses in the area got together and planned their counterattack, and they have more paint than the vandals. The graffiti-busters painted a two-foot-wide,

light-yellow swath the full length of both the Cousins wall and the back of the Southwest Safety and Supply building. "No more!" they painted below the swath on Southwest's building. A few days later, the graffiti art work was completely obliterated with a fresh coat of paint.

The businesses pooled resources and hired a security guard to keep any graffiti — art or anything less — off the walls. "I'm out to stop 'em," swore Brousse. "If I have to arrest them I'll

arrest them. If I have to prosecute them, I'll prosecute them."

Buster, accompanied by Julia, went to talk with Brousse, promising he'd clean up all the tagging damage if they'd let him continue to paint. All to no avail. "Unfortunately, everyone has to be penalized because of the bad guys," fumes Brousse. "It just had to come to a screeching halt."

Sake and Daze face other problems in addition to the loss of their much-loved walls. They were among six Guardian

Angels arrested March 15 at Ninth and F, downtown, in an incident in which police say the Angels overstepped their bounds. The Angels confronted two men they suspected of narcotics activity. The two men, in turn, accused the youths of handcuffing them and generally roughing them up and placed the Angels under citizens' arrest.

"I got more hurt than they did," says Sake of the two men he says were smoking crack when the Angels appeared.

With the sounds of *Yo! MTV Raps* drifting over the phone line, Sake says that he doesn't personally know the youths who vandalized the Cousins and Southwest properties. But, he says, "They're just taggers. They're lower than taggers. They were really stupid. They didn't know what we could lose. That was the only legal wall we had in San Diego County. Everyone's all, 'Where we gonna go?'"

And Buster, he still has his Old Town wall to paint on and is actively searching for more wall space elsewhere. He too belittles the vandals by labeling them as taggers and says, "They don't understand what the art's all about."

— Jackie McGrath

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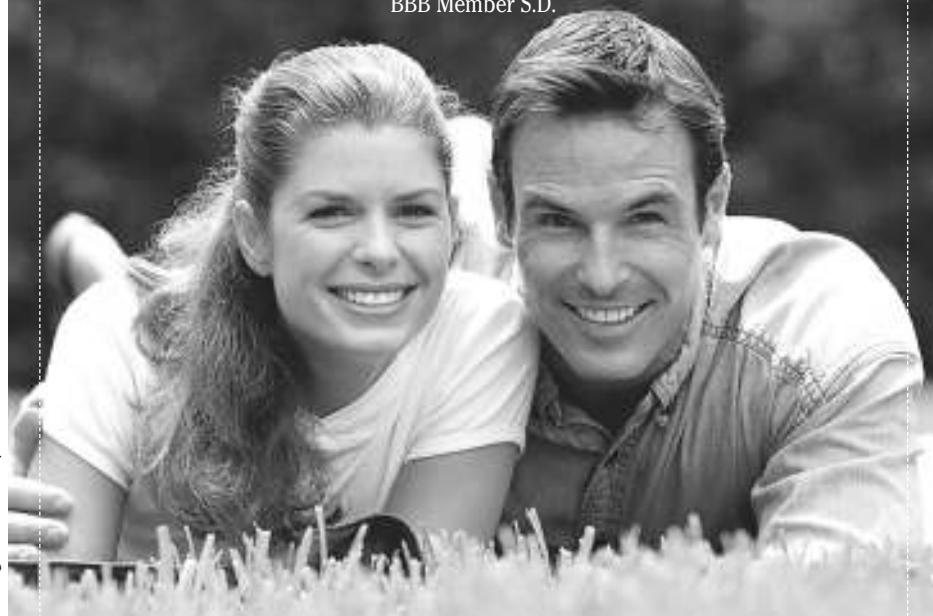
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LETTERS

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Next, I would like to apologize to Todd Nash, executive chef of Dakota Grill and Spirits.

And to prove that the restaurant's concerns are not mainly about food cost and that Dakota Grill and Spirits is obviously doing something right, Todd Nash has been nominated for "Best American Cuisine" in the upcoming Gold Medalion awards. I could not be more proud than to once have been associated with such a fine and talented chef as Todd. Good luck, Todd.

I deeply regret anything that I may have said that was taken out of context and misinterpreted about my former employer — it was truly not my intention.

Hanis Cavin
Executive Chef
Pacific Coast Grill
Solana Beach

No Sympathy

Re "Sweat Tax" ("City Lights," April 28). If this story was intended to garner sympathy from me for Willy and the other illegal immigrants in this story, it didn't work. When he "came across the border," he not only broke our immigration laws but is now working here illegally as well, apparently with forged documents. He and anyone else who is here illegally should be deported, not rewarded. Oh yeah, it would be nice if the author could decide if Willy was the youngest of either 12 or 13 kids. In any case, his parents had more children than they could afford, but his law-breaking does not appear to bother them since he sends them *dinero* each month.

Randle C. Sink
Encinitas

Indecent Report

Aside from the consistently rapid "Overheard in San Diego" and endless minutiae concerning the members of blink-182, I don't expect much from your local music coverage. However, when the death of a vital local musician is treated as was that of Jacob Faust in the April 21 issue, the reporting turns from trivial to offensive.

Michael Hemmingson's "Blurt" article blatantly misquotes Evan Kennedy's tribute from the memorial page

at www.jivejunction.com. Kennedy writes that Jake "didn't seem all there at times and would forget about things, but that it [sic] what I loved about Jake." Hemmingson's article reads, "Jake always seemed to not be playing with a 'full deck,' but that is what we loved about the guy." There is an important distinction between the two, considering that the San Diego Police Department would have us believe that Jacob Faust's death was the result of his own recklessness. Kennedy's rendering of Jake describes him as merely forgetful, while Hemmingson's article implies a mental disorder.

Moreover, he derives this misquotation from one of over 40 testimonials on the website. It is telling that Hemmingson chooses the one sentence that, when taken out of context, supports the police department's account of the events that led to Jake's death.

I doubt that anyone even vaguely familiar with Jacob Faust as a human being would be able to believe that he pulled a prop gun

on police. Jake's van was filled with props for his stage show. If a hand puppet or gorilla suit could be used as justification for the zealousness of one police officer, it's likely that either would have been included in the initial police report.

"Blurt" is a fine forum for local music gossip and tabloid journalism. But when the news pertains to the death of an individual as extraordinary as Jacob Faust, report it with decency or leave it alone.

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Michael Hemmingson re-

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sponds: When I checked this webpage several weeks ago, there were only four entries, and Kennedy's was shorter (no subheaders and intro), less detailed, and didn't have the postscripts (making mention of "in my last email") it now does, so I am assuming he revised it. The line we

printed was the line he had in his entry at the time — I cut and pasted it straight from the website, and I specifically recall the use of "not playing with a 'full deck,'" which seemed more in jest than anything else. It seems Kennedy revised that line as he added more to his entry.

Cope Poke

Dear Carrie (Letters, April 28), First off, let me say I'm really sorry that you're going through some stuff right now with your mom. My condolences to you on that. I myself had a friend die of cancer, as have a lot of people here in this

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country.

Being a cartoonist myself, I think you missed the point behind "Mom's Cancer." Not all cartoons are meant to poke fun at or make fun of a situation. There are two things, Carrie, that make the human race truly unique. The first is that we get navel lint. The second is the fact that we have the ability, even in our darkest moments of despair, to raise our fists and triumphantly say, "Screw you," "Up yours," to something that pretty much is going to beat us. Rather than wallow in our own self-misery, we poke fun at it, we make fun of it. We try to make light of the situation. Not in a mean, malevolent way, but just in a way to help us cope with what we're going through and in some way understand it. Stand-up comedy and comedians do that; songs do that. It's a way to cope with the situation.

I don't know, Carrie, if you bothered to read the article or the beginning of the cartoon. I'm hoping that maybe you'll pick up the *Reader* and look at the continuation of "Mom's Cancer" and maybe find some tidbits you can identify with: "Yeah, I went through that. Yeah, I understand that." I think the whole point behind "Mom's Cancer" is to show what it's like to have somebody that you care about go through something like that. The friend I mentioned, many of the things I saw in the first few pages of "Mom's Cancer" I could identify with and say, "Yeah, I went through that." Maybe you'll see the same things.

All I ask, Carrie, is that you take the time, before you point the accusing finger of saying, "How dare you make fun of that," that you make sure that he really is making fun of that. Because maybe what you perceive as being insensitive and cruel and making fun of or making light of is somebody else's way of dealing with and coping with pain. Artists often draw inspiration from many things in life, both positive and tragic. You draw inspiration and you try to help others deal with those things, whether it be through words, a song, or silly cartoons.

Alex Alexander

Reality Bite

Dear Barbarella, Loved your column last week, sweetie ("Diary of a Diva," April 28).

Just so you know, I think I'm one of those bitter, life-hating bitches you referred to as the cause of your spotty work history. In fact, if you check the average age demographic for female readers of the *Reader*, I'll bet there are a lot of us old hags out here reading your column.

Back in the day, I was like you, honey; clubbing, drug-ging, and sleeping around with the wanton abandon of untamed youth. Time was on my side. I was pretty hot shit and so very, very different and special. My philosophy was to *live* my life so I'd have plenty of stories to tell 'round the fire at the nursing home, though I could hardly imagine what it would really be like to be (gasp!) *old*.

Maybe the shrews you're talking about, so jealous of your indomitable joie de vivre, really did hate your guts and diabolically sabotaged your glorious rise up the ladder of temp-service employment. Or maybe they were going through something called a "midlife crisis."

Because the reality is few of us make it to middle age without a plateful of regrets and unfulfilled desires. And here's another bite of the reality sandwich for you, dear: someday it might happen to you.

For myself, I work with a lot of younger girls, and nothing pisses me off more than to watch as they waste time on boys that don't really like them, distracted by shopping and partying at a time in life when they have all the energy and freedom to achieve some of their biggest dreams. Still, it doesn't give me the right to take out my frustrations on them. I have to remind myself I was the same way at their age.

By the way, my philosophy is still to live life so that I have the best stories. All things considered, I'm a pretty lucky gal, and I still chase after my dreams. Hope you feel the same way, Barbarella, when you turn 40.

J. Cachapero
via e-mail

Voyage Wasteland

Having just read Voyage restaurant co-owner Lew Steinberg's rant in the April 28 letters to the editor,

I find that I must comment. It is clear that the attitude at the top filters down to the lowest level at Voyage (read further). And while I often disagree with Ms. Wise's restaurant reviews, I find her work of value. In the case of the Voyage review (April 21), I was surprised by her positive overall rating as my experience (and hers) was far from positive. I am appalled by the personal attacks that Mr. Steinberg spews forth in his letter, especially his reference to child abuse. He does himself and his business a disservice by revealing himself in this way. Would you want to support or consume the products/services of such an individual?

I had lunch at Voyage last month, and the meal/experience was one of the worst I've encountered in quite some time.

To wit: I was seated at an outdoor table by a waitperson who could have cared less about service and greeted me as an inconvenience. When I asked the waitperson to bring a new bread plate, as the one on the table was smeared with greasy fingerprints and dust, the response was "It's just dust from being outside" and the plate was reluctantly removed. When it reappeared on my table sans dust with the same greasy fingerprints, I should have walked. I ordered a shrimp dish that consisted of several tough, flavorless, and undercooked shrimp in a tomato sauce little more flavorful than ketchup upon watery, overcooked white rice. It was inedible. I paid and made my escape from this sham of a restaurant vowing never to return.

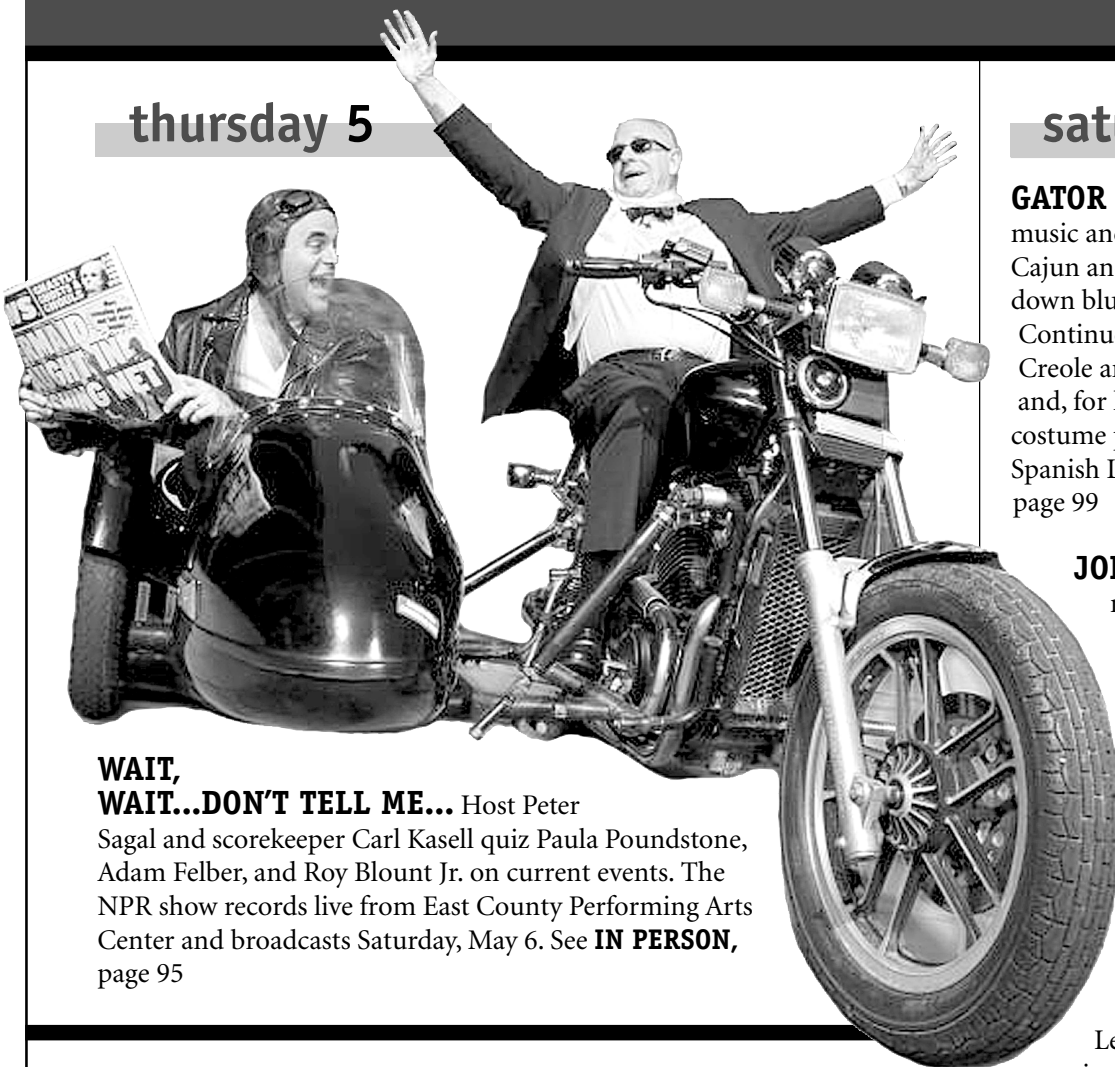
There are damn few restaurants in San Diego that are worth the time and money, and Voyage certainly is not. Apparently Mr. Steinberg views most San Diegans as being of the \$8.95 all-you-can-eat-buffet ilk. It is this attitude that strands those of us who know better in a wasteland of mediocrity *à la* Voyage.

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BIG PHAT BAND Los Angeles-based Gordon Goodwin and his Big Phat Band play hellzapoppin' swing and big band jazz at Point Loma Nazarene University. See **IN PERSON**, page 95

STUDENT ART SHOW Art College International hosts an exhibit of student oil painting, watercolor, stone sculpture, and printmaking at the college's studio downtown. See **ART**, page 104

CORRIDOS REMIX San Diego Rep's musical mixes stories and songs, revue-style, from Latino, African-American, Asian, Portuguese, and French cultures. Starring Luis Valdez, written by Valdez and his brother Kinan, with Javier Velasco's choreography. See **THEATER**, page 106

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REAL SPACE COWBOY Wally Schirra, who flew the *Mercury*, *Gemini*, and *Apollo* missions, signs copies of *The Real Space Cowboys* with coauthor Ed Buckbee at the Fleet Center. See **IN PERSON**, page 96

sunday 8

COUNTRY ICON LORETTA LYNN belts out past hits and recent songs at a Mother's Day concert at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. See **CONCERTS**, page 115

ANNIE The orphan who triumphs over adversity takes her final bow at San Diego Junior Theater. See **FOR KIDS**, page 100

monday 9

MAROON5 Fusing R&B and rock, the foursome play the Jenny Craig Pavilion on the USD campus. See **CONCERTS**, page 115

ROBBERS ON HIGH STREET New York-based quartet brings catchy tunes and dark ballads to the Casbah. Pop trio Ivy shares the bill. See **CLUBS**, page 140

tuesday 10

BEAR PREPARED Safeguard yourself and your vittles against the California black bear. Jackie Paulson shares backcountry camping experiences at Adventure 16's Mission Valley store. See **LECTURES**, page 94

wednesday 11

WAILERS House of Blues launches its downtown venue with the Jamaican musicians who backed Bob Marley. See **CONCERTS**, page 115

I'd Like to Shoot a Gun

Mountain Rendezvous

Some fellas call themselves survivalists, but these mountain men were the true survivalists; they lived off what the mountain gave them. Most people thought these men died from fighting the Indians, but they died from starvation," says Don Denford, cofounder of the Manzanita High-Mountain Rendezvous.

"The mountain men came to the rendezvous, [which was] their get-together once a year to trade furs. It kept them alive for the following year." Denford has been involved in reenacting historical rendezvous for 30 years and founded

the Manzanita High-Mountain Rendezvous 12 years ago with his wife, Joann.

"When the rendezvous starts, the booshway is the one that runs it. His word is law," says Denford. "A lot of men back then would leave cities and trap in brigades. Each brigade had a booshway." He explains that much of the language used by hunters and trappers in the American fur trade between 1700 and 1840 was a mixture of French and English. The booshway is a man who has volunteered to be responsible for the rendezvous from beginning to end. For this year's Manzanita event, April 29 to May 8, the booshway is in charge for ten days. But he doesn't work alone.

The top dog appoints dog soldiers, whose duty it is to police the rendezvous. "If there are any problems, they can handle it," Denford says. "Fire watch at night and during the day, whatever it takes." According to Denford, the Manzanita High-Mountain Club has a spotless record. "We haven't even had anybody with a cut finger." Each camp is equipped with a bucket of water, a fire

extinguisher, and a shovel. There are emergency medical technicians on hand.

Some of the demonstrations and competitions include archery, tomahawk throwing, and target shooting. Participants "hunt" — targets are three-dimensional, animal-shaped metal objects that make a loud gong noise when struck. Visitors must register prior to the rendezvous to participate in any competition or camp overnight and are welcome to learn and try everything that is demonstrated. "People can see how the guns are loaded and fired. Anyone can walk up and say, 'I'd like to shoot a gun.' He signs a waiver and they show him how it works," says Denford.

Last year there were approximately 250 participants (those who camped and competed) and about 300 visitors. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the gates are "closed" to visitors. "We don't turn them away, they're welcome if they show up, but it's just a dead day." During these slower-paced days, demonstrators are given the opportunity to compete.

The concept of rendezvous can be compared to that of a renaissance fair. Participants camp in a cordoned-off area (in this case, a privately owned cattle ranch), survive the elements, and do their best to keep the scenario authentic — from clothing to cooking. "It's the idea that it's a challenge to do it," says Denford. "Get as primitive as you can." Denford wears leather moccasins, leather pants, a calico shirt, and a Bridger-style hat. He made most of this clothing himself.

Members of the Manzanita High-Mountain Club have studied the period (roughly 1700 to 1840) from a collection of resources including *The Book of Buckskinning* series, which consists of 12 books. In the first



book, beginners learn about "clothing, guns, rendezvous, crafts and skills, tipis, and women in buckskinning [clothes made from the suedelike skin of a male deer]."

Though most participants refuse modern amenities and the majority of rendezvous around the country enforce authenticity, the Manzanita High-Mountain Rendezvous is more lax and includes a section for "tin tipis." Denford and his wife, who is no longer able to sleep on the ground, take their tin tepee, an RV.

Sara Claypool, an environmental engineer, has been attending the Manzanita High Rendezvous for eight years. "My husband is the major history buff in the family. He dragged me out to the [first one]." Claypool's husband is what she calls an "amateur historian." How would she characterize the other participants? "Some are real history buffs, some are into archery or shooting sports, and a handful of people are really into family values. [There are] home-schooled Christian families and bikers."

According to Claypool, the best part of the rendezvous is nighttime, after visitors leave. "There's no electric light, so people are hanging out by candlelight." Like everyone else, Claypool dresses the part, but unlike the buckskinners, she does not make her own clothing from deerskin. "Some women dress as Native Americans. I go in more of a colonial costume: a skirt, a chemise. But my costume is not as authentic. The men just get really serious about their costumes. It's just a little bit harder when you're female. Mountain women didn't really exist."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

"La Cultura Baja California" read and signed by author Gabriel Trujillo Méndez on Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m., in reading room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

The Family Comedy *Deberia Haber Obispas* is presented May 7 and 8 at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina

Street, Zona Río). Curtain rises at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, 6 and 8 p.m. on Sunday. 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

Explore Tijuana on Foot with Walkabout adventurers on Saturday, May 7. Walk starts at San Ysidro trolley stop (end of the line) at 10:30 a.m. Outing includes stop at Tijuana Cultural Center, Plaza Río, lunch, outdoor produce market, Avenida Revolución. Bring money for lunch and shopping, water, picture identification for re-entry into U.S. 619-231-7463. (Tijuana)

Celebrate Día del Niño when San Diego Natural History Museum hosts outing to Ensenada for adults and children on Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Participants visit tuna cannery, fish market, tortilleria, bakery; walk along *Malecón*, feed seals, take harbor cruise, more. Fees: \$89 for adults, \$79 per child (6–12), which includes transportation, party, meal, boat ride, snacks, beverages. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ENSENADA)

Modified Vehicles Race on a one-eighth-mile track on Sunday, May 8, 9 a.m., at Autódromo Tijuana (at 3rd Etapa, Zona Río). 011-52-664-623-1589. (TIJUANA)

Mother's Day Celebration Concert planned by Marco Antonio Vazquez on Tuesday, May 10, 8:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)



Bear preparedness clinic at Adventure 16, May 10 (see Lectures)

OUTDOORS

San Diego's Coastal Wildflower Bloom continues practically unabated this month owing to heavy rainfall during the past fall and winter seasons. On north-facing slopes and in shady canyon bottoms, where the sun's drying effects have not yet taken hold, look for native red monkeyflower, blue-eyed grass, wild hyacinth, and nonnatives such as chrysanthemum and mustard. Irrigated freeway embankments, with showy African daisies, blooming ice-plant, and other forms of groomed landscaping, continue to exhibit brash coloration.

Land Bird Migration is in full swing this month in San Diego

County, with warblers and flycatchers among those most commonly seen. Warblers crawl along tree limbs and branches to dine on their favorite insects, while flycatchers, as the name suggests, catch their meals on the wing. Riparian areas such as the San Diego River through Mission Gorge and Marian Bear Park in San Clemente Canyon are favored by both birds and birdwatchers.

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-growing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in

San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and back-yard tree in the older residential areas.

Save the Bay, hosted by San Diego BayKeeper, Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bonita Cove. Event includes Paddle for the Bay V (with four-mile bay course or eight-mile ocean course), water sport product demonstrations, environmental education, live music, beach and bay cleanup. Admission: free (\$25 for kayak racing). 619-758-7743. (MISSION BAY)

"Rattlesnakes of Southern California: What Has Radio-Telemetry Revealed?" Find out when Eric A. Dugan presents program for Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, May 7, 4 to 8 p.m., at Colorado Desert District Headquarters. Dugan has conducted three-year study of rattlesnakes. Group will search for scorpions and other night reptiles with black lights at nightfall. \$25. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Bamboo Tour and Workshop, Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Emphasis on bamboos for home landscaping. \$12. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Celebrate "Join Hands Day" by taking part in neighborhood beautification project on Saturday, May 7, beginning at Starbucks in Rolanda Plaza (6509 University Avenue). Sign-ups at 8:45 a.m.,

event from 9 to 11 a.m. Free. 858-384-3219. (ROLANDO)

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, May 7, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them, water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Venture into Private Gardens during Clairemont Town Council's ninth annual garden tour, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets for self-guided tour: \$10, available at UPS Store (Clairemont Square, 4809 Clairemont Drive). 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m., visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Native Plant World around Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger, Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m. Meet at visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3281. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through trees, chaparral in search of birds, wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking

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"Balanchine Celebrations" at Spreckels Theatre, May 6-8 (see Dance)

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Visit Dairy Mart Ponds to see resident and migrant birds with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to noon. Possibilities: blue grosbeak, yellow warbler, least Bell's vireo, more. Take I-5 to Dairy Mart Road exit; turn right (south) on Dairy Mart Road, and proceed about 100 yards to meeting place. No restrooms or water available. Free. 619-280-7710. (TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY)

Walk Through Wyatt Earp's Old Neighborhood when Patty Fares leads Urban Safari exploration through Gaslamp Quarter, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Baby Animals in Peril! It's a busy time of year for Wildlife As-

sist volunteers. Next recruiting session is Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Venus, the brightest-appearing planet in the sky, emerges from the evening twilight glare this month and remains visible briefly before setting at the western horizon about one hour after sunset. As the year progresses, Venus will become an ever more prominent "evening star." On the evening of Sunday, May 8, the razor-thin, one-day-old waxing crescent moon will lie a few degrees to the right of Venus. If the sky is cloud-free and the air is transparent on that evening, both objects can be spotted just above the horizon around 30 minutes after sunset.

Do Some Trail Trimming and restoring, fence repair, trash removal during volunteer work

party, Sunday, May 8, 8 to 11 a.m., in San Dieguito River Park. Free. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Rediscover Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, May 10, 6 p.m., starting at northeast corner of Escondido Boulevard (at 5th Avenue). 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Butterworth Dance Company celebrates fifth anniversary with concerts May 5-8 at St. Cecilia's Playhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue). Program boasts six original works exploring "relationship among music, movement, and the human condition." Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$15 general. 619-501-5037. (HILLCREST)

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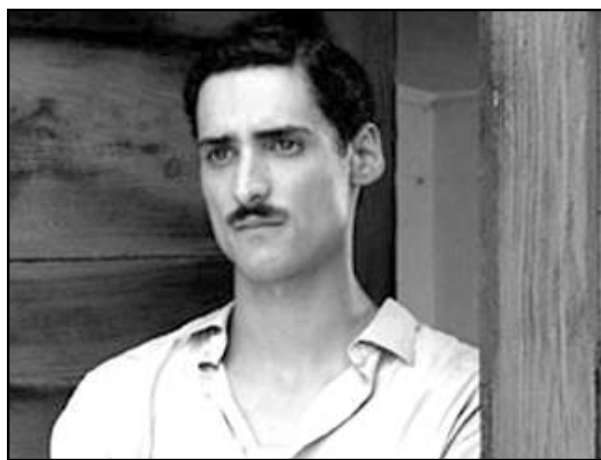
World-Beat Dance and Music on tap when Shalimar dances to music by Damaru on Thursday, May 5, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"Balanchine Celebrations" offered by City Ballet of San Diego, May 6-8, continuing the "success of its Balanchine tribute last year for the choreographer's centenary." Programs include *Stars and Stripes*, *Tarantella*, *Concerto Barocco*, *Donizetti Variations*.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$29, \$39, available at 858-272-8663 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Dance Break 2005," annual spring concert runs May 6-8 in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Diverse choreography by faculty and students in a variety of dance styles showcased. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

'Tis the Season for Spring Dance Concerts, and SDSU's School of Music and Dance hosts recitals May 6-8 in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Choreographers include Graham Hempel, Melissa Nunn, Patricia Sandback, Faith Jensen-Ismay, Tonnie Sammartano, Sarah Kaye. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday



Prima Dammi un Bacio at Italian Community Center, May 6 (see Film)

and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Martha Wild Calls and Lime in the Harp makes the music for contradance on Friday, May 6, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on first Friday of every month, including May 6, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at My Dance Academy (3837 Plaza Drive). \$7. 760-803-9982. (OCEANSIDE)

Cross-Step Waltz highlighted at beginner-friendly dance on Friday, May 6, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages, singles, partners. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Mother's Day Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party at Pattie

Wells Dancetime Center, Sunday, May 8, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$7; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

FILM

The Documentary *The Yes Men* screens for Activist San Diego Film Series on Friday, May 6, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar and Art Gallery, 3396 Park Boulevard. \$3-\$5. Discussion follows. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Prima Dammi un Baccio" by Ambrogio lo Giudice screens on Friday, May 6, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Angels and Insects," starring Douglas Henshall, Kristin Scott Thomas, Patsy Kensit, screens for San Diego State University Film Festival presented by history department, Friday, May 6, 7 p.m., in Little Theater. Discussion led by Edward Beasley. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

"Remember My Name," charting "emotional twists and turns of an urbanite Italian family," is shown for Sunday Matinee series on May 8, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. The "searing study of disconnection" is in Italian with English subtitles. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

The Documentary *The Power of Myth* by "master of mythology" Joseph Campbell screens Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Open discussion follows. \$5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

An "Ebbing Civilization" Is Explored in Miguel Angel Nieto's *Last Sephardic Jew*, screening for Film Forum on Monday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion follows. Free. 619-236-5800. In Hebrew and Ladino with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The Worldwide Battle for Control of Water is explored in *Thirst*, screening Monday, May 9, 7 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Street). Free. 619-225-1083. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Talking Peace," a documentary by SDSU associate professor Mark Freeman about dialogues between Jews and Palestinians, screens Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Open discussion follows. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Ears, Shut. Eyes, Click," Canaan Brumley's documentary on "brutal boot camp training at MCRD and Camp Pendleton," may be seen on Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Brum-



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LECTURES

Native Speakers Series concludes when Randy Edmonds examines “The Indian Urban Experience” on Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m. at Viejas Tribal Hall (off I-8 at Willow Road). Free. 619-644-7529. (ALPINE)

“Introduction to Guided Chakra Meditation” offered by Aria Walker for Cadent Cross Institute on Friday, May 6, 7 p.m., in Canyonview Clubhouse of Sleepy-hollow Apartments (4201 Sixth Avenue). \$10. 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

“New Directions in American Art History” examined when Pomona College art history professor Frances Pohl discusses her textbook *Framing America: A Social History of American Art* for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, May 6, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Formation of Stars and Planetary Systems” examined when Frank H. Shu discusses scientific ideas concerning origin of solar system on Friday, May 6, 4 p.m., in auditorium of Natural Sciences Building at UCSD. Shu is professor of physics and is president of National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan. Free. 858-822-1597. (LA JOLLA)

Tune In for “The Golden Days of Radio,” presented Friday, May 6, 10 a.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Included in museum admission. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

An Origami-Folding Festival is planned Saturday, May 7, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite (155 West Grand Avenue). Four classes offered, for those ten and older. Fee: \$10 per class. Registration: 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

“Intermediate Spider Identification Workshop” presented on Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Class followed by field trip on Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m. to noon. \$43. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Be Well Informed @ Your Library,” seminar series on consumer health sponsored by American Library Association and Walgreens continues with “Modern Epidemics: Diabetes, Asthma, and Heart Disease” on Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). 619-538-8165. Free. (MIRA MESA)

“Ponds — The Ins, Outs, and Unders” is subject on Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m., at City Farmer’s Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“Fiction Queries and Nonfiction Proposals” illuminated when novelist and business professor Carl Nelson presents writing clinic for San Diego Writers/Editors Guild, Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to noon, at Veteran’s Museum (east of Park Boulevard, at Presidents Way). \$20. 760-436-6312. (BALBOA PARK)

“Starting a Vegetable Garden” is productive topic when master gardener Bob Miller examines soil



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LOCAL EVENTS

preparation, crop care, pest control, compost, irrigation, more, on Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$9. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including May 7, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Gourd and Basket Classes offered during Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild events on May 7 and 8 at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Over 40 basket and gourd art workshops offered, along with demonstrations, artists' exhibits, vendor booths, more. Preregistration is recommended, but walk-ins accepted for unfilled classes between 8 and 8:45 a.m. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Puccini's *La Bohème* discussed in a multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

"Ending Life by Voluntary Refusal of Nutrition and Hydration" is subject when Dr. Stanley Terman speaks for End of Life Choices on Sunday, May 8, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

"Orchids and Other Floral Wonders in 3-D" presented by photographer and garden designer James Comstock when San Diego Horticultural Society meets on Monday, May 9, at 7 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$18. Space availability: 760-942-1166. (BALBOA PARK)

Intermediate Middle-Eastern Drumming classes offered by Frank Lazzaro for those with at least one year's *dumbek* experience on four Mondays, starting May 9, 6:30 p.m., at Shalimar Studio (739 Arden Drive). \$10 per class. 760-942-1326. (ENCINITAS)

"Nixon the President, Nixon the Man: What His Friends and Biographers Couldn't Have Known" divulged when Alexander Butterfield — deputy assistant to President Nixon (1969 to 1973) and Secretary to the Cabinet —

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Angeles National Forest's Fall Creek Trail threads the steep, north wall of Big Tujunga Canyon and offers unique vistas of Big Tujunga's dramatic "Narrows" section below. Big Tujunga Canyon drains much of the western end of the San Gabriel Mountains, and was the site, a century ago, of the shooting of one of the last of California's native grizzly bears.

If you can facilitate transportation with the use of two cars — or get someone to drop you off at the start and pick you up at the finish — you can turn the Fall Creek Trail route into a pleasant one-way hike. It doesn't really matter which direction you go, since the start and end points of the one-way route lie on virtually the same elevation contour. Mornings, you may prefer going west to keep the sun out of your eyes; afternoons, going east is probably better. Either way you descend into the bottom of Big Tujunga Canyon with a net elevation loss of about 650 feet, cross the creek, then climb an equal net elevation to get back up the other side.

High-volume flows in Big Tujunga creek in recent months have made crossing the creek difficult — though now with the onset of summer drought that flow is slackening. At the same time, the days are lengthening and the spring-green vegetation is beginning to dry up. By mid-June this hike will lose much of its beauty and appeal. For the latest on trail and creek-crossing conditions, call Angeles National Forest, 626-574-1613. General information can be obtained by visiting www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles.

Assuming you hike in the east-to-west direction, you will begin at Hidden Springs Picnic Area, on Angeles Forest Highway just north of a tunnel located



Springtime chaparral along Fall Creek Trail

about three miles northeast of the intersection of Angeles Forest Highway and Big Tujunga Road. (San Diegans approaching from the south can most easily reach Angeles Forest Highway by taking Angeles Crest Highway north from Interstate 210 at La Cañada.) At the picnic area, and elsewhere in these mountains, don't forget to display the necessary National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car.

The trail doesn't start at the campground, but rather from the highway shoulder about 300 yards north. It goes up along a small canyon (North Fork Mill Creek) a short distance and then veers left along a brushy hillside. After gaining roughly 800 feet in a mile, the trail levels, contours for another mile,

and then begins dropping steadily into Big Tujunga Canyon.

You're almost never completely out of sight or sound of the curling ribbons of asphalt and traffic below, but at least the

yards east to Fall Creek Trail Camp (a former work camp — tables, stoves, and ornamental plantings gone wild), while the middle branch (our one-way route) descends to the gravelly floor of Big Tujunga Canyon.

FALL CREEK TRAIL

Descend into Big Tujunga Canyon, a deep gash in the San Gabriel Mountains, on the Fall Creek Trail.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 148 miles

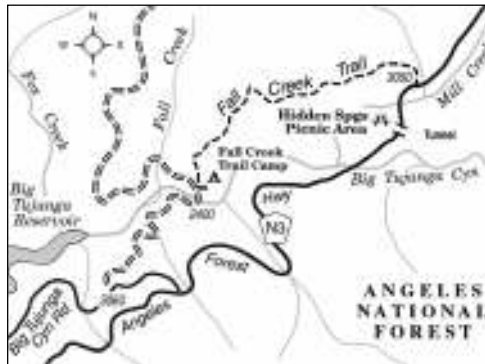
Hiking length: 5.5 miles (one way)

Hiking difficulty: Moderately strenuous

trail smells of wilderness and wild chaparral. The sun-warmed slopes positively reek of sweet-smelling ceanothus (wild lilac) blossoms, and pungent yerba santa and sage. While you're on the descent phase, enjoy the view up the V-shaped gash of Big Tujunga's Narrows to the east.

At 3.5 miles, the footpath you're on ends at a junction of dirt roads. The left branch leads 200

After fording the wide but shallow creek, continue west on the fire road that crookedly ascends the canyon's steep south wall. On the way up, look across the canyon to see water shooting (or dribbling later in the season) down a moss-covered ledge in Fall Creek. The fire road ends at a turnout on Big Tujunga Canyon Road, 0.7 mile west of Angeles Forest Highway, and so does your one-way hike.



speaks on Tuesday, May 10.

Butterfield returns to present "Watergate: Answers to What, Where, When, Who, How, and Why Questions" on Tuesday, May 17. Both talks begin at 7:30 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

"Publish Your Genealogy Using Family Tree Maker or Roots Magic Software" after Phyllis and Jerry Young address Computer-

Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, May 10, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Art and Music of the Baroque" explored during lecture series by Konrad Oberhuber, Musica Pro Arte Ensemble, and Victoria Martino (violin) at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). "1650–1700 in France and Ger-

many" is subject on Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. \$19. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Bear Preparedness Clinic offered by High Sierra adventurer Jackie Paulson on Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Learn to safeguard your food and yourself. Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Lions, Tigers, and Diamonds, Oh My!" Chronicle of a 1929 trip around the world by San Diego jeweler Armand Jessop presented by his

granddaughters Anne Hill and Linda Fox on Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Fascism as Political Philosophy" is topic on Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Encouraging Pro-Social Behavior and Curtailing Aggression in a Post-9/11 World" pre-

sented by psychiatrist, researcher, Carnegie Corporation president emeritus David A. Hamburg on Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD for Convocation Series. 858-534-3583. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Phoenix, Arizona Architect Wendell Burnette speaks for series co-hosted by Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and American Institute of Architects, Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m. at the museum (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt performs on *mohan veena* (Indian slide guitar) accompanied by Shri Subhen Chatterjee on tabla on Thursday, May 5, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$10, \$20, \$30 for children under 12/students/seniors. 858-610-2030 or 760-743-3643. (LA JOLLA)

"Wild and Woolly NYC'ers" Akron/Family are joined by Naomi, Sugar Rush Railroad, and Nick Castro in concert on Thursday, May 5, 8 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). \$5. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

Civil Discourse Movement Champion Christopher Phillips discusses his newest book, *Six Questions of Socrates: A Modern-Day Journey of Discovery Through World Philosophy* on Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Animal Communicator Suzan Vaughn offers 15-minute pet psychic sessions on Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6, 3 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, 12:30 to 6 p.m. Sessions take place at Dog Beach Dog Wash, 4933 Voltaire Street. \$20 per session. Reservations: 619-523-1700. (OCEAN BEACH)

Julieta Venegas and Kinky perform concerts sponsored by Smart-EdgebyGMAC.com on Thursday, May 5, at San Diego City College, and on Friday, May 6, at SDSU and UCSD. Free. Details: 202-285-0785. (DOWNTOWN, SDSU, LA JOLLA)

"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" by James Thurber presented by members of San Diego Puppet Guild for "History Alive" series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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"Spoonful of Hope," a theater performance/installation piece based on contemporary political and social themes, presented by Palomar Interdisciplinary Ensemble May 6-14 in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Performances begin at 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10 and 11. Requested donation: \$8. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Poet and Performance Artist David Antin reads from his new

book, *I Never Knew What Time It Was*, on Friday, May 6, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

St. Petersburg Male Quartet performs Russian folk and church music for St. George Day Celebrations with concert and dinner on Friday, May 6, at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street). Service at 7 p.m., followed by concert at 8 p.m., dinner served (\$10). 619-276-5827. (CLAIREMONT)

Gordon Goodwin and His Big Phat Band perform for Jazz at the Point on Friday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene College (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) begin with salsa by Trese de la Suerta at 5 p.m. on May 6. Series continues on Fridays through

September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Who Stands Fast?" Playwright, director, actor D. Paul Thomas presents this "dramatic evening with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and friends" on Friday, May 6, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Bonhoeffer was part of a group plotting to assassinate Hitler and later hanged close to end of the war. Donation: \$10, \$15. 619-237-3095. (MIDTOWN)

John McEuen, a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, presents benefit concert for Home for Guiding Hands hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, May 7; \$20, \$25. The Strawbs take stage on Sunday, May 8; \$18, \$22. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Gardening Experts Sharon and Bruce Asakawa discuss and sign *California Gardeners Guide*, Saturday, May 7, 12:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

"Celebration of Aloha," slack-key guitarists George Kahumoku and Daniel Ho perform Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m., at Jackson Theatre (1775 Chatsworth Boulevard). Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-302-9928. (POINT LOMA)

"César Chávez: His Life and Times" — Agustín Lira and the singing group Alma present songs and narration celebrating the labor leader on Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m., at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). 760-435-5580. (OCEANSIDE)

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Roger Lowe feels lucky. He's grown up in a stable family, with all the resources and support needed to be successful in school. So when he heard about the foster children living and learning at San Pasqual Academy, he wanted to help. San Pasqual Academy is a unique answer to San Diego's foster care crisis: a residential education campus offering foster teens a caring home and a stable academic environment.

With funding from the Janice Pai Foundation and the assistance of 18 other Scouts, Roger built 60 custom-made bookcases and delivered them to San Pasqual Academy with 982 donated books he collected. Because of his efforts, the foster students can extend their academic interests from the classroom to the dorm room.

"In addition to enriching our students' academic lives, Roger has shown them that there are people who care enough about them to do something special for them," said Debby Syverson, Program Liaison at San Pasqual Academy.

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Rock the Library, the Devine Guitar Academy and Shadows Taller Than Our Souls perform Saturday, May 7, 3 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-479-1827 or 760-602-2058. (LA COSTA)

The Illusionist Team Dizappear presents magic show on Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m., in amphitheater at Kit Carson Park (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Free. 760-744-1151. (ESCONDIDO)

Gospo-Centric Recording Artist Dorinda Clark-Cole performs Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m., at North Park Apostolic Church (4079 54th Street). \$22. 619-470-9800 or 619-229-2740. (NORTH PARK)

"Life Is a Cabaret" — a concert of jazz, pop, and Broadway standards — presented by San Diego Men's Chorus on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m., at the Center (3909 Centre Street). Selections by Gershwin, Sondheim, Waller, others. Tickets: \$20, \$30. 619-296-SONG. (HILLCREST)

In Commemoration of National Nurses' Week, Melissa Moriarty signs and discusses *Nursing Illuminations: A Book of Days*, Saturday, May 7, 5 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Oceans Apart perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, May 7, at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle

Magdalena). Cost, time: 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Artist and Entrepreneur Mark Roberts releases his new "Healing Heart Fairy" on Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m., at Canterbury Gardens (2402 South Escondido Boulevard). Roberts plans seminar on "how to display and care for his collectible fairies," will sign autographs. 760-746-1400. (ESCONDIDO)

Westwind Brass performs baroque, multicultural, "contemporary and serious pop," and bluesy jazz on Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). 619-582-4349. Offering. (SAN CARLOS)

Meet Two Space Cowboys when astronaut Wally Schirra and "space notable" Ed Buckbee present a talk and sign *The Real Space Cowboys* on Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Songs and Stories with a French-American Flavor" on offer when storyteller, musician, juggler Michael Parent performs for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Suitable for adults. \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

Local Sounds promised first Saturday of each month when ensembles from Coastal Communities Band perform at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Next up: Clarinet Marmalade Quintet on May 7, 1 p.m. Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)



"Celebration of Aloha" with George Kahumoku at Jackson Theater May 7 (see In Person)

Mysterious Galaxy Celebrates its 12-year anniversary on Saturday, May 7. Visiting authors include Dennis McKiernan, James Rollins, Emily Toll, Denise Osborne, Craig Spector, Jeff Mariotte, Don Winslow, Thomas Zigel, Denise Hamilton. Authors appear between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Schedule: 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

The Annie Moses Band plans concert on Sunday, May 8, 6 p.m., at Church at Rancho Bernardo (11740 Bernardo Plaza Court). \$10. 858-592-2434. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Country Gospel Jam, Sunday, May 8, 4 p.m., at Coastline Community Church (511 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 104). "Pick, play, sing, or just enjoy." Free. 760-727-4140. (ENCINITAS)

Chula Vista High School Mariachi presents mini-concert at noon on Monday, May 9, at Athenaeum

Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Nova Menco Flamenco performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, May 9, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

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

The Comedy Grill features comics Claude Shires, Lamont Ferguson, and Mitch Feingold, on Monday, May 9, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Suspense Author C.J. Box (*Out of Range*) and mystery author

Harley Jane Kozak (*Dating Is Murder*) sign books on Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Donald H. Harrison signs and discusses *Louis Rose: San Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur* on Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Alpine Women's Club (2156 Alpine Boulevard). Free. 619-445-2544. (ALPINE)

Award-Winning Author Gary Soto — known for his poetry, biography, playwriting, and fiction for youths and adults — discusses and signs his work on Tuesday, May 10, 4 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-602-2012. For those eight and older. (CARLSBAD)

Latin-American Harpist Carmen Elena Barreiro performs Venezuelan folk music, accompanied by Gabrielle Barreiro (acoustic bass), Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

New Writing Series, Spring 2005 continues with reading by poet and scholar Mark Nowak on Wednesday, May 11, 4:30 p.m., in UCSD's deCerteau Room (3155 Literature Building). Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"And Music Can Be a Doorway to That Peace..." Deva Premal and Miten perform Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Tickets: \$25, \$50. 858-945-8094. (ROLANDO)

Fertile Ground, poets, lyricists, spoken-word artists, musicians welcome to open-mike events every Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). \$3. 619-726-0012. (SAN DIEGO)

The Paul Viani Sextet performs Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Donation. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Author Umang Malhotra signs *Individual, Society, and the World*, Wednesday, May 11, 6 p.m., at Cafe Bassam (401 Market Street). Free. 619-557-0173. (DOWNTOWN)

Entertaining in an Avant-Vaudeville Style, Seattle-based singer/accordionist Jason Webley is joined by Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films on Wednesday, May 11, 8 p.m., at UCSD's Ché Cafe. Classic silent films will roll to live musical accompaniment. Donation: \$5. 858-534-2311. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry and Art Showcase, San Diego Art Institute hosts events Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. Guests include Al Howard (spoken word, music), María Teresa Fernández (photography), and poet Elena Velásquez. Find the institute at 1439 El Prado. \$3. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Southern Gothic Romantic Mystery Author Charlaire Harris signs *Dead as a Doornail* on Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

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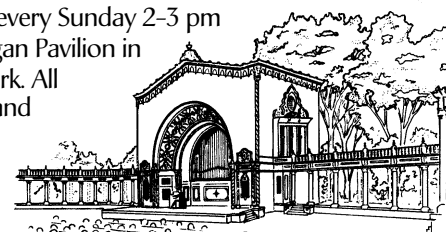
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SPORTS

Del Mar National Horse Show, 60th annual show of competitions, instruction, and displays concludes with hunter/jumper events through May 8. The "\$100,000 HBO Grand Prix of Del Mar" is Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m. Events are held in Del Mar Arena at Del Mar Fairgrounds (2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Free weekday admission, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; \$8 for weekend day events. Reservations: 858-792-4288. (DEL MAR)

The Boys of Spring, San Diego Padres are in St. Louis for baseball

games against Cardinals, May 5-8, at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 11:15 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Road trip continues with stop in Cincinnati for games against Reds, May 9-11, at 4:10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 9:35 a.m. on Wednesday. 877-374-2784.

Barrio Logan Grand Prix Bicycle Race, Saturday, May 7, with starts from 7:30 a.m. to 4:33 p.m. with categories for those from three years old to adult. Racing is visible along closed 0.8-mile "figure eight" course, located "immediately upon exiting southbound I-5 at César Chávez Parkway." Free for spectators. 858-495-2454. (BARRIO LOGAN)

International Walk/Run for Celiac Disease is Saturday, May 7, at South Shores Park. The 1k starts at 7:30 a.m., with 5k stepping off at 8 a.m. 858-395-5421. (MISSION BAY)

That Dam Run 10-Miler and Heel to Heal 5k run/walk and kids' fun run is Saturday, May 7, starting at 8 a.m. at Elfin Forest Recreational Preserve (on Harmony Grove Road). 619-574-8900. (SAN MARCOS)



Annie at Casa del Prado Theatre, through May 8 (see For Kids)

USSFWR Championship Tour Surf competition runs 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, at Oceanside's north harbor jetty. Free for spectators. 949-369-6677. (OCEANSIDE)

Bring Your Four-Legged Friend to San Diego Humane Society's 11th annual Walk for Animals, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Petco Park (100 Park Boulevard). 619-243-3408. (EAST VILLAGE)

Kayak Brunch with Mom hosted by Aqua Adventures on Sunday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

starting at Aqua Adventures Kayak Center on Hospitality Point (1548 Quivira Way). Expect leisurely paddle to waterfront restaurant for brunch, then paddle to return. Fee with kayak rental: \$45, without rental: \$25 (doesn't include cost of brunch). Single and tandem kayaks available. Reservations: 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

Heavy (Foot) Traffic on 163, the 2005 Race for Literacy 8k run/walk boasts course along Highway 163. Event starts near Spreckels Organ Pavilion at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 8, finishes at Pan-

toja Park (on G Street). 760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK, DOWNTOWN)

Ultimate Frisbee League welcomes beginners for coed easygoing play, Saturday mornings through June 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Mira Mesa Community Park/Rec Center (8575 New Salem Street). Fee: \$30 for adults, \$25 for those under 18. 858-220-1208. (MIRA MESA)

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)

Showpark Ranch and Coast Classic runs Tuesday through Sunday, May 10-15, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

Wildflowers Are Gathered all around Julian for display during Julian Women's Club Wildflower Show, continuing through Sunday, May 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Free. 760-765-1626 or 760-765-2924.

Concurrently, see "Doors," a show and sale by Julian Arts Guild, offered upstairs at the town hall, May 6-9. Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Free. 760-765-2399. (JULIAN)

Pottery, Glass, and More on offer during annual Palomar College spring student art sale, May 5-7, next to Howard Brubeck Theatre. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2302. (SAN MARCOS)

Book Cellar at Rancho Santa Fe Library features half-price book sale, Thursday-Saturday, May 5-7, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Find library at 17040 Avenida de Acacias (at La Granada). 858-756-4780. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

International Gem and Jewelry Show, May 6-8, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Exhibitions of gems, minerals, jewelry; celebrity exhibits, estate jewelry, vendor booths. Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 301-294-1640. (DEL MAR)

Spring Book Sale is Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Balboa Library (4255 Mt. Abernathy). Books, VHS videos on offer. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Art in the Valley, Carmel Valley Artists host 42nd annual spring show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 7, at Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Thirty-eight artists exhibit work in variety of media. Free admission. 760-945-6922. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Plato's Protagoras is subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Twenty Members of North County Printmakers exhibit their work through Sunday, August 7, in second-floor corridor gallery at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Show opens with reception on Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m. Free. 760-728-6281. (DOWNTOWN)

Taiwanese Culture and Food Fair on Saturday, May 7, 5 p.m., at Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Traditional Taiwanese cuisine, folk dances. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

"Arch in the Park," program hosted by San Diego County Archaeological Society is Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Archaeologists on

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High-Mountain Encampment with costumed characters from period spanning French and Indian War through North American fur trade era, runs Thursday-Saturday, May 5-7, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Demonstrations of "primitive skills," tomahawk and knife

throwing, tipis, target shooting, archery, more.

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

Gator by the Bay, an annual zydeco and blues festival, returns to Spanish Landing Park (on Harbor Drive) on May 7 and 8. Live music by eight blues bands, six zydeco bands, Cajun and Creole food tasting and cooking demonstrations, kids' activities, dance lessons, more. Admission: \$10 adults, free for those under 12.

Mardi Gras Masked Ball with Brian Jack and the Zydeco Ramblers, Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Sheraton San Diego (adjacent to festival). Cover: \$14. 619-234-8612. (DOWNTOWN)

Genealogy Book and Periodical Sale, Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Admission: free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

"Ya Gotta Have Art" silent auction and reception for local artists benefiting Mission Hills Library is Saturday, May 7, 5 p.m., at Frame Maker Gallery (3102 Reynard Way). Admission: \$20. 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

Chula Vista Historic Home Tour is Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including a French Normandy-style house, a Colonial Revival house, Monterey-style house, Spanish "eclectic" home. Self-guided tours start at Chula Vista Heritage Museum (360 Third Avenue). Participants may drive themselves or take free trolley. \$23 fee includes tea. 619-420-5612. (CHULA VISTA)

25th Annual Home and Garden Tour hosted by San Vicente Valley Club is Saturday, May 7, featuring four homes with "diversified interiors and exteriors, plus unique and lovely gardens." \$10. 760-788-0813. (RAMONA)

"Garden Vistas: Near and Far," seventh annual Mission Hills Garden Club Garden Walk is Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Self-guided tours begin at Mission Hills Nursery (1525 Fort Stockton Drive). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 day of walk. 619-543-9388. (MISSION HILLS)

Plant Sale with all manner of plants on offer hosted by La Mesa Beautiful is May 7 and 8 at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church (4816 Glen Street). Sale opens at 9 a.m. both days, closing at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 619-750-1307. (LA MESA)

"Pug Nups!" Fourteenth annual pug rescue party, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Del Mar Fairgrounds. Wedding chapel and wedding outfits for (canine) photographs, cupcake chomp, pug wet T-shirt contest, pug/owner dress-alike contest, best female and male contest, more. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ten and younger. 619-685-3580. (DEL MAR)

North County Wine Fest, Saturday, May 7, 3 to 7 p.m., at La Costa Resort and Spa Clubhouse (2100 Costa del Mar). Wines from around the world, culinary samples prepared by resort's chefs, live entertainment, chocolate and port samples. \$50. 760-902-8447. (CARLSBAD)

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Baseball Legend Alice “Lefty” Hohlmayer will be on hand during Women’s History Museum and Educational Center fundraiser and membership event on Saturday, May 7, 3 to 5 p.m. Event includes “rarely seen footage,” film clips from *A League of Their Own* and Hohlmayer’s historical perspective on the film, entertainment, refreshments. \$15 general. Find museum at 2323 Broadway, suite 107. 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

House of Israel presents a program of music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Festejando a las Madrecitas, 15th Annual Festival of Beloved Mothers is Sunday, May 8, noon to 6 p.m., at Holiday Park (found on Pio Pico Avenue, between Carlsbad Village Drive and Chestnut Avenue). Artist-led craft activities, live music, youth group performances, food for sale, flowers. Free. 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Epiphylum Society Show is Sunday, May 8, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, May 9, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$6. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tour of *La Bohème* on Tuesday, May 10 (5:30 p.m.), or Sunday, May 15 (12:30 p.m.), at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). See scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry | TO MR. TILMAN AFTER HE HAD TAKEN ORDERS



John Donne

THOU, whose diviner soul hath caused thee now
To put thy hand unto the holy plough,
Making lay – scornings of the ministry
Not an impediment, but victory;
What bring'st thou home with thee? how is thy mind
Affected since the vintage? Dost thou find
New thoughts and stirrings in thee? and, as steel
Touch'd with a loadstone, dost new motions feel?
Or, as a ship after much pain and care
For iron and cloth brings home rich Indian ware,
Hast thou thus traffick'd, but with far more gain
Of noble goods, and with less time and pain?
Thou art the same materials, as before,
Only the stamp is changèd, but no more.
And as new crowned kings alter the face,
But not the money's substance, so hath grace
Changed only God's old image by creation,
To Christ's new stamp, at this thy coronation;
Or, as we paint angels with wings, because
They bear God's message and proclaim His laws,
Since thou must do the like and so must move,
Art thou new feather'd with celestial love?
Dear, tell me where thy purchase lies, and show
What thy advantage is above, below.
But if thy gainings do surmount expression,
Why doth the foolish world scorn that profession,
Whose joys pass speech? Why do they think unfit
That gentry should join families with it?
As if their day were only to be spent
In dressing, mistressing and compliment.
Alas! poor joys, but poorer men, whose trust
Seems richly placèd in sublimèd dust,

– For such are clothes and beauty, which though gay,
Are, at the best, but of sublimèd clay –
Let then the world thy calling disrespect,
But go thou on, and pity their neglect.
What function is so noble, as to be
Ambassador to God, and destiny?
To open life? to give kingdoms to more
Than kings give dignities? to keep heaven's door?
Mary's prerogative was to bear Christ, so
'Tis preachers' to convey Him, for they do,
As angels out of clouds, from pulpits speak;
And bless the poor beneath, the lame, the weak.
If then th' astronomers, whereas they spy
A new-found star, their optics magnify,
How brave are those, who with their engine can
Bring man to heaven, and heaven again to man?
These are thy titles and pre-eminences,
In whom must meet God's graces, men's offences;
And so the heavens which beget all things here,
And the earth, our mother, which these things doth bear;
Both these in thee, are in thy calling knit
And make thee now a blest hermaphrodite.

— John Donne (1572–1631)

Jerry Coleman Roast, the 32-year Padre broadcaster takes a turn on the spit when San Diego Press Club hosts roast, Thursday, May 12, 6 p.m. at Shelter Pointe Hotel and Marina (1551 Shelter Island). \$50. 619-231-4340. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Arts Alive Banner Auction and fireworks fundraiser is Thursday, May 12, 5 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Bid on a handpainted vinyl banner with theme related to

Oceanside. Admission: \$20. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

“The Disasters and Miseries of War — Prints by Francisco Goya and Jacques Callot” are on view through Saturday, May 28, in Fine Arts Galleries of Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Exhibit includes 80 etchings and aquatints by Goya, 18 etchings by Callot. Free. 619-260-4261. (LINDA VISTA)

San Diego Historical Society Showcase 2005 continues through Monday, May 30, at Judge Alfred Haines House, listed on National Register of Historical Places (2470 E Street). House has been renovated by 20 local design teams. Tours begin at 10 a.m., continue through 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. \$25. 619-533-7355. (GOLDEN HILL)

Lavender Days Celebrations continue through Sunday, June 26,

at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). Self-guided tours of nine-acre farm include essential oil distillery, wool shed, lavender labyrinth to walk. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekend. Free. 760-742-1489 or 888-407-1489. (VALLEY CENTER)

FOR KIDS

The Musical Tale of the triumphant orphan *Annie* is presented by kids of San Diego Junior Theatre through May 8, in Casa del Prado Theater. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. May 7 performance is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

“Animals, Animals, Animals!” Big Joe Productions perform through Sunday, May 8, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Enjoy *Sleeping Beauty* when Weaver's Tales take stage May 11–15.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” presented by Coast Kids Theatre through May 8, at Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway). Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$5 children. 760-721-9983. (OCEANSIDE)

Ant-Sized Adventures offered for preschoolers, Friday, May 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Short hike, story time, group game, craft. Bring water, snack, wear layers. \$2.

Required reservations: 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Kids' Magic Mile, 2005 Race for Literacy is Saturday, May 7. One-miler starts 8 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. 760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Arts and Activities, kids three and older are invited to crafts and activity program, Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m., at shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

“Magic at the Symphony” is planned when magician Lyn Dillies joins San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt for Family Festival concert of symphonic classics on Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$7–22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Brent Hartinger Will Give You a Dollar if you think his reading is boring! Hartinger will discuss and sign *The Order of the Poison Oak*, sequel to *Geography Club*, on Sunday, May 8, 5 p.m., at Obelisk the Bookstore (1029 University Avenue). 619-297-4171. Free. (HILLCREST)

“Peter Pan” is presented by Young Actors' Theatre, May 12–21, at J. Isaac Pavilion (2788 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard). Thirty-five young singers, dancers, and actors take part in tale of boy who doesn't want to grow up. Performances begin at 7 p.m. May 12–14 and May 19–21; 2 p.m. matinees on May 14 and 21. Tickets: \$9 for adults, \$7 for those under 12. 619-670-1627. (SPRING VALLEY)

Award-Winning Author Pam Muñoz Ryan — who was recently invited to read at White House — presents talk, signs books on Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). For those eight and older. Free. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Talent Show Skateboarding Demo and contest on Sunday, May 15, 1 to 4 p.m., at Hanger 94

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Reading

Do You Hear What I Hear? Religious Calling, the Priesthood, and My Father



Minna Proctor

Viking, 2005; 304 pages; \$25.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: At the first revelation that her father, a sixtyish university professor, wants to become an Episcopal priest, Minna Proctor is flummoxed. She neither encourages nor disparages him because she simply doesn't know what it means. Brought up primarily by her mother in a household without any religious expression or guidance, Proctor was surprised to learn that her unconventionally charming, intellectual father had a religious life, and what's more, a higher calling. When he is summarily turned away, Proctor delves into the Byzantine discernment

process that rejected her father from the priesthood and the pivotal notion of calling. Based on lengthy conversations with her father, interviews with clergy and religious scholars, and readings of classic faith narratives from Augustine to Simone Weil, *Do You Hear What I Hear?* is

an exploration of a very human phenomenon in the light of cultural shifts over the last three decades.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY

Publishers Weekly: Proctor uses the occasion of her divorced father's revelations about his religious odyssey to explore the history, theology, and politics of Christian vocation from the perspective of a nonbelieving daughter. In addition to allowing the reader into the richness of an ongoing dialogue with her father, Proctor offers wide-ranging research and interviews with participants in the process used in the Episcopal Church to discern whether candidates are called to ordained ministry.

The Tallahassee Democrat: Discernment may be one of the most coveted of spiritual gifts. But those blessed with glimpses into the heart of God do not always have

it easy. Abuse of power or self-doubt is inevitable. Proctor narrows discernment to this question: "Who exactly has the power to decide whether a person has been called to serve God — that person himself, a discernment committee, a bishop? Who rightfully should have the final say when someone wants to devote himself to pastoring?"

The New Yorker: Cosmopolitan and secular, Proctor discovers a wistful envy of her father's faith and a touching indignation when his proffered service is turned down: "I don't think I believe in a God who sends psychic messages through bureaucratic processes."

The Village Voice: Proctor weaves together candid commentary from an assortment of priests, nuns, and theologians, who make the discernment process sound like it's one part religious experience, one part corporate job interview,

and one part audition for *The Real World*. In previous eras, the field was a lot easier to crack; as Proctor points out, in Emily Brontë novels, second sons who didn't inherit the family fortune became priests by default. And in his Catholic high school, Proctor's father recalls seeing recruitment pamphlets with the slogan "Are you prepared to answer the call?" But nowadays, the screening process includes "letters of recommendation, psychiatric and psychological assessments, criminal record checks, standardized tests, as well as a series of interviews."

Newsday: Proctor is an intrepid reporter, interviewing thoughtful priests, nuns, and rabbis. She's also an avid reader, and she weaves in the work of St. Augustine, Simone Weil, Thomas Merton, and other religious writers. Mixed into this scholarly memoir is the author's determination to unravel the twists of the 45-

phase ordination process established by the Episcopal Church. In *Do You Hear What I Hear?* the author examines historical examples of calling, citing Paul's experience as one of the more spectacular — he was struck blind on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. During her writing, Proctor encountered nothing so dramatic as loss of sight. "I didn't convert. I didn't find God."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Minna Proctor, essayist, magazine editor, and award-winning translator, was born in 1971, in Oberlin, Ohio. Her mother, a composer, and her father, a music theorist, taught, at the time of Ms. Proctor's birth, in the music department at Oberlin College.

"We moved often," Ms. Proctor said on the afternoon that we talked. "I was an academic brat. We went from Oberlin to Hartford, Connecticut, to Austin, Texas. And

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"I think we wrestle with the core reasons behind decisions we make that are not explainable in pragmatic terms."

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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 is located 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 John-

son, 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 computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at

the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of

aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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 peri-

ods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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then my mother moved to Wellesley, and my father was still at UT Austin and then went on to Columbus, Ohio. My sister and I stayed with my mother in Wellesley. I was nine when they divorced.

"I went to college at Wellesley. I got a degree in Italian with a minor in English and moved to Italy for several years. I came back to New York and went to Columbia and got an M.F.A. in fiction."

Ms. Proctor's writing has appeared in *Bookforum*, *The Nation*, *Aperture*, and *The New York Observer*. She is executive editor of *Colors* magazine. She lives in Brooklyn. This is her first book.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "Is that you on the cover?" I asked Ms. Proctor. The young woman who graces the cover is exceptionally pretty.

"Yes, it is. I'm actually not as embarrassed about the cover as I thought I would be, because the picture is very natural looking. I was worried that it was going to be silly."

I had read Ms. Proctor's book, in part, because as an Episcopalian, I was interested in what my church now calls "the discernment process." When I was young, nothing like this process existed in the Episcopal Church. As an Episcopal priest friend of mine said, "You just went to your priest and said, 'I'd like to be a priest,' and they sent you to the bishop and you said to him, 'I'd like to be a priest.' And he said, 'Well, here are the seminaries we think you could go to.' And then, once you finished your B.A. off you went to seminary."

I told this to Ms. Proctor, who said, "It's changed a lot in a short time. The Episcopal Church has, in its own words, developed 'the gold standard of the dis-

cernment process,' or, more specifically, expert evaluation of candidates for the priesthood.

"It's a way that people in the congregation get to be part of a process that concerns them, and it goes to the heart of the idea that this is a call from the congregation. It's not a bureaucratic process. In the best version of the discernment process it is a community effort that leads a parish to think about what they bring to the church, what they want to bring to their religion. In the worst-case scenario it doesn't work like that."

"How do you describe the discernment process?"

"A really, really, really long job interview. I think it may be the longest in the world and one of the most challenging. I actually do think of it as a job interview, one that has theology and spirituality and community and relationships built into it as well as

background checks and school records and academic preparation and physicals. They check your credit records. In New York, there's a 96-question exam that you fill out before you even start, so they get the basic information. This questionnaire has every kind of question in the entire world on it — what your mother did, what your father did, what you studied in school, what your first job was, have you had sex yet, have you been married, do you have children, what do you think of them, what are their names, what have been their diseases. The discernment process is essentially a job interview conducted by the church community."

"And the process is different in every diocese."

"Yes. They're trying to standardize it, because studies show that it is dramatically different from one diocese to another. It was

created to be different to allow for different ways bishops have of running a diocese. Because Episcopal bishops have very different congregations they're working with; they have different styles of administrating. So there is a point to the flexibility."

"What would go, for instance, in Dixie," I said, "would never..."

"...go up north," said Ms. Proctor. "And these differences are not about the church canons but about the society. The national church wants to standardize the process."

"I did interviews in Ohio and in Indiana, and in these places people are very comfortable talking about hearing voices, getting messages from God, which I was entirely intrigued by and then found that my father was pretty startled by it. This certainly is not his style, but it's obviously part of the religion of people around

him. When I went to New York Episcopal churches and asked about hearing messages from God, people said to me, right out, 'If someone walks in here and talks about hearing God, I might send them to the shrink.'

"So there are different ways Episcopalians have of expressing the faith. It's not only different modes of expressing it but of experiencing it. If everyone around you is speaking in tongues, then that might be what comes to you as natural. If there were some mode of expression that was essentially religious, then that would mean every religious person experienced it, no matter where they lived. But instead, these different experiences and different expressions vary tremendously. My father, with all of his rationalism, would have been much better in the Northeast than

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 Vic-

torian 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 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 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.

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he would have in Ohio. There's a very different discernment process, for instance, in New York than in Ohio, where my father is."

I said that I felt bad for

Ms. Proctor's father, that his Ohio discernment committee turned him away and refused him the possibility of studying for the priesthood.

"I did too. I thought that was extremely sad. And apparently somewhat common. When I was speaking with people in the national church who develop the discernment process and monitor it and help different areas develop it, and I explained my father's process, they shook their head sympathetically and said, 'Sometimes, you know, it doesn't work.'"

In her book, Ms. Proctor writes about "calling." I asked what "calling" meant to her.

"People have talked about it over the centuries; they've looked for different ways to express it, but I think of calling as the idea that you are doing something that you are inherently supposed to do."

"It's your gift?"

"Your mission. But, as I discuss in the book, I think that we wrestle with the core reasons behind decisions we make that are not explainable in pragmatic terms. When we think about whether to get married, whether to go to college, whether to change a job, we are thinking about calling or mission. These decisions are about 'want,' but 'want' that feels like need. We may need to be a fireman and save people's lives. We may need to try to stop a war or do what we think we can do to stop a war."

"Calling" gets to some of those essential questions that, no matter who you are, even if you're a raging atheist, are questions about what you are meant to be doing. It's about drive. Calling is an ambiguous way of describing a specific feeling that has no explanation.

"When my father entered Catholic seminary as a child, there was never any discus-

sion of whether or not he was called. It was assumed he was. Otherwise he wouldn't have darkened the bishop's door. And for Anglicans, calling wasn't considered important in the past. The second son often simply went to the Church. Men who were going to teach at universities had to take orders. You could take orders even if you were an atheist. It was about something else, and before that, even in Puritanism and Judaism, any kind of covenant religion, it's assumed that you're essentially called already. And it's just your job to serve."

"I felt," I said, "that writing this book was a way for you to be with your father again."

"Yes. I think it was. I had no idea how to write this book. I tried three or four ways. But somewhere in the middle I realized that I was essentially writing a love letter to my father. If I have

a narrative voice, it's narrating to him. The project was for me to be with him, to learn more about him, to have this opportunity as a grownup to go back and meet my father again and in a deeper way.

"I never would have thought that there was a new way to know my father as an adult. I certainly never would have thought that his spiritual path would have been the way. I can't even put enough conditionals on it to explain how inconceivable the whole process was, but then when it happened, it was an amazing experience. I got to call him and have these conversations that meant something to him. We would talk for two hours. I'd call him with specific questions, like, 'Where was your grandmother born?' and never get to answer the question because we would talk for two hours about something else that had to do with the book that actually meant more."

"And so in every way it was

about spending time with him, and in every way it was also about trying to figure out this discernment process in the Episcopal Church for him as well as alongside him. There's a part of me that wanted to figure it out as a gift to him.

"I don't come from religion. It's a new topic for me and perhaps one I may not come back to, although I loved having access to it. If I wanted to describe myself, I might say that I was trying to champion the idea that religion is something that all of us not only can talk about but should talk about and know more about, and the idea that it's limited somehow to either scholarly or first-person accounts, I think, is an idea that should be crumbled. Especially because it's such an important part of American political life today. I feel we should all figure out what it's about." ■

— Judith Moore

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 recreation 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 August. Four scale-model 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, 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 Museum of African Art, collections are represented of all regions of the African continent, covering civilizations of Sarah and Asante empire to Zulu kingdom in south. Find museum at 3066 North Park Way; 619-295-6622. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through October 2005, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

"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. Also on

view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "giant-screen films" include *Amazing Journeys*, *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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 a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla

Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo 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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Mozart and Beethoven Piano Quartets may be heard when San Diego Chamber Music Society performs for First Thursday Concert on May 5, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

USD Choral Scholars present "a broad spectrum of music" in concert on May 5 and 7. Concerts presented at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday in Shiley Theatre and at 8 p.m. on Saturday in French Parlor, Founders Hall. \$8 general. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Senior Voice Honors Recital planned by Laura Mitchell in UCSD's Erickson Hall (B210) on Friday, May 6, 8 p.m. The soprano will sing pieces by Korngold, Foss, Gounod, Mozart, Copland, Brahms, and Bizet. Steven Schick conducts an ensemble consisting of Charles Curtis (cello), Robert Zelickman (clarinet), Rob Esler (percussion), and Mark Polesky (piano) on Foss piece; Mitchell is joined by pianist Stefani Walens on other pieces. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and Prokofiev may be heard when pianist John Lill performs Friday, May 6, 8 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets: \$20, \$30. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Super Sondheim" presented for annual "President's Concert" featuring Palomar Symphony Orchestra, Choral, and Chamber Singers on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. Program includes salute to "brilliant American composer and lyricist" Stephen Sondheim.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission

Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

The Most Popular Opera Ever Written? San Diego Opera's season closes with Giacomo Puccini's *La Bohème*, starring lyric soprano Fabiana Bravo, tenor Richard Leech, soprano Ute Selbig. Sung in Italian, with dialogue projected above the stage. Conducted by Edoardo Müller, directed by Ian Campbell.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, Tuesday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 18; 8 p.m. on Friday, May 13; 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Taiwanese-American Heritage Week opens with concert by cellist Felix Fan, pianist I-Hsuan Cheng, Sarana Chou on Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m., at Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convo Court). Program includes compositions by Rachmaninoff, Schumann, Chou, Tyzen Hsiao. Free. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

Magic at the Symphony is planned when magician Lyn Dillies joins San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt for Family Festival concert of symphonic classics on Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$7-22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Violinist and Rising Star Frank Huang presents recital on Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m., at California Center

for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$27. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Music for Mother's Day on tap when Hutchins Consort presents final "Second Sundays" concert of season hosted by San Dieguito Performing Arts Association on May 8, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Requested donation: \$5. 760-944-1866. (LA COSTA)

A Mother's Day Special is promised when San Diego Children's Choir joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Piano Students under direction of William Daghljan present recent work in recital on Monday, May 9, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Violinist Ramon Osa presents undergraduate honors recital with compositions by Sarasate, Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Aulis Sallinen, J.S. Bach on Tuesday, May 10, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

USD Chamber Music Ensembles perform Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Mezzo-Soprano Jo Clemmons presents faculty recital on Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

Opera Arias performed every Wednesday, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Alfieri Restaurant in Sheraton San Diego West (1590 Harbor Island Drive). No cover. 619-291-2900 or 619-692-2778. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Music Student Honors Recital wraps up Concert Hour series for semester on Thursday, May 12, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Free. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Juilliard Strings and Pipes, eight musicians from Juilliard perform chamber arias and solos featuring works for string quartet, harp, and organ in concert Sunday, May 22, 7 p.m. at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Offering. 858-729-5531. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

Painters Pat Beck and Marianne Champlin have work on view through Sunday, June 26, at Rancho Santa Fe Art Gallery (Union Bank Building, 6004 Paseo Delicias). Meet artists during reception on Thursday, May 5, 5 p.m. 858-759-3545. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

A Survey Exhibition of work by students of Arts College International is on view through Saturday, June 11. The "ACI Student Art Exhibition" opens with reception on Friday, May 6, 6 p.m. Find gallery at 840 G Street. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Annual Student Art Exhibition" commences with reception, open house, demonstrations on Friday, May 6, 5 to 8 p.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). 760-744-1150 x2304. Show closes Thursday, May 19. (SAN MARCOS)

"In the Park," artist Miceala Porte, a native San Diegan who has lived in Paris the last 22 years, shares recent paintings at Golden Pacific Arts (520 Fifth Avenue) through Wednesday, May 18. Exhibit opens with reception on Friday, May 6, 6 p.m. 619-235-0700. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Unpublished Photographs of Bob Dylan included in "The Photography of Elliott Landy," opening with reception on Friday, May 6, 6 p.m., at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street). Through Sunday, May 29. 858-551-0835. (LA JOLLA)

"Anthem of the Soil," juried show of water-media paintings is on display through Saturday, May 28, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Calvin Fortbrook. Reception for artists is Friday, May 6, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Jewelry from the Garden" opens with reception for 13 participating artists on Friday, May 6, 6 p.m., at Taboo Studio (1615 ½ West Lewis Street; 619-692-0099). Through Friday, June 17. (MISSION HILLS)

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"Topsy Turvy," with artwork by Chandu and thatkidpeep, opens with reception on Friday, May 6, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). 619-757-4966. Exhibit continues through Friday, May 27. (DOWNTOWN)

"Museology," a solo exhibition of recent paintings by Aaron Brown, opens with reception on Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m., at Sushi Take Out@ Limbo Fine Arts (1432 University Avenue). The seven medium- to large-scale oil-on-canvas paintings "offer a visual and conceptual intersection." 619-235-8466. (HILLCREST)

"It Ain't Necessarily So," exhibition of watercolor paintings by Gordon Bashant, Arthur Sultz, and Richard Harris is on exhibit through Sunday, May 29, at Studio of Art and Design (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Artists' reception: Sunday, May 8, 4 p.m. 858-755-6202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Art Student Exhibition 2005" opens with reception on Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive; 619-644-7299). Exhibit of work in variety of media closes on Friday, May 20. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

"Into the Rabbit Hole," featuring artwork by Youngjung Cho, is on view May 9-12 in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. Reception is Thursday, May 12, 6 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Making It: Ten Years of Artist Commissions at California Center for the Arts, Escondido" continues through Monday, July 4. The exhibit "examines the intimate collection of artworks produced through artists' residencies held between 1995 and 2005" at the museum, with work by Stephen Curry, Roman de Salvo, Jay Johnson, Peter Walker, Eloy Tarcisio, Esther Mera.

"Mixtec Medicine" celebrates "the antiquity, intelligence, and beauty of Mixtec culture and medicine." Exhibit uses photographs from fieldwork and images from ancient Mixtec books called codices. Closes Monday, July 4.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding" includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals. Continuing.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through summer.

"First Collections — Dolls and Toys of the World," continuing through Saturday, May 7, includes dolls and toys from around the world, including France, England, Japan, India, Mexico, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Panama, U.S.A.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on *The History of Beads* by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel.

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Continuing.

Ongoing: "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Richard Allen Morris: Retrospective, 1958-2005" explores oeuvre of this "painter's painter" with 150 paintings on view through Sunday, August 28. Exhibition includes examples of Morris's work from the many different styles he has adopted throughout his career.

In "Cerca Series: Jaime Ruiz Otis," the Tijuana-based artist creates minimal installations and sculptures addressing "economic and cultural reality unique to life on the border between the United States and Mexico" using items

culled from maquiladora Dumpsters. Through Sunday, June 26.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, a variety of works in media including sculpture, painting, and installation by established and emerging artists are gathered in "Collectors XX: Building a Museum Collection," closing on Sunday, May 15. The exhibited pieces (being considered for acquisition this year) are accompanied by major pieces purchased by Collector groups over the past 20 years.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, photographer Ed Burtynsky has highlighted intersection between environment and technology for past 20 years. "Manufactured Landscapes: The Photographs of Edward Burtynsky" showcases his large-scale color photographs examining "theunorthodox beauty along with the ecological devastation of manufacturing sites." Closes Sunday, June 5.

"Andrea Modica: Treadwell/Fountain" continues through Sunday, May 22. "Treadwell" — with 22 platinum prints and 17 previously unexhibited images — is described as "a photographic journey that began in 1986 and concluded with the death of its

principal subject." Modica's latest project is "Fountain," 41 prints exploring "the process of growing up in Fountain, Colorado."

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Antigone

6th@Penn Theatre stages Marianne McDonald's new translation of Sophocles' tragedy about civil versus "higher" laws. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MAY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Bungler

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents, in a new translation, Molière's farce that proves "servants are always smarter than their masters." NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, LOMAS SANTA FE PLAZA, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 15; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Catch a Falling Star

The Sullivan Players present Lee Murphy's comedy-drama about Ginny Wakley's homecoming ("planned by her overbearing mother") and a *People* magazine

exposé that could ruin everything. D.J. Sullivan directed. SWEDENBORGHIAN CHURCH SOCIAL HALL, 1531 TYLER STREET, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, SATURDAY, MAY 7, THROUGH MAY 21; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MAY 15, AT 2:00 P.M.

Corridos Remix

The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents Luis and Kinan Valdez's "musical fusion of ballads beyond borders." Kinan Valdez directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MAY 22; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY (AND TUESDAY, MAY 10) AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Gin Game

The brand-new Center Stage Players present D.L. Coburn's comedy-drama about Weller and Fonsia, who live at, and begin to resent, the Bentley Retirement Home. CENTER STAGE PLAYERS, NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, FRIDAY, THROUGH MAY 15; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-462-2131.

Girl Meets Girl

Adams Avenue Theatre presents "the outrageous sitcom that's too hot for TV" and contains nudity and adult situations. ADAMS AVENUE THEATRE, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH MAY 8; THURSDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. 619-819-7571.

Godspell

OnStage Playhouse presents the popular musical, based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Raylene J. Wall directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THURSDAY, MAY 6,

THROUGH JUNE 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Irish Step Dancing

Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song. DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

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Killer Reunion

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion that doesn't go according to plan. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

Late-Nite Catechism

Back by popular demand: In most interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performance. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno's adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders latecomers to take their seats NOW. She's here because it's Father Murphy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't spare-the-rod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audi-

ence rubs its knuckles from suddenly unexpressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And — whether threatening eternal damnation to a gum chewer or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot) — she's as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. *Late-Nite Catechism*, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It's *The Rocky Horror Show* for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 10; MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Looking for Normal

Diversionsary Theatre stages Jane Anderson's "bittersweet transgender drama" about a husband and wife of 25 years. Marriage counseling reveals that "he's a woman trapped in a man's body." Lisa Berger directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, SATURDAY, MAY 7, THROUGH JUNE 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MAY 22, MAY 29, AND JUNE 5 AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine"

side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). *Male Intellect* never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote *Male Intellect*, which, like *Forever Plaid* and *Late-Nite Catechism*, has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being so sensitive). When asked which of the characters he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, 'I've been out with every one of those guys!'"

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, ONGOING RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Marat/Sade

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Peter Weiss's sweeping drama about the murder of Jean-Paul Marat, as performed by asylum inmates directed by the Marquis de Sade. Stefan Novinski directed. SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, THURSDAY, MAY 12, THROUGH

MAY 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Metamorphoses

"Nothing in this world is safe," Ovid writes. In his compendium of ancient myths, *The Metamorphoses*, he blurs boundaries between gods, humans, animals, and nature. Ovid speaks like the curator of a vast, strange museum, explaining how swans came about (Cygnus's grief), the laurel (Daphne), constellations (Perseus/Andromeda), hermaphrodites. And in this universe, the only certainty is change. When she decided to stage the poem, Mary Zimmerman wanted the theatrical equivalent of Ovid's unpredictability. Her choice is obvious and eloquent: a rectangular pool. As they recreate the stories of how things came to be, actors wade and splash (one even drowns). Lamb's Players captures the look of the award-winning play. Nathan Peirson's lighting turns the surface blue, coal black, and blood red. Jeanne Reith's modern/mythic costumes rank among her best, as does Deborah Gilmour Smyth's original music. And under Robert Smyth's thoughtful direction, the comic scenes are light as *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Lamb's version is fun and visually enchanting. The opening night performances were often tentative, or etched in stone, the pace studied. The show could have been stronger — and probably is by now — if the actors gave in more to the fickle world they portrayed, and kicked it up. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 22; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-6050.

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My Boyfriend the Stripper

Adams Avenue Theatre hosts a new romantic comedy, by Joe Bailey and Ronnie Larson and starring adult video star Parker Williams. ADAMS AVENUE THEATRE, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH MAY 8; FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-819-7571.

A Naked Girl on the Appian Way

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Richard Greenberg's comedy about Bess, a cooking show host, her husband ("a genius who lacks some essential life tools"), and their adult children. Mark Rucker directed. SEGERSTRON STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH

MAY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

Nunsense

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about the Sisters of Hoboken and their need to raise funds fast. Ray Limon directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 5; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Pageant

It takes some doing to put the faces in the program with the performers in Cygnet Theatre's show. The faces are male; the performers, contestants for the crown of Miss Glaboresse, are female — or, more accurately, men in beauty contest drag: gowns, swimsuits, statewide smiles. Plus, the performers are also in a contest. Audience members pick the winner each evening. Sean Murray directed *Pageant* for the North Coast Rep, and it was a big hit. His current version of the "musical comedy beauty contest," co-directed by James Vasquez, is sharper and funnier. Highlights include David McBean dressed as Scarlett O'Hara. S/he sings "Camptown Races" with two puppets, ventriloquizing their voices brilliantly. Also, as the ditzy Miss West Coast, Vasquez parodies a Martha Graham-like expressive dance called "the Seven Ages of Me." The set, gold and tinsel cur-

tains that have seen more sparkling days, could have been imported from an old Glitter Gulch lounge. So could Steve Gouveia's Master of Ceremonies, Frankie Cavalier. He looks like Bert Parks, smooth talks like a Hallmark card, and is so sincere he's downright *eerie*. He's also a riot. So's the show. And I mean it.... (Due to popular demand, Cygnet has extended the run of *Pageant*.)

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

Play It Again, Sam

The Julian Theatre Company (formerly the Pine Hills Players) stages Woody Allen's comedy about Allan Felix. To win the dating game, he seeks advice from the spirit of Humphrey Bogart. JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET, JULIAN, THROUGH JUNE 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-765-2119.

The Prisoner of Second Avenue

Vista's new Broadway Theater stages Neil Simon's 1971 comedy about the events following Mel Edison's loss of his advertising job. BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROADWAY, SUITE B, VISTA, THROUGH MAY 15; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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Raisin’ the Rent
Ernestine Anderson’s nightclub owes three months’ back rent. She’s got till midnight to produce the cash. So she, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, Etta James, Nancy Wilson, and Billie Holiday hold a “rent party.” *Raisin’ the Rent* is the third of Calvin Manson and the Ira Aldridge Players’ tributes to the great African-American female vocalists. A balky sound system and a tight band (led by hot keyboardist Michael Sanders) that needs some reigning in prevent the dinner-theater show from always raising the roof. But it often does, especially in Act Two, when Ayanna Hobson’s feisty Ella sings “If I Can’t Sell It, I’ll Keep Sitting on It” (does she mean her easy chair?), and Arnessa Rickett’s brash Etta lets her hair down, literally, with “Let the Good Times Roll.” Wearing a red sequined cocktail dress (uncredited costumes a major plus), Charmen Jackson’s smooth, stylish Ernestine masters every number and goes cobalt with “Ain’t No Good Life” blues. And any show that lets Anasa Johnson play Billie Holiday (she was unforgettable in Manson’s *Evening with Billie*) is guaranteed spunk and class, not to mention prompting patrons to fill

Ernestine’s large, rent-raising brandy snifter with greenbacks.
Worth a try.
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Return Engagements
Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Bernard Slade’s farcical vignettes, set in a Canadian guest-house. John Simonds directed.
SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH MAY 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (AND SATURDAY, MAY 21, AT 4:00 P.M.). 858-578-7728.

Slow Dance on the Killing Ground
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Ten Little Indians
Coronado Playhouse presents Agatha Christie’s whodunit about ten people invited to an island off the southern coast of England. Bob Christiansen directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re

“losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Vesuvius
South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Lucinda Coxon’s drama about a man and a woman, strangers, able to recall the past. David Emmes directed.
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Vincent in Brixton
In 1873 Vincent Van Gogh came to London. Twenty years old, a dapper prude, he stayed at the Loyer residence. And fell in love. Most biographers assume with progressive, 19-year-old Eugenie. But Nicholas Wright’s comedy-drama contends it was with her 57-year-old mother, Ursula, and that Van Gogh had a sexual awakening and — also thanks to her — an artistic awakening as well (in the play’s final image the Baton of Truth changes hands; the genius has found his calling, and you half expect to hear sonorous organ chords). *Vincent at Brixton* is skeletal at best and ties too neat a knot. Historical accuracy and facile explanations aside, what makes the Old Globe’s production watchable is the play of its textures. Like Alan E. Muraoka’s scenic design (a fully functioning 1873 kitchen as detailed as a still life), the characters are grainy, rough, or smooth. Graham Hamilton’s Van Gogh’s a cantankerous peeve bursting to fall in love and out of his civilized trappings. Combining stillness with layered

nuances of feeling, Robin Pearson Rose makes the play look worthy of the Olivier Award it won in 2003. She’s steadfast in mourning, steadfast in love (and so impressive she almost makes the playwright’s non sequiturs work). Caitlin Muellder injects Act Two with energy as Van Gogh’s sister Anna, who comes to London and takes over, so adamant, so controlling, she’s like a buzzsaw through balsa wood.
Worth a try.

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Radio wars are common, but when Arbitron identifies a “ratings distortion” by a station, it’s a rarity.

listening habits. Another reason Arbitron says it flagged the KUSS ratings is because KUSS maintained that “improved ratings performance is necessary for the station to survive.”

Clear Channel programming VP Jim Richards said, “I don’t believe the things [DJs] Tony and

“Jim’s morning show broke...fundamental Arbitron rules. [Randall and Rochester] worked for us for 11 years. [The duo left KSON in January 2004.] I can assure you that they understood the rules.”

One radio veteran said it’s been 20 years since Arbitron flagged a San Diego station in their book because of possible ratings distortion.

— Ken Leighton

When Elton John plays

Cox Arena tomorrow, his hospitality room must be kept at a “comfortable temperature at all times (60 degrees in the summer, 70 degrees in the winter).” The room requires “table and floor lamps rather than overhead fluorescent [lighting],” “four large green plants,” and a “large arrangement of colored flowers (no chrysanthemums, lilies, carnations, or daisies).” He wants eight diet Cokes (“must be in cans”), four large bottles of San Pellegrino water, one pint of fresh orange juice, assorted teas, Equal sweetener, and “we will use approximately forty kilos of ice on a show day.” He “reserves the right to have removed from the premises

and have relieved of his/her duties any persons, security/house staff, who have been seen abusing their authority or using excessive violence to members of the



ELTON'S SERIOUS ABOUT HIS FLOWERS

general public.”

When Moby appears at 4th & B on Sunday, the stage, his dressing room, and “any transport provided” must be designated “no-smoking areas with signs posted accordingly.” He requires “no less than 30 complimentary tickets or guest passes” and insists “there will be no restriction on admission for

reason of sex, race, religion or any other prejudice.” His contract requests “ten pairs of white cotton crew socks and ten cotton boxer shorts [no color specified].”

— Jay Allen Sanford

The Hot Snakes

release of *The John Peel Sessions* — only on 7” vinyl — “sold so well that we had to put it out on CD,” says guitarist John Reis.

Other indications of local interest in vinyl: In March, Cattle Decapitation’s 1999 debut, *Human Jerky*, was re-released as a vinyl picture disc; The Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower’s *Love in the Fascist Brothel* was released on CD and in LP form in February, after vinyl rights were acquired by 31G; local label GSL started a vinyl collectors’ “Singles Club” with new wax released each month (April’s record was by Go Go Go Airheart).

Manual Scan’s five-song 7” EP *Plan of Action*, from 1982, will soon be reissued by Spain’s Munster Records. It will be limited to 1000 copies. “I recently sold two copies of the original to two different people in Japan for \$225 each,” says onetime Manual Scan singer/guitarist Bart

Mendoza. He says he isn’t worried about the reissue ruining the collectibility of its 1982 forerunner. “There simply aren’t that many of the original around. And the new version is desirable on its own.... The real collectors want them both.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Jewel, in the studio working on her sixth album due for release in September, posted the following audio



JEWEL: HAVING FUN... DOING WELL

message on her website: “I’m in LA and I’m writing songs.... I’m pretty excited

the inside track blurt

Last week, Arbitron told advertisers that Clear Channel-owned KUSS (“U.S. 95.7,” a country station) had ratings numbers that may be higher than they should be.

According to Arbitron, KUSS morning disc jockey Tony Randall said on the air: “When people ask you what you listen to, you tell them us.... Say, ‘Oh yeah, I listen all the time....’ I don’t care if you miss a day, you say you listened....” Arbitron takes it seriously when stations ask listeners to report false

Kris [Rochester] spoke of have a direct result in any increase or decrease in U.S. 95.7’s reported listenership.... [Competitor] KSON is grasping at straws. They are trying to find anything that may show that we had an unfair increase in ratings.” Richards admits he had discussions with Randall and Rochester to make sure they “fully understand what can and cannot be said on the air.”

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about two of them. One of them is called 'Again, Again, Again' and the other one is called 'Satisfied'... I produced it myself, first time I ever produced myself, all by myself and it was really fun and really exciting. And um, now I'm just looking for one or two more songs to round out the record, but there's a lot of old stuff all of you know like 'Stephenville, TX,' and, um, '1000 Miles Away,' even, maybe? That's it, hope everyone is doing as well as I am. Bye."

She'll try out new material on an 11-show tour, beginning June 15 in Denver and wrapping up June 26 in Temecula.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"I'm the Guitar Center guitar champion of San Diego," says Greg Vaughan, winner of the San Diego Guitarmageddon competition — a nationwide contest presented by Guitar Center.

"On the day of my [preliminary] performance, I picked up my new guitar," says Vaughan. "I call it the 'Sacred String.' Fred at the Repair Zone spent 13 months making it.... On the night of the competition, I had an army of about 18 of my guitar students there, most of whom were wearing T-shirts that said, 'Way of the Sacred String.'"

The competition's three judges rated seven areas of skill: musical composition, originality, technique, dynamics, continuity, stage

presence, and audience response. They picked six players as finalists.

"There must've been a couple of hundred people there [at the finals]," says Vaughan. "The La Mesa Guitar Center is a huge store...." Vaughan won the San Diego finals, but he lost the district competition in Los Angeles.

Practice Trax provided a CD of 15 recordings without vocals or melodies from which the contestants chose their song. The contestant wrote in their guitar tracks and then performed the song in front of the audience.

"The song I picked was called 'Classic Rock Key of A (In the Style of Led Zeppelin),' " says Vaughan. "A lot of players picked that song. It was weird how some of us, in our heads, heard [similar] melodies or arpeggios in those practice tracks. All you've got is a



THE MUFFS SWAY PEOPLE'S MINDS

rhythm track to go on, and these guitarists who don't even know each other [came] up with the same ideas."

— Ed Decker

"If you go to an all-guys' school, you're not going to write a song about grass growing," says singer Murphy Martin, 16, of Muff.

One of their songs employs the band's name and a lewd sexual reference. He says it can be a challenge to be a rocker at North Park's Catholic St. Augustine High School.

"We have a dress code, so we have to find clever ways to

express ourselves. One teacher asked why I had a big skull belt buckle.... Some teachers are lost in the 1920s. They are very strict. It's the older ones that are threatened. The younger ones just let you express yourself."

The school staff drew the line when Muff played on campus.

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: ADAMS AVENUE ROOTS FESTIVAL

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



"When they would announce us, they would call us Murph or the Murphys."

For two years the band couldn't play the October orientation for seventh- and eighth-graders.

"Kevin [Maloney, Muff drummer] and I tried every year, but we were always told to try again next year. We wanted to play so bad. It was discouraging to see the other bands that did get to play. Nobody would sing. They were all instrumental. They finally let us play this year. After we played, one parent came up and told us their kid is really shy and he wasn't sure if he was going to go to our school or Uni [University of SD High School, also a Catholic prep school]. After he saw us, he wanted to go to Saints. I heard from teachers that we swayed people's minds."

Muff appears Friday at the Hot Monkey Love Café with Myron and the Conniptions, all ages, \$6 admission; and Wednesday at Brick by Brick with Sunsets and Landscapes, \$5 admission, 21 and up.

— Ken Leighton

Pro-pot bands cheapen the value of industrial hemp, says Jordan Loder. "They

stereotype hemp as being psychoactive [and] revel in the fact that they are breaking the law. They behave the same way people did during Prohibition."

While local

bands Vegetation, Stranger, and Psydecar have songs that celebrate marijuana, Loder writes and sings songs about how THC-free hemp can be used to make clothes and paper and how hemp

"...has more digestible protein than soy and more omega-three fatty acids than fish oil.... I want to put out my next CD with jewel cases made of plastic hemp, hemp paper, and soy ink."

Loder played last month at the Alternative Fuels Summit near Fresno, where attendees heard about how used cooking oil can be used in diesel cars. One of Loder's songs blasts Big Oil. *Oil man, you better stop your plan / You've got the blood of our mother all over your hands.*

"It's not enough just for musicians to say, 'Fuck George Bush,' but to also put out [CDs] using hemp and to put together events that raise money and environmental



LODER: STRONG HEMP VIEWS

awareness. We have a show May 27 at [OB political activist] Jim Bell's house."

Jordan Loder (www.jordanloder.com) appears Wednesday at 'Canes with Big Provider, Not Since Reagan, and Deadline Friday, \$5 admission.

— Ken Leighton

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Banjo Road

"I ran into Tom Hanks at Eric Idle's birthday party."

While talking with John McEuen, founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, I mention that I saw NGDB in 1971 when their hit single "Mr. Bojangles" was fresh on the charts (#9). I was 11 and it was not only my first concert, but my first date. The (very) young lady and I were there to see the headliner, her favorite singer: teen idol Bobby Sherman.

"Yeah, that was an odd pairing," says McEuen. "We were getting booed offstage; the Sherman fans were so intense. Finally, we began saying, after almost every song, 'Are you all here to see Bobby Sherman?' Then we'd let the resounding high-pitched thunder die down and say something like, 'Well, here's one of his favorite songs.'"

He describes NGDB fading into the background even while opening for about two dozen Doors concerts, including one where Jim Morrison almost didn't perform. Drunk? Stoned? MIA? "It was because his mother was in the audience...he refused to leave the dressing room until she was out of the building. What a nice boy. Maybe he knew how silly some of his attention-getting antics were and knew she would tell him so."

McEuen played on nearly all Nitty Gritty Dirt Band singles and albums that made the *Billboard* charts, writing much of the group's material and nursing an on-and-off solo career. He'll perform May 7 at Acoustic Music San Diego in Normal Heights, with proceeds donated to Home of Guiding Hands, which operates community group homes for individuals with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, and other neurological disabilities.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Tony Furtado, *These Chains* ("Innovative, melodic.")
2. Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs, *Flatt & Scruggs: The Original Sound* ("The best bluegrass.")
3. Britney Spears, *In the Zone* ("My wife likes to dance. Very well recorded, too. And boy, they can both dance well.")
4. Hanna-McEuen, *Something Like*

a Broken Heart ("My son's record, with his cousin Jaime.")

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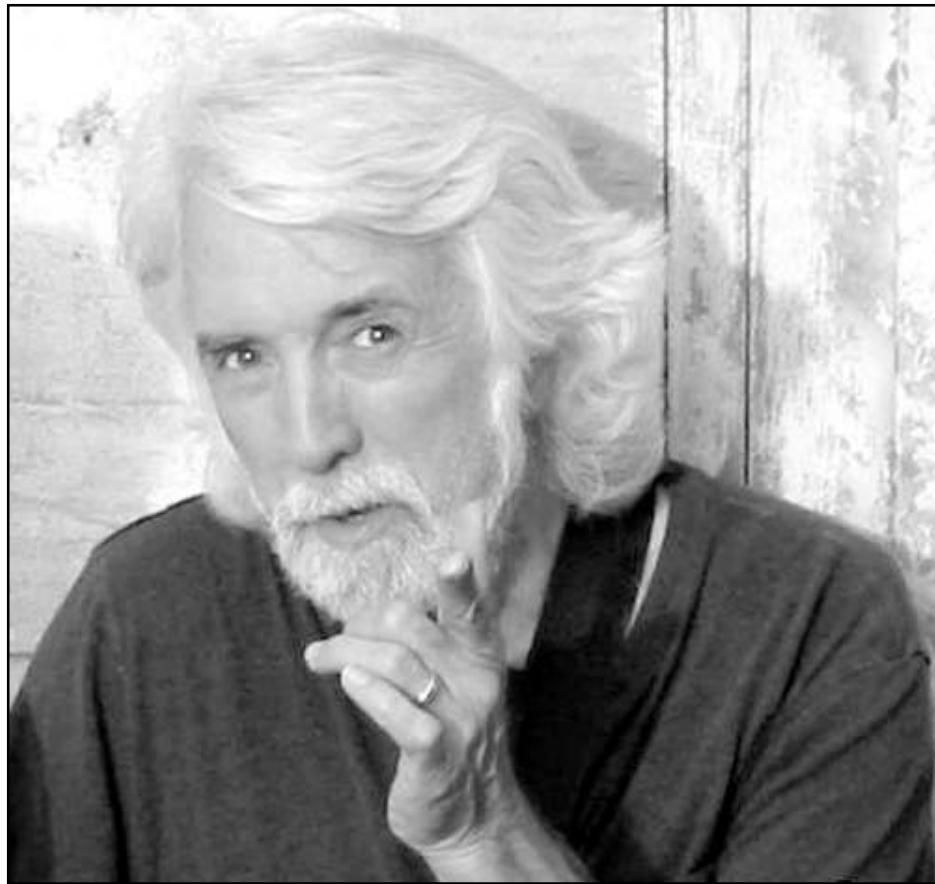
1. *Citizen Kane*
2. *Ray*
3. *Maria Full of Grace*
4. *Toy Story*
5. *As Good as It Gets*

HARDEST SONGS TO PLAY LIVE?

1. "Turkey in the Straw," writer unknown. "I play it in an old-fashioned style called frailing from the 1880s. It's really fast and the second half is hard reaches. It's like aerobic banjo, but I usually nail it."
2. Opus 36, Muzio Clementi. "Written for the harpsichord in the 1700s, [it's] technically difficult for banjo. I have only played it perfect about four times in my life — fortunately one was on a recording — although the 'mistakes' would not usually be noticed by the audience."

FIRST INSTRUMENT OWNED?

"I had a \$95 Harmony guitar that I bought at 17 years old so I could learn songs my brother was playing. After six months the only songs I knew were ones he showed me, so I got a banjo on my 18th birthday — he didn't have one. My dad warned me that I was 'going down the wrong



John McEuen

road' but gave me the banjo as a present."

THREE THINGS YOU MISS LEAST ABOUT THE '70s?

1. "I'm glad so many people have quit the drug thing."
2. "Overdrawing my checking account."
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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Basia: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May 6, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Elton John [567]: Cox Arena, Friday, May 6, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Paulina Rubio: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Bad Company featuring **Brian Howe:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

John McEuen: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

New Found Glory [304] and **Reggie & the Full Effect:** SOMA, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Loretta Lynn [763]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, May 8, 3 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Strawbs: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Moby [282]: 4th & B, Sunday, May 8, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, Downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Victor Wooten: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, May 8, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Allman Brothers [564] and **Lynyrd Skynyrd [533]:** "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Sunday, May 8, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Maroon5 and the **Thrills:** Jenny Craig Pavilion, Monday, May 9, USD campus, Morena. 619-260-4600 or 619-220-8497.

Ivy, the **Robbers on High Street**, and **Astaire:** The Casbah, Monday, May 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

WEDNESDAY

The Wailers [759]: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 11, 1055 Fifth

Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Edwin McCain [576]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 11, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MAY

George Clinton: House of Blues, Thursday, May 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Fu Manchu [170]: The Casbah, Thursday, May 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"Your Show 6" featuring **Gwen Stefani**, **Kelly Clarkson**, **Simple Plan**, and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 13, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

John Prine [887]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [270]: House of Blues, Saturday, May 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 14, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The John Butler Trio: House of Blues, Sunday, May 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [270]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jimmy Eat World [578] and **Taking Back Sunday:** Cox Arena, Sunday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Old Blind Dogs [830]: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 619-222-0365.

Ramblin' Jack Elliott: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Dishwalla: House of Blues, Monday, May 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Audioslave and **Johnny Polanski:** House of Blues, Tuesday, May 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Erasure [279]: 4th & B, Tuesday, May 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, Downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Manhattan Transfer [617]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, May 18, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Jackson and **Todd Rundgren [228]:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lenny Kravitz [529] and **Nikka Costa [600]:** Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, May 19, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Queens of the Stone Age: House of Blues, Thursday, May 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

David Lee Roth: House of Blues, Friday, May 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dierks Bentley and **Jedd Hughes:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241

Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Snoop Dogg [302]: RIMAC Arena, Friday, May 20, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Blues Brothers with **Dan Aykroyd** and **Jim Belushi:** House of Blues, Saturday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Seal [610]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Maktub [572]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Don Carlos [746]: House of Blues, Friday, May 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz & the Rugburns [263]: The Casbah, Friday, May 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Nikka Costa [600]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 27, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Steve Miller Band [571]: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Saturday, May 28, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

Vicente Fernandez: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 28, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Nine Inch Nails [285] and the **Dresden Dolls:** SOMA, Monday, May 30, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Collective Soul [536]: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails [285] and the **Dresden Dolls:** SOMA, Tuesday, May 31, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

JUNE

Travis Tritt: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Winwood [596]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield [581]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bad Religion [297]: House of Blues, Sunday, June 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys [599]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Go-Go's: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bryan Adams [582]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, June 6, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bad Religion [297]: House of Blues, Tuesday, June 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

George Benson [620]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Eve Selis [410]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Moody Blues: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Tony Bennett: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

ZZ Top [586]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Al Green [964]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

La Ley: House of Blues, Wednesday, June 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Lucinda Williams [848] and Lisa Sanders [893]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Slaid Cleaves: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Mother Hips: The Casbah, Thursday, June 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501

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REO Speedwagon [587]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Jewel [882] and Jackie Greene: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Steel Pulse [730]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Jewel [882] and Jackie Greene: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Robert Earl Keen [774] and Guy Clark: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Foreigner [477]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

"1970s Soul Jam" featuring the **Stylistics [621]**, the **Chi-Lites**, the **Delfonics**, **Heatwave**, **Peaches & Herb**, and the **Persuaders:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Daryl Hall & John Oates [588]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Spin Doctors [594] and the Gin Blossoms: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Cesaria Evora [885]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island

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Bo Diddley [967]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 23, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Buddy Guy [960] and Eric Johnson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Kelly Clarkson: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Whitesnake: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, June 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Dwight Yoakam [779]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 30, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

JULY

Jaguars [301]: House of Blues, Saturday, July 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz & the Rugburns [263]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July 2, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 3, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lee Greenwood [777]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 4, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Chris Botti [689] and **Steve Oliver:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Julio Iglesias [608]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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The Alkaline Trio [345]: SOMA, Saturday, July 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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Tears for Fears and the **Jimmy Chamberlin Complex:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Robert Plant: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Thursday, July 21, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Eminem [303] and **50 Cent:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Colin Hay [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July 23, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Los Lonely Boys and **Ozomatli** [270]: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Sunday, July 31, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

The B-52's: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton [475]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo [590]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 31, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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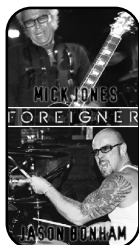
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Hank Williams Jr.: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August 2, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

Chaka Khan: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"B.B. King Blues Festival" featuring **B.B. King** [969], **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**, and **Joe Bonamassa:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 3, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Michael McDonald [605]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lonestar: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 7, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Cowboy Junkies and Dar Williams [813]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Amy Grant [613]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, August 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby McFerrin & Chick Corea: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Judy Collins and Richie Havens: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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! OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Conductor by the **Comas** is one of my favorite records from last year, despite the fact that I really want to hate it. For starters, it's a concept album — seldom a good idea. Worse, it's a sci-fi concept album inspired by the lame movie *Dark City*. On top of that, it's a breakup album, that traditional exercise in self-pity. Another thing to hate: the breakup is that of Comas' leader **Andy Herod** and actress Michelle Williams of the irritating teen drama *Dawson's Creek*. Apparently, the breakup wasn't even very messy because Williams agreed to appear in the hallucinatory album-length music-video DVD that comes with the *Conductor* CD.

With all that working against it, *Conductor* wins me over by virtue of its catchy melodies; big, fuzzy guitars; and weird electronic sounds. I was hooked when I heard the vaguely countryish opening of "Moonrainbow," where a weary-sounding Herod sings, "I've been staring at the moonrainbow I've seen into my own back yard / But you can't get high on that" and guitarist/singer **Nicole Gehweiler** answers him sweetly, "Yeah, but you can." Before the song gets too cute for its own good, it switches gears and turns into a powerful instrumental held together with an eerie and very uncountr-y-sounding slide guitar. The rest of the album does a similar trick, alternating between the quiet and the loud, the pastoral and the urban, the earthy and the futuristic.



A lot of this is a matter of studio trickery, but at the Noise Pop festival in San Francisco a couple of months ago, the Comas proved they can do much the same thing live.

COMAS: The Casbah, Wednesday, May 11, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

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Jonny Lang [956]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

"Hot Summer Nights" featuring **Al Jarreau** and the **Rippingtons:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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America and **Pure Prairie League:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [288]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Smokey Robinson [615]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy

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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Johnny Clegg Band and **Taj Mahal** [958]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Jefferson Starship: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter

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SEPTEMBER

Susan Tedeschi and **Blind Boys of Alabama** [953]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Dillinger Escape Plan: Soma
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The Echo Revolution [234]: The Jumping Turtle
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Flight Risk: Longshot Saloon
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Goodbye, Blue Monday [295]: The Casbah
Half Empty: Squid Joe's, Blind Melons
Har Mar Superstar: Belly Up Tavern
Heads Will Roll: Soma
Heavy Rotation: 'Canes
If Hope Dies: Epicentre
Impulse: Crossroads Cafe & Coffeehouse
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Moby [282]: 4th & B
Muff: Brick By Brick
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The Osophists: The Jumping Turtle
Parkhurst: The Jumping Turtle
Pigeon John: Epicentre
Pigface: Brick By Brick
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Red Gun Radar: Longshot Saloon
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Rusty Like: El Gato Loco
Sanawon: The Casbah
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The Scribe Sayar: Brick By Brick
Secret Apollo: El Gato Loco
Shadow Drop: The Jumping Turtle
Shady Side: Longshot Saloon
Jose Sinatra: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Six Inch Man: Brick By Brick
Spacehorse: The Casbah
Spell Toronto: The Casbah
Spoonshine: Winstons
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Sucker Fish: Blind Melons
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Sunsets and Landscapes: Brick By Brick
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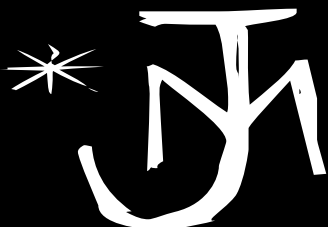
- Arrow Drive:** Blind Melons
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Aurous: 4th & B
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Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House
Buck: 4th & B
Carnivorous: Brick By Brick
The Chin Waggers: Danky's
Colporter [530]: The Jumping Turtle
Criminal Funk: Island Sports and Spirits
The Crossroads: Carvers
Daedelus: The Casbah
Deadline Friday [404]: 'Canes
Decrepit Birth: Brick By Brick
The Dirty Sweet: 4th & B
The Duotones: Danky's
Ellis [525]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Eisley: Soma
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
E.X.P.: Fannie's Nightclub
The Fathom Spades: The Jumping Turtle
Forever Unscene: Blind Melons
The Fryday Band: Winstons
Full Xposure: Game Time Tavern
Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina
Gecko: Blind Melons
Rich Hardesty: Blind Melons
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
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Latigo [506]: Brick By Brick

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Loud Residence: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Edwin McCain [576]: Belly Up Tavern

Montag: The Casbah

Odius Mortem: Brick By Brick

Outer Space: Squid Joe's

Pale Black: Dirk's Niteclub

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The Percolators: Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Quino: Humphrey's

Reagonomics: Blind Melons

Reggie & the Full Effect: Soma

Roadkill: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse

Rule of Thumb: Winstons

Eve Selis [410]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Shaggin' Wagon: Winstons, Blind Melons

6one9: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Slewfoot: Blind Melons

Something Else: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Stampede Band: Etta's Place

The Stepping Feet: 'Canes

The Stilettoes: Second Wind (Santee)

The Stone Shakers: Fannie's Nightclub

Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort

Tainted Love: 'Canes

33 Degrees: The Jumping Turtle

3 Against 1 [456]: Blind Melons

Uptown Groove: Boar Cross'n

The Virginia Coalition: Belly Up Tavern

Viva Santana: Humphrey's

Wonka Bar: Blind Melons

Zepperella: The Casbah

Zindu: Winstons

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The 80z All Stars: Viejas Casino

The Foreign Xchange Band: Yokozuna's Sushi Bar and Islander Grill

Mike Hogan: Humphrey's

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

The Ratz Pack: La Scala

EXTENSION 4005

**JAZZ / BIG
BAND**

Toby Ahrens: Dizzy's

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up Tavern

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The Jake Blackshear Band: Dizzy's
Blue Largo [636]: Tio Leo's Lounge, Coyote Bar and Grill
The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
Bill Caballero: Dizzy's
John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Bruce Cameron: Aurora Trattoria
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Andrew Fockel: Dizzy's
Danny Green: Dizzy's
Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria
Rick Helzer: Dizzy's
The High Society Jazz Band: The Inn Suites, Tio Leo's Lounge
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
Los Alacraes: 'Canes
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Shawn Loescher: Dizzy's
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
The Mellowtones: Dizzy's
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's
The Larry Morgan Jazz Quintet: La Bocca Ristorante
Mystique: Jimmy Love's
Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Nova: Aurora Trattoria
The Anthony Ortega Quartet: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar and Grill
Primo: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
Prisa: Winstons
Fermin Rivero: Neimans Bar and Grill
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Coyote Bar and Grill
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
April Spain: Humphrey's
The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado
The Tami Thomas Big Band: Viejas Casino
The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare, Harry's Bar and American Grill
Victor Wooten: Belly Up Tavern
Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Agua Dulce [711]: 'Canes
Break from Society: Brick By Brick

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Hard to figure **Moby** — little dude, nerdy glasses, shaved head — as the type-A workaholic. But he claims to have written over 5000 songs since the early '90s. That's massive. And the key word here is written, not borrowed. Borrowing from others is what Moby is remembered for. As a crossover from club culture, he built a platinum career based on sampling the music of others. But *Hotel*, Moby says of his new CD, was written entirely on a guitar. And the songs work — even a friend who lives at the end of a dirt road on the outskirts of civilization, a die-hard blues harp player, knows Moby. "I'm beautiful, and you're beautiful," the blues man sings. "We're all beautiful." He stops. "That's how it goes. Right?"

Close enough. The harmonica player may not have known this, but he was actually

singing the words to "Beautiful" off *Hotel*: "I love you, baby / Look at us / We're beautiful." Pretty, but not nice: Moby told MTV that what came to mind when he wrote the song were two self-absorbed star-types crooning about themselves to each other. Interesting. The cult of Moby has otherwise included attempts at classical, metal, and punk, as well as the Muzak-flavored ambient synth-and-sampling panoramas he is known for. And much of it comes out of his bedroom — for real, not metaphorically. His bedroom is his recording studio.

And yet a lot of Moby music homes in on the subject of love. *Everything Is Wrong* from 1995 carried with it the scent of sexual pheromones, and *Hotel* is said to contain a preponderance of songs about breaking up. Personally, I haven't gotten past *Play*, which has seldom left my CD changer since I filched it from my daughter's collection. *Play* is fragile and beautiful. On the surface, a collection of songs as deep



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as an advertising jingle. Hentai, not fine art. But listen carefully, and there are primal screams and night terrors held aloft with beats both simple and complex. It fits my mood most any time.

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EXTENSION 4008

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Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub
Kai Brown: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Brandi Carlile: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Chris Carpenter: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
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Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers: Blarney Stone Pub
Roy Ruiz Clayton: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
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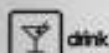
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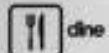
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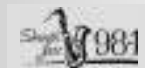
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Album name: *Travel by Stars* (2004)

Artist: Will Faerber

Label: Faerber Music

Songs: 1) Swept Away 2) Leading Man 3) Forty Days 4) Travel by Stars 5) Play On 6) A Good Day 7) So Slow 8) Little T-Bird Ragtop 9) It's Not the Moon That Cries 10) The Worst Thing 11) You Don't Miss It 12) Proud Mary 13) Smokey Bar

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Names of band members: Will Faerber (vocals), Peter Sprague (acoustic guitar), John DePatie (electric/Dobro guitar), Barnaby Finch (piano, keyboards), Bob Magnusson (acoustic bass), Duncan Moore (drums, percussion), Tripp Sprague (tenor saxophone), Robbyn Kirmisse (background vocals)

Extra Info: Faerber's 1997 European release, *No Small Comfort*, got him and his bandmates a gig at London's famed Wembley Arena. Faerber's music has been used on US Air's music channels ever since.

Website: www.willfaerber.com

This album is a balmy stroll through the worlds of contemporary jazz and pop. Will Faerber's voice, a hybrid of Michael Bolton and John Tesh, fronts his latest col-

lection of mellow jazz recordings.

From the harmony between piano and soft percussion in "Leading Man" to the sparse acoustics of "It's Not the

Moon That Cries," the disc inspires reflection. Things perk up with the third cut, "Forty Days," which is a fusion of country, gospel, and jazz; fervent acoustics and bass work round out the track. "Travel by Stars" is the most promising song on the album; centered on the line "You can get lost in love," the cut excels because of the tight jazz rhythm section propelling it, not because of Faerber's tendency to get bogged down in homogenous lyricism.

Faerber does hit on an impassioned verse every now and then. One of his most memorable goes, "Everyone talks about the moon above, how she's a harsh mistress when you're in love / they talk about the ways she puts you under her spell / how she can break your heart or make you well / whichever way she turns the tides / it's not the moon that cries."

Faerber never flirts with improvisation; the lack of variety in the tempos causes the 12 arrangements to lack



Will Faerber

individuality. Though the album's cover depicting a picture of Faerber in an exaggerated air-guitar pose is a little much, one of the stronger aspects of his sound is the guitar, which occasionally seems to draw upon borrowed chords from Journey in order to liven things up. However, his subdued cover of John Fogerty's "Proud Mary" makes up for these transgressions.

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Thursday, July 7 • 8:00

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Sunday, July 10 • 7:30

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Tuesday, July 12 • 7:30

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Wednesday, July 13 • 7:30

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Friday, July 29 • 7:30

the B-52's

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Wednesday, August 10 • 8:00

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Thursday, August 11 • 7:30

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Friday, August 12 • 7:00 & 9:00

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Sunday, August 14 • 7:30

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Monday, August 15 • 7:30

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Tuesday, August 16 • 7:30

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Wednesday, August 17 • 7:30

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Thursday, August 18 • 7:30

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Friday, August 26 • 8:00

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Sunday, August 28 • 7:30

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The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *George Svoboda*, classical guitar.

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Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mariachi Mexitlan*. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Duotones*, surf sounds. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Chin Wagners*, classic rock.

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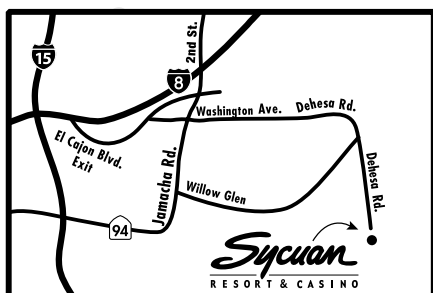
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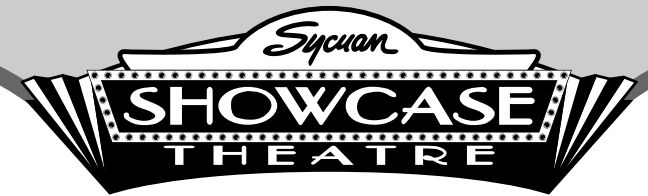
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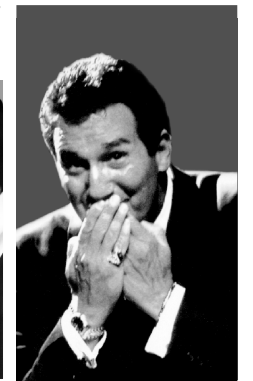
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Calendar CLUBS

11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Thursday through Saturday, live jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Sambajazz*, American and Brazilian jazz.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Thursday, *Outer Space, C.O.I., and the Fabulous Rudies*, rock/reggae/ska. Friday, *Half Empty* and *Far from Largo*, alternative. Saturday, live music.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Tomiko Bar and Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

BEACHES

Aurora Trattoria, 1025 Prospect Street #250, La Jolla. 858-551-8554. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Bradley Leighton* and *Dora Hall*, jazz standards and contemporary. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Nova*, Latin jazz/flamenco. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz/Latin.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Sucker Fish* and *Malachi Crunch*, alternative rock. Friday, *Slewfoot*, *the Itis*, *3 Against 1*, and *Gecko*, rock/alternative. Saturday, 4 p.m., *Audio Antics*, 8 p.m., *Arrow Drive*, 10 p.m., *Rich Hardesty* and *Wonka Bar*. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Reaganomics*, 9 p.m., *Forever Unscene*. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *Shaggin' Wagon*, rock. Wednesday, *Half Empty* and *the Predicates*, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Agua Dulce* and *Los Alacraes*, Latin jazz. Friday, 9 p.m., *Tainted Love* and *Stepping Feet*. Wednesday, *the Big Provider*, *Not Since Reagan*, *Downtown Money* *Wasters*, and *Deadline* Friday.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live alternative rock/heavy rock music.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541.

Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Trece de la Suerte*, Latin/salsa. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Live rock, call club for information..

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Something Else*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ratz Pack*, American classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Salvador & Cesar*, opera.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *the Sacha Boutros Quartet*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic. Wednesday, *the Bartones*, rock.

Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Friday, Brazilian music. Saturday, salsa/cumbia/merengue/Latin.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, 6 p.m., live traditional Irish music. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Prisa*. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Percolators*, 9:30 p.m., *the Fryday Band* and *Shaggin' Wagon*, rock. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Zindu*, 9:30 p.m., *Psydecar*, reggae/funk. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Rule of Thump*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Hot Buttered Rum*, rock. Wednesday, *Spoonshine*, alternative rock.



MUSIC > country, honky-tonk, rockabilly, swing

SPECIAL NIGHTS > Sunday is dodgeball, Monday is closed (but can be booked for private parties), Tuesday is country karaoke, Wednesday is KSON night, Thursday is a pool tournament, Friday KSON broadcasts live; bands perform periodically

CLIENTELE > 21 and up; 90 percent Caucasian, 10 percent Latino; an equal mix of men and women

COVER > Sunday and Tuesday is no cover; other days vary from \$3 to \$5 (more if a national act performs) **HOURS** > 6:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m., Tuesday–Friday; Saturday and Sunday open at 5:00 p.m.

DRINKS > happy hour is all night on Tuesday, 5:00–7:00 on Wednesday, 5:00–9:00 on Thursday, 5:00–8:00 on Friday and Saturday; that gets you \$2 wine, well drinks, margaritas, and Miller longnecks; on Sunday, \$2.25 U-call-it all night;

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ACCESS > half a mile from I-163, off of Friars Road (used to be Earthquake Café in the '80s); large parking lot and bus stops and trolley station nearby

DRESS > shirt must be tucked in and no shorts (I did see a woman with flip-flops); half the guys are in cowboy hats, a few with baseball caps; lots of jeans and big belt buckles; T-shirts included "Colorado State," "Alamo," "Co-ed volleyball," and "Cedar Creek"

DANCE FLOOR > 15' by 60'

BATHROOMS > men's had three urinals and two stalls; women's

Wednesday, *Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Six Inch Man*, *the Scribe Sayar*, *Joint Response*, and *Break from Society*. Saturday, *Decrepit Birth*, *Odius Mortem*, *Carnivorous*, and *Parasitic*. Saturday, *Pigface*. Wednesday, *Sunsets and Landscapes*, *Latigo*, and *Muff*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 7 p.m., *Living Legends*, *Jedi Mind Tricks*, *Pigeon John*, and *Future Shock*. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Bury Your Dead*, *the*

had three stalls and a full-length mirror; both had wheelchair access; graffiti-free **CAPACITY** > 633 **SPECIAL AREAS** > three floors; on second floor there's a large outdoor patio; on third floor, three pool tables (and great view of the dance floor); outdoor patio has 13 big tables but it isn't covered **FURNISHINGS** > western theme with horseshoes and rodeo pictures on the walls, chewing-tobacco signs, license plates, autographed guitars, neon beer signs, two American flags, a huge horse over a huge Coors can, two disco balls, a few country singers pictured, a huge Jack Daniel's mural; DJ booth in one corner with big screen above it; four TVs, six pool tables **DECIBEL LEVEL** > 102 from the tables, 110 on the dance floor **WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN PAST MONTH**> Big House **QUOTABLE** > "Am I hearing Billy Idol's 'White Wedding' in here?"

I was talking to Juliet, the waitress, about how cool it is that they have dodgeball. She said, "You have to see it. It's so fun. There are some

teams that sign up each week. You can win money."

She told me about dance lessons that take place at 6:30 on weekdays. I saw a calendar that showed they teach the twist, waltz, two-step, cowboy cha-cha, jitterbug swing, and western electric.

It looked as though everyone on the dance floor already knew how to dance. It was fun watching them as I sipped my beer. I felt as if I was in a scene from *Urban Cowboy*. I'm sure it would be more fun if I knew some of these dances. Or watching adults tag each other with dodgeballs.

There were speakers all around the ceiling and a great sound system. I'm not a country fan, so it was wasted on me (I did hear a nice version of Warren Zevon's "Poor Poor Pitiful Me"). I liked the fact that they didn't overdo everything on the walls, the way places like Friday's and Applebee's do.

I saw an 80-year-old guy dancing and a few guys who asked women to dance. I only heard one drunk guy on the patio yell "Yeehaw!"

— Josh Board

Red Chord, A Life Once Lost, If Hope Dies, and Life or Death.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Stamped Jam*, classic rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Trade Roots*, reggae.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *April Spain*, jazz, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Plato Soul*, dance, 9:30 p.m., *Quino*, soul/rock. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Jose Molina Serrano*, jazz. Monday, *Mike Hogan*, pop. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Corvelles*, sweet soul music. Wednesday, *the Soul Persuaders*, funk/soul/dance.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

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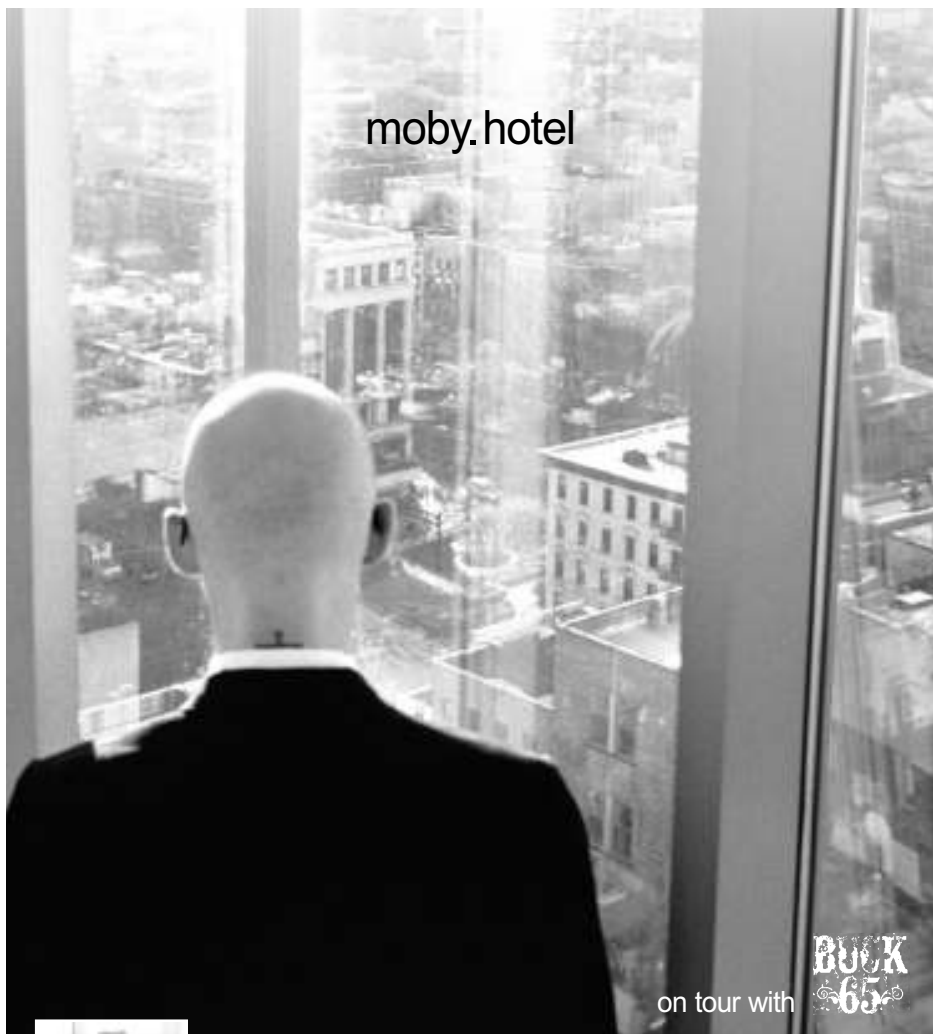
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The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live rock/blues.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday and Saturday, live alternative rock music.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Pete Thurston*. Friday, *the 7th Day Buskers*. Saturday, *Jose Sinatra*. Sunday, *Will Edwards*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Ellis, Kathrin Shorr*, and *Amber Rubarth*.

The Mercury, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-562-2429. Saturday, *Media Lab* and *Divided by Zero*, alternative rock.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues. Tuesday, open blues jam. Wednesday, alternative music.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *An Carraig*. Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci*, piano.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Ruggarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, *Gone9*, classic rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-

2263. Saturday, live music, call club for information.

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina (west tower), 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island. 619-291-2900. Alfiere Restaurant: Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sean Ardoin & Zydekool*, zydeco blues. Saturday, *Brian Jack & the Zydeco Gamblers*, blues.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, *the Dillinger Escape Plan*, *the Kinison*, *Zombi*, and *Heads Will Roll*. Friday, *Eighteen Visions* and *Day of Contempt*. Saturday, *New Found Glory*, *Reggie & the Full Effect*, and *Eisley*. Sunday, *Team Sleep* and *Strike Him Centurion*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Jump Jones*, blues/swing. Friday, *Cornelius House*, rock. Saturday, *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the 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, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet*, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk/alternative. Thursday, *Chris Carpenter*, *Michele Rae Shipp*, *Alex Woodard*, and *Kai Brown*. Friday, *Roy Ruiz Clayton*, *Dave's Son*, *Skott Freedman*, *Davida*, *Keri Highland*, and *Kelda*. Saturday, *Martin Storrow*, *the Westgoing Zax*, *Campaign for Quiet*, *Reserved 16*, *Midnight Rooster*, *Chrissy Coughlin*, and *Brandi Carlile*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four*, jazz.

DOWNTOWN

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Radar Brothers*, *Manuok*, and *the Ditty Bops*. Friday, *Earthless*, *Zepparella*, and *Spacehorse*. Saturday, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, *Irradio*, *Spell Toronto*, and *the Tall Ships*. Sunday, *Dreaming of Tanks*, *Sanawon*, and *the Buzzkill Romantics*. Monday, *Ivy*, *the Robbers on High Street*, and *Astaire*. Tuesday, *Montag*, *Daedalus*, and *Irwin*. Wednesday, *Mando Dia*, *the Comas*, and *Danko Jones*.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590. 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 Quartet*, jazz. Friday, *Yavaz*, Saturday

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Saturday, *Straight Six*, rock. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Jake Blackshear Band*, jazz.

Friday, 8 p.m., *Shawn Loescher*, *Rick Helzer*, *Gunnar Biggs*, and *Andrew Fockel*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Danny Green*, *Toby Ahrens*, and *Bill Caballero*, Latin jazz. Monday, 7 p.m., *the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir of San Diego*, gospel.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live Irish folk.

El Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Secret Apollo*, *Sweetness*, and *Rusty Like*, indie rock.

Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 9 p.m., *Trece de la Suerte*, salsa.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Dirty Sweet*, *Irradio*, *Aurous*, and *the Scarlet Symphony*, alternative/rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Moby* and *Buck*, alternative/rock.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

La Bocca Ristorante, 515 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-3352. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Larry Morgan Jazz Quintet*, smooth jazz and jazz standards.

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An enjoyable meal there five years ago has had me longing for another dinner, and when I phoned my North County Italian posse-mates, Tom and Alma, they were delighted to accept an invitation to revisit. "We celebrated Tom's birthday there three years ago," said Alma. "We'd love to try it again." We all knew what to expect — no surprises aside from those on the nightly "specials" list.

The interior at Osteria is simple and bright; white tablecloths provide a formal touch, but in all but the worst weather nearly everyone prefers to eat under the heat lamps on the terrace. The patio is glass-enclosed (to squelch the street noise) and affords views of both the boulevard and, blocks downhill, the sea. A Rat Pack soundtrack plays in the background. (That, too, hasn't changed in five years.) Despite these signals of urbanity, the stone, brick, and wood architecture conspire to make you feel you're eating in a Tuscan vineyard. As the meal proceeds, each dish arrives on an Italian ceramic plate or bowl, with a unique design based on the fare and the "Osteria del Pescatore" moniker fired into the glaze: You can't help feeling tickled when trout comes plated on a goofy-looking fish.

The printed menu is a tome, the specials page tucked inside the front cover. These change about once a week, with minor adjustments penciled in every few days. No insult intended to the regular menu, but the specials are the dishes most likely to dazzle.

My friends and I bounced back and forth between the menus, enjoying hot little rosemary buns (baked in-house) and routine olive-oil-tomato *bagna*. Our first choice: *asparagi alla griglia con salmone affumicato*, which arrived as a fan of grilled asparagus spears, each nestled in a Belgian endive leaf. At the base of the fan sat four slices of Norwegian cold-smoked salmon strewn with trendy caperberries. These resemble raspberry-size capers, but with a milder, less salty flavor than their junior cousins, and the combination proved stylish and savory.

Even better was a *napoleone di pomodori*, a stack



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

of juicy low-acid red and yellow tomato slices layered with *ricotta salata*, salted dry ricotta, lightly dressed in good olive oil. The tomatoes, from a farm in Carlsbad, seemed miraculous in mid-April, when home gardeners are eyeing the green marbles on their Early Girl plants. (I suspect a greenhouse.) The refreshing *insalata della casa* combines mixed spring greens (some gentle, some sharp) with Mandarin orange wedges and strips of marinated calamari, including a few tentacle flowers.

Among the specials was a lobster risotto — a difficult test for any kitchen. But Osteria knows risotto. The rice was more gooey than chewy, with an opulent lobster-broth flavor, and garnishes of chopped tomato, zucchini, eggplant, and Florence fennel. Now, whenever a food reviewer sneaks into a restaurant, at least one thing goes wrong in the kitchen, whether it's cremated brûlée, crispy-critter cream puffs, or (this time) escaped crustacean. The risotto was garnished with halved lobster shells, and we all received lobster crackers to extract the meat — but the shells were mysteriously empty.

Hungry cat? Snacking sous chef? I'm confident, however, that if you order the same dish, you will get lobster meat.

The entrée that drove my table mad with food lust was one of the night's specials, a *special* special. *Spaghetti al cartoccio* featured spaghetti, clams, rock shrimp, and artichoke hearts baked in a tomato sauce with garlic and a hint of anchovies. (Only anchovy lovers will perceive their presence.)

Baked in a sealed packet of parchment paper, the clams open and spill their juices into the sauce, and the flavors permeate the pasta. Peeled open before serving, the parchment package resembles a big white flower with a red center that exudes an appetizing perfume.

We tried a similar but unbaked combination from the regular menu, *linguine mare e monte*, which includes clams, langostinos, rock shrimp, and fish fillet pieces cooked in a tomato base with fresh red and yellow tomato chunks and black olives. Compared to the paperbound pasta, it was tasty but ordinary; you've eaten variations at other Italian "fine dining" restaurants.

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Osteria del Pescatore ★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293.

HOURS: Lunch Tuesday–Saturday 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; dinner nightly 4:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers \$9–\$13; pasta \$12–\$17; entrées \$19–\$26; desserts \$7.50.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Well-crafted seasonal Italian fare with emphasis on seafood. International wine list, a bit steep by the bottle but with lots by the glass, and a serious reserve list. International beers.

PICK HITS: Napoleone di Pomodori; Spaghetti al Cartoccio (frequent special); Rack of Lamb with Goat Cheese Crust; Lemon Mousse Tart; Torta alla Nonna.

NEED TO KNOW: Free customer parking in front and in lot behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street). Heated patio dining available. Half-price wines Tuesday nights. Flash-frozen Monterey abalone currently available (\$19 appetizer, \$42 main). Nice service. Reservations advised, especially during Del Mar Fair and horseracing season.

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Another special, handwritten at the bottom of the list, was *trotta piccata*, pan-seared trout with lemon-caper butter. This treatment is usually accorded to pounded veal or chicken scallops but proved even better anointing the crisp skin of two trout fillets. For a garnish, the kitchen faced and conquered the perilous gnocchi challenge. (Ill-made gnocchi have the mouth-feel of used chewing gum.) These dainty dumplings had just the right texture and were swathed in a Mediterranean vegetable sauce of tomato and eggplant.

Tom was interested in the regular menu's veni-

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son entrée, an unlikely find in springtime. Indeed, it was out of stock (for the next six months or so). We were happy to substitute a rack of lamb — three double rib chops rubbed with garlic and coated with a goat-cheese crust. The meat came done to our order of medium-rare and was tender enough to cut with a butter knife (although the waiter brought steak knives). Alongside was a medley of young, seasonal vegetables, including a white radish with a rosemary sprig tangled like a hair-orna-

ment in its green topknot.

When dinner's done, a waiter displays a tray of the day's desserts, all made in-house. Your selections arrive fresh from the kitchen, not from the fading samples on the tray.

The least gratifying of our choices was *panna cotta* — "Italian flan," as our handsome Oaxacan waiter called the delicate, eggless custard. Each of us took a bite and was puzzled. "It's completely flavor-neutral," my partner finally piped up. "That's it!" the rest chorused. Scattered with blueberries and served in the center of a color wheel of light sauces — orange, raspberry, and white *crème anglaise* — the embellishments lacked the power to whisk the

custard out of the neutral zone.

A lemon mousse tart, on a thin crumb-crust, was a pouf of airy lemon essence. Not too sweet, not too tart. It's capped with whipped cream and stands in a moat of orange sauce, which in this case isn't just decoration but essential to the flavor. Finally, rising from another color wheel of sauces is the stunning *torta alla Nonna* ("Grandma's Cake"), a wedge of shortcake filled with lemon curd, ground almonds, and pine nuts. On top is a crackly sugared crust, scattered with slivered almonds. As you bring the fork to your mouth, there's the faint, alluring scent of rosewater.

We were delighted with the food, and with the consistently

high quality that brought the four of us together again. The service also stood out — it was kindly, knowledgeable, and friendly throughout the meal. That makes Osteria del Pescatore one of those increasingly rare restaurants where life, for a few hours, seems as sweet as Grandma's Cake.

ABOUT THE CHEF-OWNER

Oddly enough, the chef-owner of Osteria del Pescatore isn't an Italian — he's just married to one. The wife of Mexican-born George Ramirez comes from Naples, but, says Ramirez, she exerts only a small influence on the menu: She's the taster for new dishes. More responsible is the enviable array of local restau-

rants and resorts where the chef worked before founding Osteria del Pescatore six years ago.

"My mother was a wonderful cook," he says. "I became interested in cooking professionally and started in the business at the bottom and worked my way up. I liked the food industry, so I stayed in the restaurant business. I worked at Sally's in the Hyatt downtown, I worked in Rancho Valencia for four years, and I was a chef at a place called Tapenade — same name as the place in La Jolla, but this one was in Rancho Valencia. At the same time I was working at Rancho Valencia Resort, I worked at Delicias," he says. At these restaurants, he learned his craft from several

famed émigré French chefs. He also evidently learned how to run the "front of the house" to create a pampering, resortworthy atmosphere.

He grew interested in Italian cooking during an earlier stint at Scalini, a posh Italian restaurant in Del Mar. Pursuing this line of interest, in 1992 he worked for six months in Salerno, south of Naples, in order to better learn the cuisine.

In time, he got together the wherewithal to open Osteria del Pescatore. "A lot of famous people come to the restaurant," he said. Luckily, the night I ate there, there were no celebs present to distract me from the food. ■

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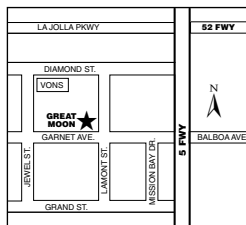
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I'm having all these good thoughts while waiting on my border-shy buddy Cisco. He's graciously agreed to come down this time and pick up his own danged cigarettes. We're supposed to meet right here at Tradición.

Yes, it's a tourist trap, but the fact is that most days so few *turistas* come to hang out that the café, the plaza, the whole Avenida Andador Santiago Arguello, with its candy-colored buildings and ban on traffic, feels like a genuine piece of ye olde México.

"You know we have a special deal going now," says Gino. "Buy two 99-cent beers and get a free shot of tequila." I've known Gino since he worked at the now-closed Los Norteños. But I settle for a coffee (\$1.00). Cisco should be picking up his cigs about now, from the Mercado La Voz del Pueblo. The Voice of the People Market. It'll cost him about ten bucks for a carton. U.S. Customs allows you to bring back one a month, duty-free.

It's around five in the afternoon. The sun's

slanting in, lighting up the statue of Santa Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians. She stands with her harp under the "old" city wall they put up a few years ago. This is where Tijuana really did get its start, about where the Hotel Nelson meets Revolución. So they say.

I settle back with my coffee and chips and salsa, wait and watch the world go by. The knife-sharpener man, the photographer with the old Agfa bellows camera, the hostess-ladies coming out of the Long Bar, blinking in the sunlight, the little Mixtec woman at the yellow-and-red kiosk, hauling down her serapes and ukuleles for the night. The huge arch that hoops over Revolución glows silver. In front of the café, a couple of drunks think about duking it out but cool off when a blue-and-white police car cruises through, the only traffic allowed in here.

I like Tradición because, okay, the name's kind of heavy, but the patio is a lighthearted people-watching place, with its wrought-iron fence, tiled-roof shelter, blue plastic Corona chairs. A bright little serape is thrown over each table. Inside, even better. It's beautifully crazy, like a Salvador Dalí set, with ladders, desks, and upside-down bikes all hanging on the walls, and ice buckets for lampshades. Half the people here are sharing buckets of ten Pacifico bottles for nine bucks, and getting snacks too. Man, the

longer Cisco takes, the stronger is that temptation to bust down and get quaffing too.

"You could look at the menu," says Gino.

What the heck. Maybe I could do with a little snack before the evening gets underway. I see they have breakfasts like hotcakes with eggs for around \$3.00 (depending on the exchange rate); omelets with, say, chorizo or vegetables (\$5.00); or a plate of fruit (\$3.50). They have the full array of standard Mexican dishes, like rolled tacos with beef and cream (\$3.00); chicken enchiladas (three for \$4.00); tostadas, sopes and quesadillas, tortas (around \$3.00); and burritos (\$3-\$4.00). I see the fish starts off at around six bucks for a fillet of fish *au gratin* and goes up to around \$30.00 for a kilo (about two pounds) of peeled shrimp.

In the end, I get hooked on the idea of pork chops. Only problem is I meant to ask for the grilled ones, gringo all the way. But somehow I end up with the pork chops in ranchero sauce. It's 50 pesos, say \$4.50, with rice and frijoles and tortillas. Gino brings it out on a blue-and-white china plate. The two large, thin-cut pork chops are drowned under a tide of peppers, onions, and tomatoes in sauce. And guess what? This garlicky combo gives the chops kick and flavor.

At the next table over, Joe, who's from Mi-

choacán, has signaled to a group of four musicians. He wants to hear music from his home state. The four — a drummer, bass player, guitarist, and accordionist — gather 'round and launch into "The Roads of Michoacán." Lovely.

I think the music's getting to Gino. Turns out his own road started right here on this *avenida*. He sits down. "When I was seven, eight, I'd catch the yellow-and-green bus right here to go to school. They hadn't blocked traffic from this street then."

He ended up qualifying as an accountant and worked for decades in Mexico City. Then he came back to TJ because his father was dying. He had to take waitering jobs to make ends meet. "If you're not 35 and connected, forget it," he sighs. He and four relatives share his three-bedroom house and split the rent: \$300.00.

Man. I know how tough it is to earn good money this side of the line, but \$300.00 for a three-bedroom? That would pay for, what? Carla's closet space? I don't know which of us has it worse.

So I'm just cleaning up and paying up when I spot Cisco coming out from La Voz del Pueblo. "I'm starved," he says. "Let's eat first and then knock back a couple of cervezas."

"I know just the place," I say. ■

The Place: Restaurant Tradición, Plaza Santa Cecilia, Tijuana

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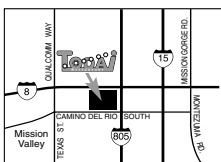
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Three men. One wine shop. 'A forest of bottles.' One novel. One movie. Twenty-three Extreme Wine Tastings and two Irregular ones." So began Julian Davies, wine-merchant-turned-wine-impresario, as he opened the WineDining club's *Sideways*-inspired wine dinner at the Third Corner. (Though no longer a restaurant, the Corner endures as a banquet facility.) Davies was one member of the "alco-holy trinity" that provided the template for Rex Pickett's novel (and Alexander Payne's film) *Sideways*; he provided the winespeak. Pickett and friend Roy Gittens provided the sodden road trip to Santa Barbara wine country.

Gittens, gregarious and rumpled and rather less tomcaty than his film persona Jack, was also in attendance. Pickett, who lent a measure of himself to the film's protagonist Miles, was unable to make the trip south. But he did send Davies his regrets via e-mail: "Wish I could be down there. Have spent a lot of blurry moments at The Third Corner while housesitting in Ocean Beach. In fact, it was my OB Hitching Post," the restaurant that provided Jack and Miles with their base of operations. "Many a cab out of there," he concluded. He did not specify whether "cab" referred to "Cabernet" or "taxicab," though it is tempting to suppose the latter. During his opening remarks, Davies mentioned Pickett's being "es-

corted" out of the Hitching Post on more than one occasion.

(Despite this, I would like to protest the characterization of *Sideways*'s Miles as an alcoholic, contra voices such as Mireya Navarro in the *New York Times*. Davis said, quoting Navarro, " 'Behind its veneer of glamour and sophistication... wine can be the perfect cover for alcohol dependence, because many people do not associate it with alcoholic behavior, not even drinkers themselves.' " Oh, come now. There can be no arguing that Miles

drinks too much at several points in the film. But the man is on a week-long bachelor party. Even a nonalcoholic might be expected to go a bit overboard. The night he gets blotto at dinner comes just after he finds out that his ex-wife, whom he still loves, is getting remarried. And the clincher — he gets sideways on a single bottle of Pinot Noir. A *Santa Barbara News-Press* naïf was alarmed at the quantity — "an entire standard-sized bottle." I suspect that many a wine geek merely shrugged, "Lightweight.")

Davies played narrator to a multicourse dinner accompanied by nine wines. (The tables bristled with glasses, making for easy ice-breakers — "Is that your Pinot or mine?") "They took the film as a kind of template," he explained, "and they made sure that the wines were, if not the ones featured in the film, at least from the winer-

ies that were represented." Davies got creative in places: the sparkling Chenin Blanc hailed from the Loire, which is not too far from Vouvray — and Jack lambastes Miles for pontificating on Vouvray during the dinner date. We drank a Lane Tanner Syrah; Lane Tanner used to make wine for Hartley-Ostini, whose Hitching Post Pinot Noir figures in the film. The fruit for the Hitching Post Pinot came from the Bien Nacido Vineyard, as did the fruit for the Jaffurs Syrah that showed so well at the dinner. But mostly, the names were the same: Kalyra, Sanford, Andrew Murray, Hartley-Ostini. Foxen, which provided us with Pinot, went unnamed in the film, but that's where Miles and Jack helped themselves to an extra pour at the bar.

Davies and Gittens had been invited to attend, circulate, and educate by Robin and Nina Stark (no relation). Robin had seen Davies host an Irregular Wine Tasting at his usual haunt, the Echo in Los Angeles. She hooked up with Nina, who had been running the WineDining club for the past 18 months, and the two set to work on the *Sideways* dinner. The response was huge. "I prefer the average size of a dinner to be 30 to 50," says Nina. "For that one, we had 99. It was a bit of a surprise, but I think we were the only people in San Diego who got Julian and Roy. I think the big difference between WineDining and other concepts is that I pick a different venue and either a different winery or a different concept for each event. The only repeat winery I've had has been Joseph Phelps, and nobody complains about Joseph Phelps." Other wineries have included Opus One, Chalk Hill, and Sanford. And she has put together numerous events featuring the wines



Julian Davies at The Third Corner

of a particular country: Italy, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa.

"When we did our South African dinner, I was working with the owner of Kalahari — which has unfortunately closed because of an illness in the family. He gave me something to eat that was wonderful and interesting. But I knew what it was, and I said, 'If I put this on the menu, nobody will eat it.' But it was so good." The solution: serve it, but don't put it on the menu. "I thought, 'I'm going to call it a mystery dish. Anybody who can guess what it is will win a bottle of wine.' Everybody liked it except one person, and only one person guessed what it was: chicken giblets. It was a way to get people to try something new and make it fun."

Getting the wines for the events "is usually done through making some kind of personal connection. I contact the wineries, and I try to go to events where there's an opportunity to meet them face-to-face. I just came back from Sonoma, and there are two wonderful wineries up there that I

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would be very lucky to get. One of them was an invitation-only winery, and they said they'd love to talk with us about doing an event. Whether we can afford them is still a question. But I try to vary the price of the dinners, mix and match a lot."

The group has grown steadily under her watch, and part of her success comes from introducing wineries to restaurants and restaurants to the public. "I often try to pick restaurants before they get really well known. We did the first wine dinner at Region," Michael Stebner's new venture. "I had done a previous dinner with Stebner, and I was knocking on the door before he even opened the restaurant. When we did the first wine dinner at Rama, I don't think a lot of people knew about it. And I think a number of people don't know about Costa Brava," site of the club's recent Spanish dinner.

"The owner, Javier Gonzalez, was our featured speaker. He is so passionate about Spain, and so knowledgeable. We chose dishes that encompassed a number of regions. There were seven wines, with two different Ribero del Dueros to compare and contrast. At the reception, we served a sherry for people who are less familiar with sherry. If they didn't want to try it, they could choose an Albarino. There was music, and Javier talked about the whole culture of Spanish dining—marvelous stories sparked off by the food and the wine."

More established restaurants — Tapenade, George's at the Cove, the Pamplemousse Grill — welcome her for the customer base she brings. "There are always people who say things like, 'You're doing Grgich Hills? I'll go anywhere for Grgich Hills.'"

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick,

smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy

sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays most bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, "The Texan," or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The cafe's sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunchwiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies "melted together on grilled sourdough"). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to

whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (9/98)

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict for breakfast or black bean burrito for lunch, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open "7-ish to 4-ish" daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (mussels with *frites*, crumb-coated rack of lamb, etc.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (6/04)

Dicrescenzo's 11627 Duenda Road (off W. Bernardo Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. This is a stand-in-line, order-at-the-counter, grab-a-table, listen-for-your-order-number kind of a place. If you're looking for pampering and atmosphere, this isn't gonna cut it. If you're wanting yummy Italian comfort food to eat in or take out, this the spot. The bread alone is worth a trip. Real, flaky, honest-to-goodness French rolls complement pastas and salads or encase meatballs, eggplant parmesan, or deli meats. The meatballs, a DiCrescenzo family recipe, are unusually moist and tender, perfectly seasoned. The subs — especially Rocco's Imperial Sub — are packed with deli goodies and just enough Italian dressing. Thin crust pizzas are a popular treat. Open Monday

through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (10/03)

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambiance is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the

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meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (11/03)*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "tamale pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woese. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, et al) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a light-house-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne. Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

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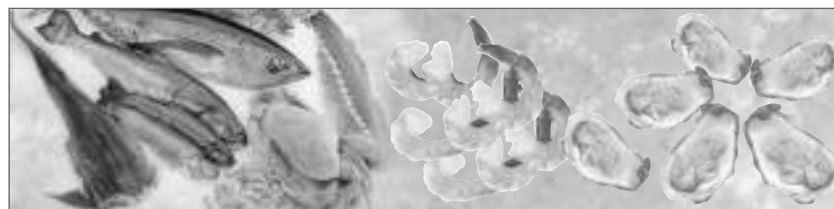
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LA JOLLA

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recom-

mended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — S.M. (2/04)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the décolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservations a must. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and

preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Nathan's at Michele Coulon's 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele's kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: *cassoulet*, *steak au poivre*, *poulet Normande*. He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant's kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and affordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — A.M. (6/04)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces, including *penne*

agnello, a treat for lamb aficionados. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *picatta*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — S.M. (7/04)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster.

Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaureteur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

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24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat

gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Party Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapurria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Mon-



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Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convo Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W. (9/02)

Korea House 4620 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaegang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

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the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream “something for everyone” choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki “plate lunch.” Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for

Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A “Glatt Kosher,” a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas

(whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the “Food Court” near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

THE BEACHES

Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a “Venetian Carnival” theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house “antipasta” (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like “hotel food.” The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oak-wood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at

the next-door amphitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet weekends. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately under-seasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare

ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including New York steak or potato-crustified Pacific red snapper. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but “charming”? This Turkish-run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranean outpost. There's plenty of surfer food (surf's a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte*, Turk-



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Sapporo Japanese Restaurant
5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pastrami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

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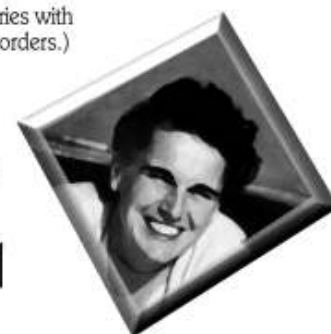
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through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian new-immigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's — here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual Stolichny chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, including airy crêpes with juicy (and afford-

able) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open daily, lunch and dinner (early dinner Sundays). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/03)

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m. weeknights, 9:30 weekends). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — N.W. (5/04)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then.

They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a

half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the “date shake” — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is “it.” The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); “straw and hay” (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like *linguine mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (7/04)

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster),

Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary “pick hits” list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. “Hearty Homemade Comfort Food” is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. “Matisse in Morocco,” Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger (“aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese”) or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight,

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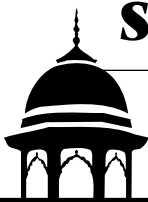
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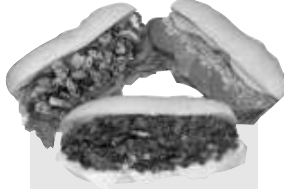
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Fifth and Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good

pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix

fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The

tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*


The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are

served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and

intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through earlyish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*



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DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may

sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

Bangkok BBQ 936 Broadway Circle, 619-231-4124. "We're the revolutionaries," says the owner of this chicken-only Thai eatery. "We're taking Thai food back to its true tastes." The place may look modern, but much seems to be prepared traditionally on the spot, from tamarind sauce to bean curd. The "BBQ" part comes from the open grill upfront where they sizzle chicken, marinated in coconut milk and wine, for the *satés*, salads, and the basic chicken with rice dish. The chicken *mussamun* is nice and rich with its curry coconut sauce, and you've got to try the dish the owner invented to honor the city: the San Diego Wrap, with chicken *saté*, avocado, raw veggies, and peanut sauce. Lunch, dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (5/04)

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, shark tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surly, fun decor and breezy patio easily compen-

sate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surprisingly fine food in this vast, multiroom glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday; dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — *N.W.* (7/03)

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo*, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/04)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate prepara-

tions. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken faji-



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Ra Sushi 1014 Fifth Avenue (at Broadway), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder “Oriental” decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food’s a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it’s fun anyway. Reservations accepted, even for sushi bar. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare

centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There’s excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch’s kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant’s fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete’s Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant’s hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you’ll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bob’s on the Bay 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob’s, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial community center of Chula Vista. It’s a rambling building overlooking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pretend-luau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and

a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch. Casual, family-friendly to the max. Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado’s arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there’s always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you’re gonna buy when you win the lotto. It’s run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego’s greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials

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Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You’re in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego’s Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem’s going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as “chocolate meat.” Want healthy? There’s *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of

split, deep-fried fish — *daing na ban-gus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Zorbas Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven’t got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba’s on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They’re here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for

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El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best

market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf n' turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabrería* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (9/04)*

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp

fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. All-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bisteck ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Mariscos el Lococho Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Lococho is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you

so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Sundays only, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant, he went all the way. He built a complete Tuscan villa right next to venerable Hacienda Cien Años. "But then," says Plascencia, "I got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* of-

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Super Antojitos 1810 4th Street (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/20)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated eggplant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall

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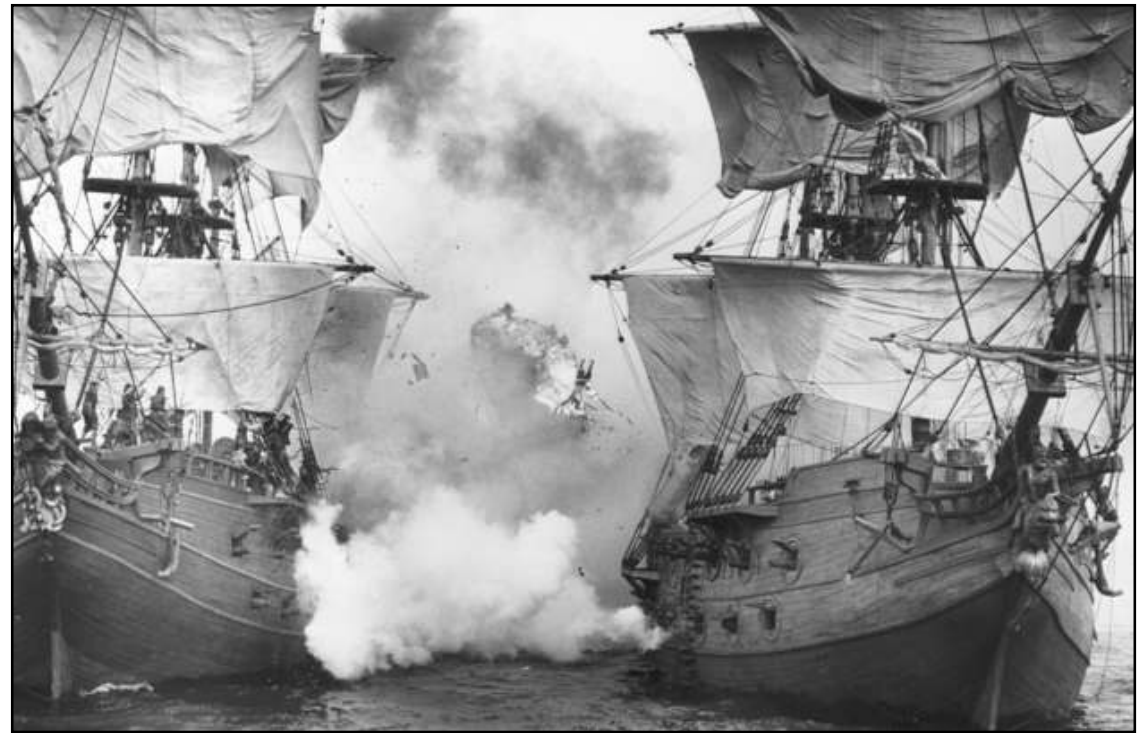
There it sits, seemingly every week among the movie ads in these pages, an advertisement for myself (to lift a snippet from Norman Mailer), but taken out by somebody else. "Thousands of Duncan Shepherd's Movie Reviews are now available on line!" it practically shouts, heedless of any fine distinction between full-length reviews and capsule reviews. And then more calmly and collectedly, "Search by star rating, year of release, or title."

It is a source of disquiet. Not only — not even mainly — does the unease arise from the thought of the thousands of movies that had to have been sat through or partly sat through. Nearing six thousand of them at last count, stretching out to around twelve thousand hours if you figure a couple of hours each (never mind driving time, never mind writing time), or more than a year and a quarter's worth of continuous sitting: a fractional answer to the question of where my life has gone. (Not at all does it arise from the thought of the untold additional capsules, dat-

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ing from before the current computer system at the paper, that have mercifully been swallowed into oblivion.) Nor does it come so much from the loss of personal control, the inability to look over the work in the capacity of a proof-reader, the immutability of opinions and appraisals laid down ten, fifteen, twenty years ago and unexamined ever since.

All of that — especially the immutability bit — is disquieting enough. The certified Sword of Damocles, however, is the aforementioned "search" feature, for of course you are free to search not "by star rating, year of release, or title," as suggested, but by anything you damn well please, broadly designated on the website as "keyword." To tell the truth, I myself have been known to take advantage of this feature. When, let's say, *The Upside of Anger* comes to town, I find it handy to be able to countercheck my initial impression that I had never heard of its director, Mike Binder, and to learn, by entering his name as a keyword, what other movies of his I have



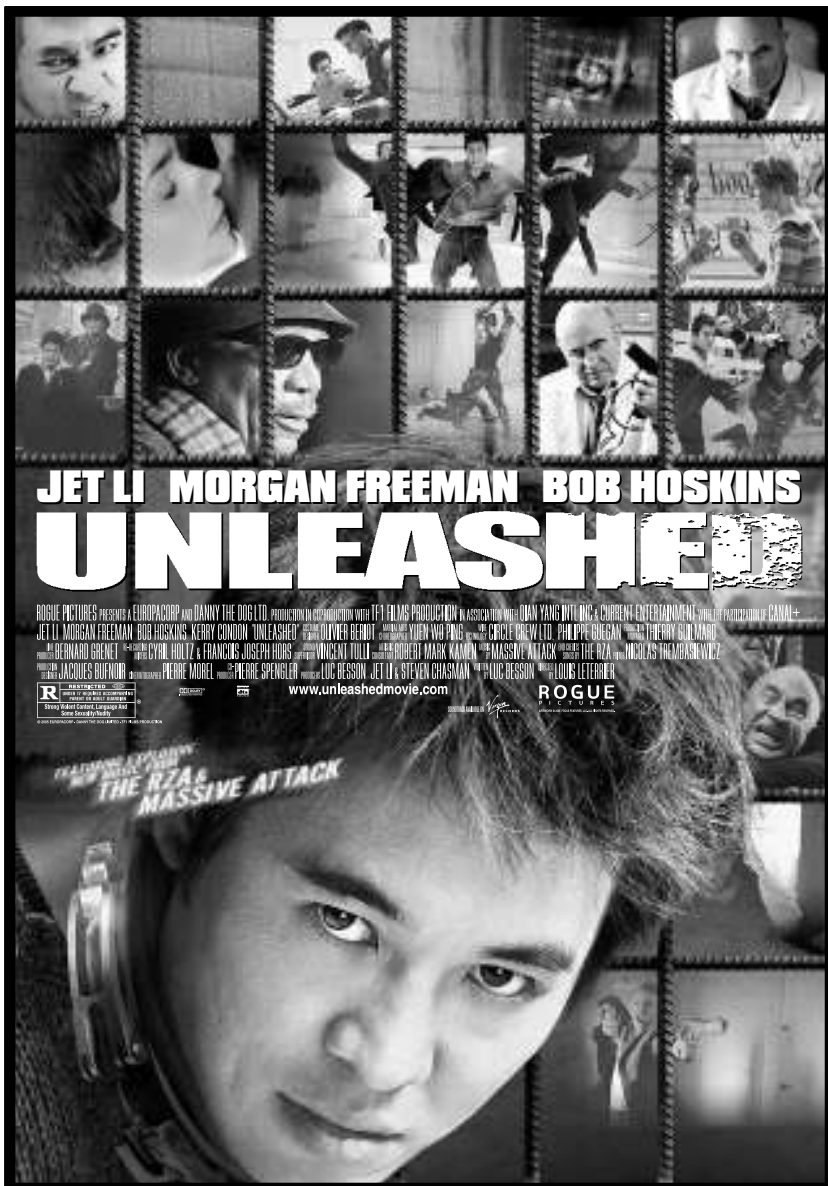
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seen before and what I once thought of them. It would be fruitless to ask myself what I think of them now. (*Blankman?* I'm a blank. *Indian Summer?* Dead of winter.) Like many a useful tool, though, the search feature could be turned, in the wrong hands, into a weapon.

Such a thing would plainly be a boon to a Shakespearean scholar re-

searching the Bard's use of disease imagery, for instance, once the Complete Works were poured into an Internet database. (Keyword: *rot*.) Writers inferior to Shakespeare, on the other hand, might be more hesitant to open their labors to similar split-second scrutiny. As one who personally hates to repeat himself (to say nothing of repeating others), I squirm at the

thought of my discoverable, demonstrable, quantifiable patterns and propensities. I am thinking at present — I will undoubtedly think of something worse later — of the stockpile of evaluative adjectives that a critic dips into when he wants to express his approval (or to exaggerate his approval) but can't take the time and space to hunt up, pin down, spell out



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the unique qualities he ostensibly approves of. The adjectives, that is, which litter the movie ads under the rubric of critical blurbs; the adjectives whose use by others I am in the habit of sneering at.

For certain, the online archive of movie capsules will not tell the whole story. (Only my troubled conscience can tell that.) It's merely the mound of evidence readily accessible for purposes of incrimination. The pressures of weekly deadlines can mitigate only so much. As can the writer's innocent misapprehension that he was writing bottom-of-the-birdcage ephemera. As can his open and frank admission of inferiority to Shakespeare. It was with no small degree of trepidation, then, that I selected some keywords from among the critical blurbs in the daily paper. How bad would it be?

Amazing. Matches: 32. Instant reaction: God Almighty. Acting as my own defense attorney, however, parroting the defense attorneys on Court TV, I must insist that judgment be reserved until all the evidence has been presented. Two of the counts against me can be dismissed up front, when the list of relevant capsules is seen to include *The Amazing Panda Adventure* and *Lovely and Amazing*. And it would seem quite probable,

from the rest of the list of titles, that the employment of the term cannot often be an occasion of praise.

On closer examination, four appearances of "amazing" are in quoted lines of dialogue. Five more of them sneak in through graveside renditions of "Amazing Grace," usually in conjunction with bagpipes. The capsules for *Spider-Man 2*, *Hulk*, and *The Indian in the Cupboard* cite the antecedent of *The Amazing Colossal Man*. And *The Rocketeer* calls forth a period reference to the pioneering s-f and fantasy magazine, *Amazing Stories*. Four more appearances are unequivocally ironic or sarcastic, and several others are rather more neutrally descriptive than critically evaluative. *Apt Pupil* contains "amazing coincidences." The hero of *Blue City* enjoys "an amazing run of beginner's luck." And in *Lawn Dogs*, Sam Rockwell has "the amazing luck to find another role [after *Box of Moonlight*] in which he gets to live alone in the woods and go full-frontal skinny-dipping." *Touching the Void* tells an "amazing-but-true story." And in what can hardly be interpreted as a positive, *Eureka* "dribbles by with amazingly little impact."

That cuts down the possible offenses to a single digit. *The Boogey Man* (1980) indeed has an "amazing thing about [it]," and in *As Good As It Gets*, Jack Nicholson has an "amazing thing about him." Whatever is "amazing" in *Blood and Wine* or *Far from Heaven* is qualified by "mildly."

(I may need to watch that. Let's see. Keyword: *mildly*. Matches: 33. Whoa.) The conspiracy theory in *JFK*, meanwhile, "is made amazingly clear." And, "for a movie about the tax system, especially a foreign tax system," *Taxing Woman* is "amazingly limpid." *Amazing's* close cousins, *astounding* and *astonishing* (matches: 7 and 3, respectively), scarcely require vindication.

Stunning (5), *shattering* (3), and *staggering* (11) would be weak cases as well. I snort in disdain. But *striking* (42), a gentler form of impact, bears looking into, even though it crops up in nothing higher than a three-star review. Eight occurrences of it allude innocuously to "striking" resemblances of one kind or another, and eleven are verbs rather than adjectives ("striking out," "striking a blow," "striking a match," "striking a pose," etc.). As an adjective, it tends to have strictly limited application ("striking figure," "striking effects," "striking portrait"), yet I must confess there are a few too many "striking images" and "striking imagery." Something to guard against.

Powerful (42) can be reduced to manageable proportions by weeding out the nouns ("the powerful," "the Rich and Powerful") and the descriptive-not-evaluative adjectives ("powerful deterrent," "powerful warlords," "powerful cattle baron," "powerful undercurrents," "powerful updraft"). *Spectacular* (39) will generally be confined to a small area ("a spectacular crash" in *The Aviator*,

"the spectacular plane crash" in *Cast Away*, "spectacular stunts, explosions, chases" in *Cutthroat Island*, "rib-ticklingly spectacular action climax" in *Barb Wire*), and it rarely if ever tips the scales in a film's favor. *Powerful* and *spectacular* are prone to be matters of fact.

Compelling (42) and *vivid* (55), two of the lazier and vaguer approbations in the critic's lexicon, will sometimes manifest themselves in the negative ("uncompelling," "not especially compelling," "thoroughly uncompelling," on the one hand, and on the other, "less vivid," "not vivid enough," "too vivid"), but more often in the first case than in the second. And the dossier of evidence in the second case was fatter to begin with. Wriggle as I might, the repetition of positives in that case proves to be — how else to say it? — pretty "compelling." You have "vivid" supporting roles, "vivid peripheral figures," "vivid" characters, more "vivid" characters, "vivid caricatures," "vividly drawn characters," "vividly real," "vividly realized," "vividly individualized," "vividly captured," "vividly conveyed," a "vividly recalled" period, a "vividly recalled" era. Yikes.

In extenuation, or in diversion, I could point out that *feel-good* (10) has never been utilized in seriousness (*Schindler's List* is "a feel-good Holocaust film") and that, furthermore, *laugh-out-loud funny* and *pitch-perfect* will produce no matches whatsoever. (Whew.) On balance, a fitting penance,

if I may volunteer one, would be a period of adjectival abstinence, let's say the remainder of the year, during which time I will be permitted to find nothing *compelling*, *spectacular*, *powerful*, or *striking* about any film at all, and an additional moratorium of the remainder of the decade on *vivid*.

Anyone whose thirst for blood is still unquenched should be invited to broaden the investigation to those well-worn words and phrases, ungermane to criticism per se, the mere glue and grout of sentence construction, which cause me to grimace every time I type them out, but which I don't seem nimble enough to maneuver my way around. *Nevertheless*, 64. (Ow.) *Nonetheless*, 88. (Oof.) *On the other hand*, 86. (Ach!) *In other words*, 92. (Argh!) *Thus*, 145. (Nnnnh!) *Certainly*, 186. (Eeeeeee!) *Actually*, 219. (I have passed out.) *Of course*, 267. *Etc.*, 442. All of that's a session of self-flagellation for another day. ■

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Beautiful Boxer — True-life tale of a Thai kickboxer who dreams of becoming a woman, directed by Ekachai Uekrongtham. (KEN, 5/6 THROUGH 12)

Constantine — Soporific supernaturalism, notwithstanding some startling special effects, with Keanu Reeves as a cool-dude demonologist in a long coat, doomed to Hell for a momentarily successful suicide attempt, and ticketed to an early grave, even now, for a pack-a-day smoking habit. Tilda Swinton, of all people, is cast as the angel Gabriel, and seems to take the job seriously; Peter Stormare is Lucifer, and seems not to. With Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Djimon Hounsou; directed by Francis Lawrence. 2005. ● (GASLAMP 15)

Crash — Multicharacter tapestry of the seething melting pot of L.A., an object lesson on racial and ethnic stereotypes, attitudes, biases, tensions. The didactic impulse overrules good sense: a bigoted cop, for just one example, gives a hard time to a respectable black couple at the side of the road, and then both he and his bleeding-heart partner have separate, life-and-death encounters with the wife and husband the very next day. Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle, and Jennifer Esposito stand out, among Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Terrence Howard, Thandie Newton, Ryan Phillippe, Larenz Tate, and Lucacris. Written and directed by Paul Haggis. 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/6)

Don't Move — While waiting for his fifteen-year-old daughter to emerge from touch-and-go surgery for a head trauma, a doctor examines in flashback his double life as the upstanding husband of a cool blond beauty and as the rough lover, in fact rapist in the first place, of an earthy dark peasant. It's almost worth swimming through the suds for the principal performances of Penelope Cruz, disguised behind a gap-toothed orthodontic prosthesis, a putty nose, and raccoon rings of eye makeup, and the soulful, thoughtful Sergio Castellitto (the endearing Italian chef of *Mostly Martha*), a sort of not so bored or blasé Giancarlo

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Giannini, so openly tormented that you might be disposed to absolve him of all his sins. Castellitto also directed, and the least you can say for him in that capacity is that he is attentive to his fellow thespians whenever he can tear his gaze away from himself. With Claudia Gerini. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/5)

Downfall — Two-and-a-half-hour countdown to the end of the Third Reich. Bruno Ganz, digging into his meatiest role in years, looks and sounds fine as the Führer; and filmmaker Oliver Hirschbiegel’s strict adherence to documented history, and to the precise design and décor of the infamous bunker, give the film some educational value, although the drab-to-dismal cinematography equates to a professorial drone. Entertainment value, meantime, rises no higher than sadistic pleasure at seeing Hitler have a bad fifty-sixth birthday and bad rest of his life: “No one understands me....” With Alexandra Maria Lara, Juliane Köhler, Corinna Harfouch, Ulrich Matthes. 2004. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 5/5)

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room — Alex Gibney’s documentary on the fall of a financial empire. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Eros — Three-part anthology film, with individual pieces by Wong Kar-wai, Steven Soderbergh, and the nonagenarian Michelangelo Antonioni: “The Hand,” “Equilibrium,” and “The Dangerous Thread of Things,” in order. Only one of the pieces is a keeper. The first one. The one that provides a full and satisfying moviegoing experience and leaves nothing to be desired. The one that’s a meal in itself. The one that can stand alone. The Wong. At a shade over forty-three minutes, it is easily the longest of the three segments. It is precisely as long as it needs to be. (Whereas his *Chungking Express* and *Fallen Angels* needed to braid together more than one storyline in order to reach the requisite feature-length.) It is as long, give or take, as *Sherlock Jr.* or *Zero for Conduct* or *Simon of the Desert*. It is a thing of beauty: not so much a story as a tone poem, or mood piece, on the enduring professional relationship of an inhibited tailor and a high-priced courtesan (the beauteous and sensuous Gong Li) whom he custom-fits in her finery, and who develops a Camille-like cough over time, and gravitates to the gutter. From the torrential rain of the opening shot to the elliptical time line and the Sixties period and the sliceable atmosphere of amorous longing, this is Wong’s private universe. And the explicit *modiste* subject matter authorizes, if you please, the further elaboration of the dress fetish of *In the Mood for Love*, and rationalizes the filmmaker’s hypersensitivity to fabric, pattern, texture, all captured in the blotted color of a Degas pastel, temperate greens, grays, browns. The two ensuing segments may drag down the film. That is, they may drag down *Eros*. But they don’t dirty “The Hand.” “The Hand” is untouched. With Chang Chen, Robert Downey, Jr., Alan Arkin, and Christopher Buchholz. 2005. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 5/5)

Fever Pitch — A men-are-from-Mars-women-are-from-Venus romantic comedy, a substantial subject and amply amusing. It tells you a lot about the film, though, that the gist of it may be summed up in the title of a pop-psych best seller. Our Martian man, a middle-school math teacher, is also (note the year: 2003) a Boston Red Sox fan who emphatically brings home to you the term’s derivation from *fanatic*: his apartment is wall-to-wall team collectibles (baseball-cap lamp, baseball-glove telephone, and so on), right down to the New York Yankee toilet paper. Our Venusian woman, an up-and-coming corporate dynamo, is defined nonetheless by her manlessness at age “twenty-ten,” is habitually disappointed in her relationships with her male mirror-images, is willing out of desperation to give an uncompetitive Nice Guy a try, is even willing to assimilate *in toto* his lore and legend of Fenway Park (the Green Monster, Pesky’s Pole, the Curse of the Bambino, “Bucky Friggin’ Dent,” Buckner, etc.), while expecting no



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comparable contortions on the part of the guy. A pair of two-dimensional cutouts; shadowless stereotypes. Any psychological interest will have to be transferred onto the filmmakers themselves, in their setting-up of frighteningly confident and successful female characters and then vengefully subjecting the entire sex to just-for-fun physical abuse: beaned by a football; pukingly food-poisoned; dropped twenty feet to the floor at an indoor rock-climbing exhibit; knocked flat on the back by a punch at the gym; knocked unconscious by a foul ball. In fairness, this is pretty toned down for a Farrelly brothers comedy. (And with Matthew Leonetti doing the camerawork, the image has been considerably toned up.) Presumably the softening of tone owes to

the fact that the script was placed in other hands, those of Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, who must have had to rewrite on the fly when the 2004 playoffs yielded a Happy Ending that even Hollywood would have scarcely dared dream up. Jimmy Fallon, Drew Barrymore. 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Guess Who — From the original studio — Columbia — comes a new spin on *Guess*

Who’s Coming to Dinner. Now — nearly forty years later — it’s a black girl bringing home a white fiancé, rather than the other way around, and meeting more open hostility than back then. What was once a purposeful gathering of Hollywood liberals (Tracy and Hepburn, together again for the last time, Poitier, Stanley Kramer) at a critical juncture in history — a “special” occasion — is now just another lowbrow Laff Riot, skirting the issue and trafficking instead in sitcommy meet-the-parents clichés, marital clichés, homosexual (or homophobic) clichés: not just a step backward in social progress but even more in cinematic progress. Bernie Mac and Ashton Kutcher, who get most of the chances on the way to some male-bonding clichés, give it their best effort, but it never resembles a team effort. With Zoë Saldaña and Judith Scott; directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Hitch — An anonymous Date Doctor, working by personal referrals only, dispenses self-help slogans (“With no guile and no game, there’s no girl”) and empirical pearls of wisdom (“Eight out of ten women believe that one kiss will tell them everything they need to know about a relationship”) to a select group of male clients carefully screened for their moral fiber and their

honorable intentions. Yet the women in the movie, as the men intuitively fear they will, react to this newfangled advisor to the lovelorn, this better-dressed Cupid, as if he were the satanic spawn of Valmont and Mme. de Merteuil from *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. What, or where, is the beef? Will Smith tries to apologize for his insufferable air of overconfidence by way of a cartoonish depiction of a shellfish allergy (his face swelling like a battered boxer’s), a flashback to his days as a collegiate nerd, and a genuinely funny bout of inarticulacy when pleading his case to his steamed girlfriend. Director Andy Tennant sees to it that the star gets his accustomed surplus of closeups. In fact he sees to it that the subservient support team — Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Amber Valletta, Julie Ann Emery — get more than their share of closeups, too. In fact he sees to little else. 2005. ● (GASLAMP 15)

The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy — End-of-the-world science fiction as filtered through the sensibility of zany, nutty, Monty Python-y British humor. The trendy, youthful, culty Douglas Adams book, now a quarter of a century old, demonstrates itself to be less than timeless. With Martin Freeman, Zooey Deschanel, Sam Rockwell, Mos Def, and the voice of Alan Rickman as a clinically depressed robot; directed by Garth Jennings. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;

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difference between, say, a cartoon coyote and a flesh-and-blood human. Director, co-writer, and star Stephen Chow has given the thing an intermittent touch of perceptible, intelligible direction, not to be confused with perceptive, intelligent direction. The unintermittent, unrelenting direction of it, in any event, is toward a new outpost, a new milestone, in the puerilization of the action film. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Look at Me — French relationship comedy revolving around a self-important novelist and his self-loathing daughter, an overweight failed actress now in training as a classical vocalist. The film reveals itself, and its characters, gradually and organically, unfolding like life. Some of it is perhaps too painful to be funny, yet our recognition of human strivings and failings can touch off moderate mirth, if never violent hilarity, anywhere along the way, on no set schedule. The artists most responsible for this wise, wily, observant, truly adult entertainment are the writing and acting team of Jean-Pierre Bacri and Agnès Jaoui, who previously wrote and acted in *Un Air de Famille*, *Same Old Song*, and *The Taste of Others*, the last of which was also Jaoui's first directing job. *Look at Me* is her second, and is as fluid a job as you could desire, even if you might desire an image a little less jaundiced. In front of the camera, Bacri of course takes the role of the literary lion, and cements his position as the cinema's supreme sourpuss. Jaoui is the daughter's voice coach, a delicate part played with quiet finesse. And newcomer Marilou Berry, daughter of the actress-writer-director Josiane Balasko, plays the hefty daughter, with no fudging of her heftiness: no mere plumpness passed off as corpulence; no padding for extra poundage. She thus falls in line with the likes of Romane Bohringer (*The Accompanist*), Sylvie Testud (*Murderous Maids*), Roxane Mesquida (*Fat Girl*), not to mention her real-life mother (*Too Beautiful for You*), nonlookers of various types who seem to gain access to French screens more readily than their counterparts do to American. In her role here, she is not the sort of endomorph who is comfortable in her stretched skin: stout and proud. She carries a boulder-sized chip on her shoulder, and she slumps under the weight of it. In her father's eyes, "She's anger on wheels." She is not, in anyone's eyes, easy to like. One of the many strengths of the film is that it grants her, and us, all the time and help we need. 2004.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

A Lot Like Love — The course of romance commences seven years ago, with anonymous mutual enrollment in the mile-high club in the lavatory of an LAX-to-JFK red-eye, and it proceeds from there in fits and starts, after progressively diminishing intermissions (three years, two, one, one-half), without either party ever really getting to know the other, or getting to be known to the viewer, either. All that matters is that they look good together, or separately, and have a good time. "They" are a would-be and then has-been dotcommer and a would-be actress and will-be photographer, portrayed respectively by Ashton Kutcher, whose specialty is an almost ventriloquial ability to speak through a frozen smile, and Amanda Peet, whose specialty is a lusty rapaciousness (my, what big teeth you have, Amanda!) suggestive of a brief, breath-catching recess in a marathon bout of lovemaking. Add, behind them, an album's worth of pop songs, and British director Nigel Cole will prove to you that he can not only make comedies for tittery oldsters (*Saving Grace*, *Calendar Girls*) but can just as well make one for tittery youngsters. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION

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The Man Who Copied — An attractive cast in a proletarian romantic comedy about a Porto Alegre copy-machine operator, and would-be cartoonist, with a major crush on a neighbor whom he watches through a pair of binoculars. "No girl," he confides in voice-over, "dreams of spending her life with a photocopier operator." Writer-director Jorge Furtado doesn't throw away the crutch of first-person narration until the second half, and then he takes a turn into serious crime that somewhat sours the mood. With Lázaro Ramos, Leandra Leal, Luana Piovani (a bombshell), and Pedro Cardoso. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/6)

Melinda and Melinda — Woody Allen throws his two cents into the alternative-reality forum. Two playwrights, one tragic and the other comic, are sitting in a New York bistro arguing their respective *Weltanschauungs*, when a tablemate proposes to tell a true story, and let the playwrights decide whether it's a tragedy or a comedy. We ourselves don't hear the story, beyond the first step of a woman arriving unannounced at an apartment door during a dinner party. Dissolve to the end of the story, and each playwright now gets to put his own spin on it, taking turns reeling out the plotline. The two tales are enacted by completely separate casts, excepting Radha Mitchell, the alternative Melindas. Like most of Allen's films, even at his lowest ebb, this one has a clear point of inspiration, an idea, a concept, a conceit. But it's a little more of a challenge than usual, a hard job with no easy solution, and what's certain is that Allen wasn't up to it: an empty structure waiting to be furnished. Though there are, for sure, some clever permutations of shared elements (the single-malt Scotch, the magic lamp, the eligible dentist), the two stories seem insufficiently differentiated, even down to their smothering buttery light: the tragic insufficiently intense, the comic insufficiently funny. It is sometimes, as we switch back and forth, hard to remember which is which; and ultimately hard to imagine, as the plotlines diverge, what the "true" story could originally have been. The whole thing feels a bit monotonous, and yet — the strength of the structure — we keep hanging on to see where it's headed. Mitchell, in what might have been a virtuoso role for a Meryl Streep or a Judy Davis, is herself insufficiently differentiated: kinkier hair and more cigarettes for tragedy. Put more harshly, she reveals not much range and not much personality. With Will Ferrell, Amanda Peet, Jonny Lee Miller, Chloë Sevigny, Brooke Smith, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and no Allen. 2005.

★★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/6)

Million Dollar Baby — It would have been understandable if, after the exertions of *Mystic River*, Clint Eastwood were to revert to the relaxation mode of *Blood Work*, *Space Cowboys*, *True Crime*, *Absolute Power*. For a while, it would appear he had done just that. This sets up as a nice, light workout of fight-film conventions, smooth and steady, barely breaking a sweat. But ultimately it takes shape as more than just an old-fashioned fight film, really more a relationship film, with the Eastwood character — a gruff and guilt-ridden Irish Catholic trainer, manager,

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and cut man — taking under his wing a feisty female fighter who becomes a surrogate daughter to replace the biological one with whom he has lost touch, and who in turn needs a surrogate father. The boxing, almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a late-starter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as *Mystic River*, it proves in the end to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road; been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional *Mystic River*, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here

dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect — the very thought — of taking another life. He thus continues his self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry, Josey Wales, et al. More than just the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become — in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense — the conscience of American cinema. Hilary

Swank, Morgan Freeman. 2004.

★★★★ (VOGUE)

Millions — The lighter side of Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting*, *28 Days Later*, et al.), lighter even than *A Life Less Ordinary*, embracing not mere angels, but full-fledged saints. Two little Liverpoolian brothers happen to have a duffel of cash fall in their laps off a passing train. The younger boy, the "clever" one, conversant with all the Catholic saints and visited by a select few (Francis, a cigarette-smoking Clare, Peter, Joseph), takes this as his commission to dispense charity to the

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needy (“I thought it was from God”), with the added urgency of the looming conversion to the Euro. Once you swallow the premise, or spit it discreetly into your

Kleenex, and once you resign yourself to the inevitable arrival, trackside, of a sinister figure in search of a lost duffel (a far cry, even so, from Robert Mitchum in *Night of the Hunter*), you can have some fun with the older, more practical brother’s attempts to rein in and cover up the younger’s open-handed philanthropy. With Alex Etel, Lewis McGibbon, James Nesbitt. 2005.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4;

GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLOREST CINEMAS)

Off the Map — Arch and artificial memory film about a hippie family outside Taos in the Seventies, during the time of the father’s great depression (the adult daughter-narrator, looking back: “It was inescapable, my father’s depression, like some fumigator’s mist filling our lungs”), and about the IRS auditor who comes

calling, gets laid low by a beesting, stays on to recuperate, and finds a new vocation as an artist. Off the planet. With Joan Allen, Sam Elliott, Valentina de Angeles, Jim True-Frost, J.K. Simmons, and Amy Brenneman; directed by Campbell Scott. 2004.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Palindromes — Further provocation from Todd Solondz (*Storytelling, Happiness,*

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Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (1:40) 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:40; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 1:45, 3:05) 4:30, 5:45, 7:10, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Sun. (12:40, 1:45, 3:05) 4:30, 5:45, 7:10, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:05, 4:30, 5:45) 7:10, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; **House of D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:25, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:25) 7:45, 10:00; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:25) 4:10, 5:00, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:00, 3:25, 4:10, 5:00) 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20; **Kung Fu Hustle** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:50) 8:10, 10:30; **A Lot Like Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:35) 8:05, 10:25; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:55) 5:20, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:20) 7:30, 9:55; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:25, 10:15; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 1:35, 3:20) 4:05, 5:40, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:35; Sun. (12:50, 1:35, 3:20) 4:05, 5:40, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:40) 7:20, 8:20, 9:40

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
The Amityville Horror (R) Fri. (12:15, 12:55,

1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:30) 6:35, 6:55, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 12:55, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30) 5:30, 6:35, 6:55, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 12:55, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:30) 6:35, 6:55, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15; **Crash** (R) Fri. (12:10, 12:50, 2:45, 3:15, 5:15) 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 12:50, 2:45, 3:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 12:50, 2:45, 3:15, 5:15) 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:15; **Dust to Glory** (PG) Fri. (4:25) 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 4:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (4:25) 9:35; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 9:55; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (12:35, 1:00, 1:35, 3:25, 4:15, 4:45) 6:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:05, 9:40, 10:25, 12:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 1:00, 1:35, 3:25) 4:15, 4:45, 6:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:05, 9:40, 10:25, 12:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 1:00, 1:35, 3:25, 4:15, 4:45) 6:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:05, 9:40, 10:25, 12:00; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 1:05, 3:15, 4:05) 6:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 1:05, 3:15) 4:05, 6:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 1:05, 3:15, 4:05) 6:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:10; **Off the Map** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:35) 6:40, 9:20; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:05) 6:25, 9:45

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Kingdom of Heaven; House of Wax; Crash; The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; XXX: State of the Union; The Interpreter; A Lot Like Love; Kung Fu Hustle; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Sin City; The Upside of Anger

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 2:10, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Look At Me** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:50; **Sixteen Candles** (PG) Sat. 12:00; **The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30; **Winter Solstice** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 1:40, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Kingdom of Heaven; House of Wax; Crash; The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; XXX: State of the Union; The Interpreter; A Lot Like Love; Kung Fu Hustle; The Amityville Horror; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Sin City; Guess Who

Mann Hazard 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Crash (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:40; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 10:00; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:20, 3:50, 4:40) 7:10, 8:00, 10:30; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 5:10) 7:50, 10:10

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Kingdom of Heaven; House of Wax; Crash; The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; XXX: State of the Union; The Interpreter; A Lot Like Love; Kung Fu Hustle; Madison; The Amityville Horror; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Guess Who; Sin City; Beauty Shop; The Pacifier

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
The Amityville Horror (R) Fri. (3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:35, 5:50) 8:05; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:20) 7:35; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:50; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri. (3:30) 7:05, 10:10; Sat. (12:50, 3:55) 7:05, 10:10; Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:45) 7:30; **Kung Fu Hustle** (R) Fri. (3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:35) 7:45; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:45) 8:00

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Beautiful Boxer (Not Rated) Fri. (4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 7:00, 9:40

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (Not Rated) Fri. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; **The Man Who Copied** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 5:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; **Millions** (PG) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; Mon. (1:50, 4:25) 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30; **Palindromes** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:20, 4:45) 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:45) 7:25, 9:55; **Walk on Water** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** Sat. 10:00; **Rhythms of the World** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 8:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 5:00; **Wolves** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Amityville Horror (R) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00; **Crash** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Dust to Glory** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:00) 7:00, 9:40; Sat. (1:25) 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sun. (1:25) 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:00) 7:00, 9:40; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:35) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:35, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 1:55, 4:35) 7:05, 9:45; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:55) 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15) 4:25, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:55) 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15) 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:05, 7:45,

10:05, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 7:05, 7:45, 10:05, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:05, 7:45, 10:05, 10:40; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 12:20, 2:40, 3:40) 6:00, 7:00, 9:20, 10:20; **Kung Fu Hustle** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **A Lot Like Love** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Sun. 4:00; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30); Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30); **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20) 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
The Amityville Horror (R) Fri. (1:20, 3:35) 7:05, 9:55; Sat. (11:35, 2:00) 4:30, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (11:35, 1:45) 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:35, 10:05; **Crash** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 7:40, 10:25; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:40, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:40) 8:00, 10:20; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:25, 6:55, 9:35; Sat. (12:30) 4:25, 6:55, 9:30; Sun. (12:30) 4:25, 6:55, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:25) 6:55, 9:40; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri. (1:35) 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; Mon. (11:00, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat. (12:40, 3:30) 7:00, 9:55; Sun.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 6:50, 9:55; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:50) 6:45, 9:45; Sat. (11:50, 3:00) 6:30, 9:35; Sun. (11:50, 3:00) 6:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00) 6:30, 9:30; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri. (12:15, 3:20) 7:45, 10:50; Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:45, 10:50; Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:30, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 7:30, 10:35; **A Lot Like Love** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:05, 6:30, 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20) 4:05, 6:45, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:05) 6:45, 9:20; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. (11:15, 2:05) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:45, 7:40, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:40, 10:30; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:40; Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:30) 7:55, 10:25

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
House of Wax (R) Fri. (2:05) 5:05, 7:50, 10:15; Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15,

team of seven or eight players, of markedly different types, sizes, ages, races, all of them quite ordinary and unactressy (excepting only Jennifer Jason Leigh, a forty-year-old teenager), most of them, in fact, quite amateurish and uncomfortable. This device adds a little interest, but not a lot of meaning. The title doesn’t appear to amount to much, either: the heroine is named Aviva, and she encounters a Bob and an Otto. With

Ellen Barkin, Richard Masur, Debra Monk. 2005.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/6)

Robots — A follow-that-dream fairy tale set in a world of robots, anthropomorphized and sentimentalized to such extent that an assembly-required baby-bot will grow organically into a tot-bot and a teen-bot and ultimately a budding inventor-bot. It offers,

as they say, something for everyone: fart jokes and big-butt jokes, pop-culture allusions, corporate satire, the schizophrenic voices of Robin Williams, the aesthetic of “cute.” Something for everyone, at least, who’s not put off by the vacuum-sealed sterility, the machine-tooled smoothness, the showroom sheen of computer animation. Or by the two-faced disparagement of money (“Profit

schmofit!”) and the pretense of higher principles. Those exclusions should whittle down “everyone” to a mere majority. With the voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Greg Kinnear, Jim Broadbent; directed by Chris Wedge. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Sahara — “A Clive Cussler Dirk Pitt

Adventure,” trumpet the opening credits. Those are of course two separate people, Clive Cussler being the original novelist, and Dirk Pitt (wham! bam!) being his swashbuckling hero, who, along with his comical sidekick Al Giordino, is hunting a treasure-laden Civil War ironclad up the Niger River. Yes, indeedy. (Clues will be found in primitive “cave paintings” dating back almost a century and a half.) That

Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:15) 8:00, 10:55; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:45) 7:50, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:45, 7:50, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:45) 7:50, 10:45; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:25; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50) 7:10, 7:35, 9:50, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:55, 2:15) 4:30, 4:50, 7:10, 7:35, 9:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50) 7:10, 7:35, 9:50, 10:15

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 10:00; **A Lot Like Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 5:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 7:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mt. Rd. (858-674-9770)
Crash (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (11:05, 1:30, 3:50) 6:20, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 6:50, 9:30; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:00) 4:25, 6:50, 9:20; Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:15, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 6:30, 9:10; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (11:15, 1:35, 3:55) 6:25, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 6:30, 9:10; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:45) 6:25, 9:05; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:20, 6:55, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:40) 6:25, 9:05; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 6:20, 9:00; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 12:20, 2:35, 3:45, 5:40, 7:00, 8:45, 10:15; Sun. 11:00, 12:00, 2:15, 3:15, 5:30, 6:30, 8:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 1:50, 3:25, 4:45, 6:20, 7:40, 9:15; **A Lot Like Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 6:40, 9:20; **Millions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:00) 4:20, 6:40, 9:10; Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 6:55, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:00) 6:40, 9:20; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:40) 6:45, 9:30; Sun. (12:35, 3:30) 6:25, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:35) 6:20, 9:00; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:50, 8:20, 10:40; Sun. (11:25, 1:45) 4:15, 6:35, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:15) 6:50, 9:30

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quest happens to converge with the quest of a doctor from WHO who is tracking the source of an epidemic in Mali, and who happens to be Penelope Cruz. Total balderdash, but much more baldness than dash. With Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn, Lambert Wilson, and William H. Macy; directed by Breck Eisner. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sin City — Comic-book burlesque of the hard-boiled *film noir*, tougher than tough, cooler than cool, bloodier than bloody, sillier than silly. Robert Rodriguez adapted it — or more accurately, copied it — from Frank Miller’s series of graphic novels; and he insisted, to the point of resigning from the Director’s Guild, on sharing the directing credit with Miller (besides bringing in his buddy, Quentin Tarantino, as a “guest director” of unspecified services). Different first-person narrators guide us through the different, dovetailed storylines, but always with the same hammerhead tone of voice: “I’m gonna find that son of a bitch that killed you, and I’m gonna give him the hard goodbye.” The baroque black-and-white photography, with digital dabs of color for a red dress, green eyes, blue eyes, golden hair, blood, etc., may at first be “visually arresting” (thank you, *Newsweek*), but over the long haul it’s visually imprisoning. Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen, Benecio Del Toro, Jessica Alba, Brittany Murphy, Carla Gugino, Jaime King, Rosario Dawson, Alexis Bledel, Michael Madsen, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Powers Boothe. 2005. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sixteen Candles — The directorial debut



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of comedy writer John Hughes, a movie for and about teenagers, and with their same impatience and exaggeration: *I’ll simply die if I don’t get a laugh in the next five seconds*. And the next and the next and the next. Anthony Michael Hall, as a socially maladroit freshman, is given every opportunity to steal the movie, more opportunity even than Sean Penn in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* or Christopher Penn in *Footloose*. He steals a few scenes at the least. But the movie belongs, as is only right, to Molly Ringwald, playing straightwoman to all the cards and cut-ups, in a pouty but dignified performance as a just-sixteen-year-old whose birthday is

overlooked in all the hubbub over her big sister’s wedding (Blanche Baker, the big sister, steals only the wedding scene, as is also right). With Paul Dooley and Justin Henry. 1984. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 5/7 MIDNIGHT)

The Upside of Anger — Said anger belongs primarily to the mother of four daughters ranging in age from high school to college senior, and secondarily to the four daughters, after the husband and father absconds with his Swedish secretary. The mother takes solace first from a bottle of vodka (three bottles per shopping trip), and then from her next-door neighbor and new

drinking buddy, a former Detroit Tiger and current talk-radio host. The daughters, three of them still residing under the family roof, are a persistent handful. Joan Allen, in something of a tour de force, and something also of a tour de farce, really does convey the juggling act, the balancing act, of multiple motherhood; and yet at the same time there’s an element of circusy spectacle in the performance, aggravating the domestic disharmony, drowning out the accompaniment, hogging the spotlight. Evan Rachel Wood, Erika Christensen, Keri Russell, and Alicia Witt make up an attractive brood, even beyond mere appearance. And a slightly goofball Kevin Costner, a Detroit Tiger in *For Love of the Game* as well, has beneficially chased away his chronic clouds. The writer and director, Mike Binder, is a member of the cast, too, as Costner’s radio producer, an average guy with average looks and average needs and average scruples, and in that role Binder is convincingly average. Behind the camera, he aspires to much more. (A good deal more,

certainly, than in such undistinguished earlier credits as *Blankman* and *Indian Summer*.) Gripped by the American terror of dullness, keeping one eye on his cast of characters and the other eye on a hypothetically squirming audience, he maps out his plot and hones his dialogue as if he were racking up points on a pinball machine, with all attendant flashing lights and ringing bells. He wants to make an impression, and immediately he wants to make another. (He will not even balk at a fantasy of an exploding head.) Such a quest for constant diversion can hardly help but produce sporadic diversion, roughly on a par with subpar James Brooks. 2005. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12)

Walk on Water — A cold-blooded Mossad assassin, under the guise of an Israeli tour guide, cozies up to the two adult grandchildren of an ancient Nazi still at large. Shaken but not stirred by the recent suicide of his wife, he is not happy with his assignment, especially once he learns that the grandson with whom he has been showering at the beach, peeing on a campfire, etc., is gay. Suspense, either mortal or sexual, is minimal; and the ashen image of this cheapo production appears on the verge of fainting from malnutrition. Notwithstanding all that, filmmaker Eytan Fox (*Yossi and Jagger*) is not opposed to outright hokum: the homosexual, at his father’s seventieth birthday bash, will lead the Hitler’s Youth generation in a Jewish folk dance, and the assassin who is physiologically unable to cry will find occasion to open the floodgates, and the happy ending careens all the way to giddy. Lior Ashkenazi, Krut Berger, Caroline Peters. 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill — Human-interest documentary, and avian-interest, about an unemployed San Francisco musician, Mark Bittner, who tends a flock of cherry-headed conures, plus one outcast blue-crown conure by the name of Connor (they all have names), who is quite a character. Lightly engaging most of the way, with all of the wrenching saved for the end. Directed, edited, and shot (“no digital special effects”) by Judy Irving. 2005. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Winter Solstice — A womanless household — the Winters family — composed of two strapping boys and a morose widower. Tepid domestic drama with warm-blooded performances from Anthony LaPaglia, Aaron Stanford, Mark Webber, Allison Janney, Michelle Monaghan. Some amusing human observation fights through the pallid image and New Age-y music. E.g., after fielding a perfectly proper dinner invitation from a new neighbor grateful for the loan of a hand dolly, the troublesome high-schooler turns to his buddy: “You see what I have to deal with here? This fuckin’ nuthouse!” Written and directed by Josh Sternfeld. 2005. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/6)

XXX: State of the Union — The former triple-X (Vin Diesel, that would be) has been killed, off-screen, in Bora-Bora. “The new triple-X,” muses his old boss, Samuel L. Jackson, “has gotta be more dangerous, deadlier, more attitude.” Enter Ice Cube, straight from nine years in lockdown, a James Bond from the Hood (and a hammeringly monotonous actor), rounding up his homies to thwart a plot by the Secretary of Defense to assassinate the President in the midst of his state-of-the-union speech. It’s loud, it’s lurid, it’s tired. Most of all, tired. With Willem Dafoe, Scott Speedman, Peter Strauss; directed by Lee Tamahori. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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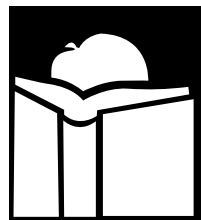
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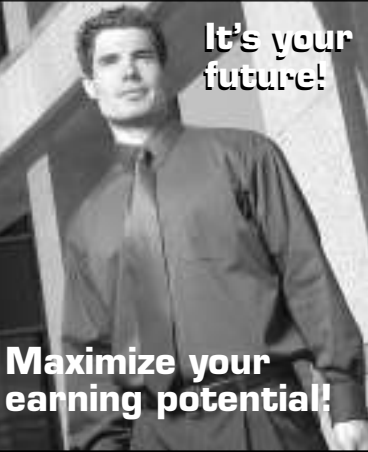
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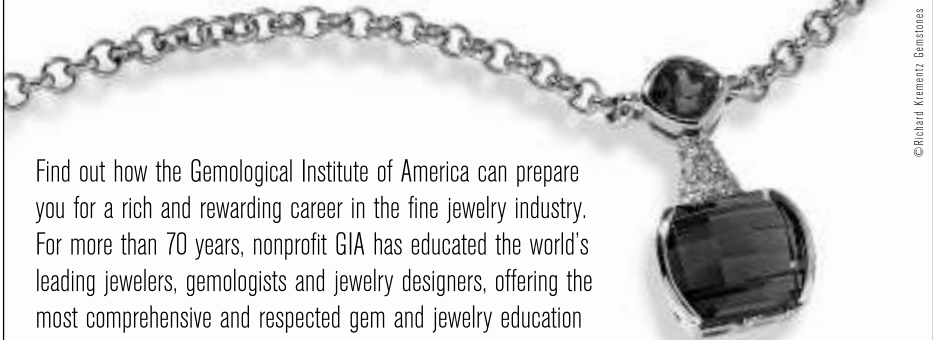
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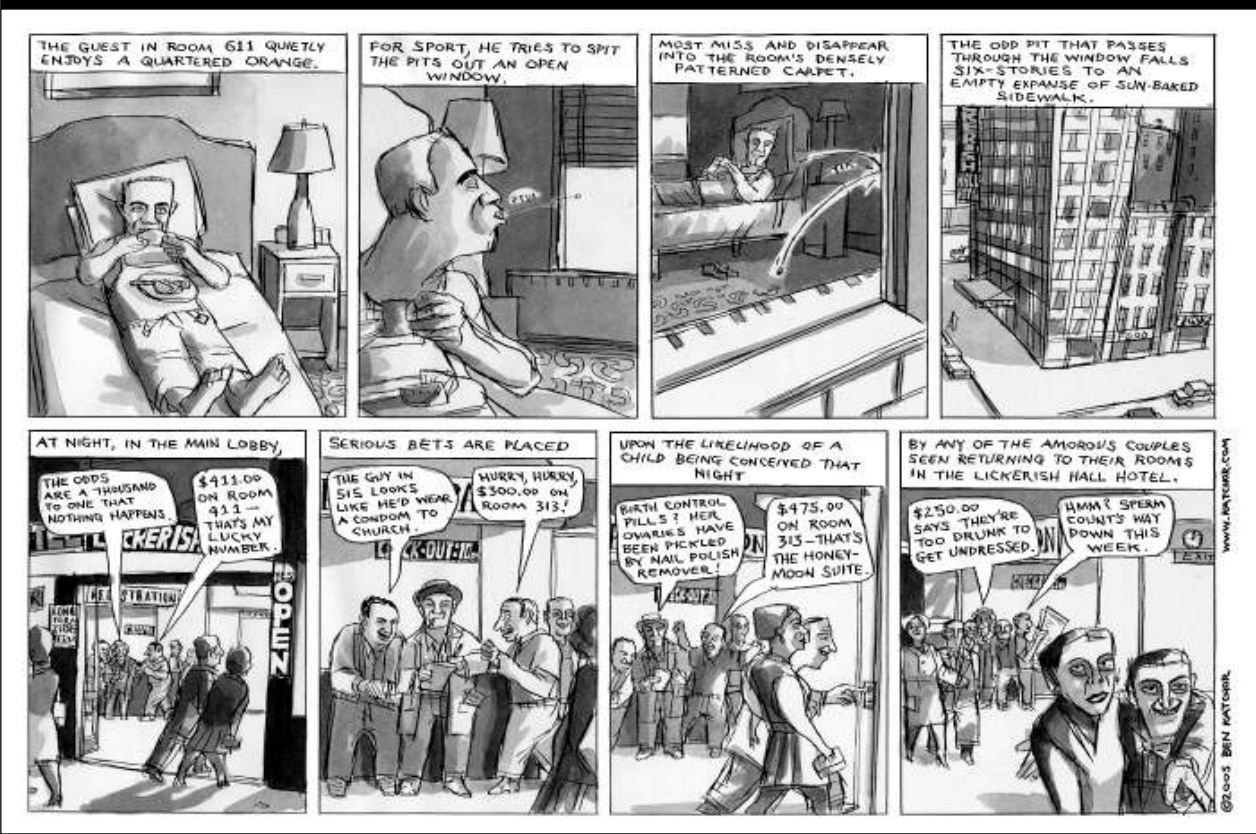
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JULIE, I have been looking for you for years. Please respond to me in this column. Your old friend Jeannette. This is my last hope Weenie.

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Write soon! Weeks have gone by. We all want to hear from you. Don't let time pass you by. WI WI WI.

NICOLE. Sweet nothing. Lips.

NL. Roses R Red, Violets R Blue, The Greatest Time I Ever Had, The Time I Had With You. CW.

OLIVER. Searching for Oliver G. from Trader Joe's last summer. SOS anyone? Thanks! Artist 72.

THANK YOU Holy Spirit for prayers answered. Sherry.

WHY, IF SOUL CAN FLING dust aside, and naked on air of Heaven ride, weren't not a Shame for him in this clay carcass, crippled to abide? Omar.

WON'T YOU HELP send these songs of freedom? Please work for peace, love, and happiness, brothers and sisters.

YOU WERE AT THE Santee Barnes and Noble with and older woman, Sunday, 4/24 at 2pm. I walked in front of your white BMW as you left. You smiled. Same time, same place Saturday, 5/7?

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ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 59, sexy, educated, secure homeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (5/11) **34734**

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VERY POSITIVE WOMAN, honest, energetic, enthusiastic, good sense of humor, 5'5", 135lbs., 40s. Looking for slim, divorce with small children, sincere, great values, max 42. (5/18) **34759**

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SINGLE, HISPANIC MOM, in Chula Vista looking for professional caucasian or hispanic male between 35-48, nonsmoker. I am 39 and enjoy making new friends. (5/18) **34766**

SLIM, CHEERFUL, healthy, tall, warm, affectionate white female, 67, seeking good-natured, fit, 6'1"+ gentleman, near age 67, for fun, companionship. TLC. Friends first. Nonsmoker. (5/11) **34741**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, 56. Seeking man, 53-60, sense of humor, fun, desire to develop a friendship, leading to a loving long-term relationship! Are you there? (5/11) **34736**

HEALTHY, PRETTY, FIT, 53. Into dancing, running, movies, beaches, living life to the fullest. Seeking healthy, fun, sweet guy to get to know. 45-55. (5/18) **34768**

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, 64, 5'7", intelligent, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, art, nature, dining. You: 57-64, healthy, nonsmoker, life-loving for friendship, romance. San Diego preferred. (5/18) **34763**

AUTHENTIC EUROPEAN import, very young, late 50s, attractive, active, bright. Seeking successful, degreed male professional, 54-78, for social activities, travel, and long-term relationship. (5/11) **34751**

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man. Friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (5/11) **34752**

HONEST, ATTRACTIVE, funny lady. Seeking for the same type of man. Financially comfortable, romantic, spontaneous. Someone who's not pretending to be anyone except himself. 49-60. (5/18) **34778**

SERIOUS MINDED MAN WANTED for attractive white female, 31, outgoing, down to earth. You be 25-45 years, white, play no games, love kids and ready. (5/18) **34769**

WANTED: GENTLEMAN, 43-50, good heart, good morals. Cuban female, 47, 5'5", 146lbs., searching for my other half. Serious only. Give romance a try. (5/11) **34739**

MONTANA-RAISED COWGIRL seeks senior cowboy, age 40-65, likes horses, dogs, camping, fishing. I'm strawberry blonde, 5'4", slim, voluptuous, spiritual and fun to be with. (5/11) **34748**



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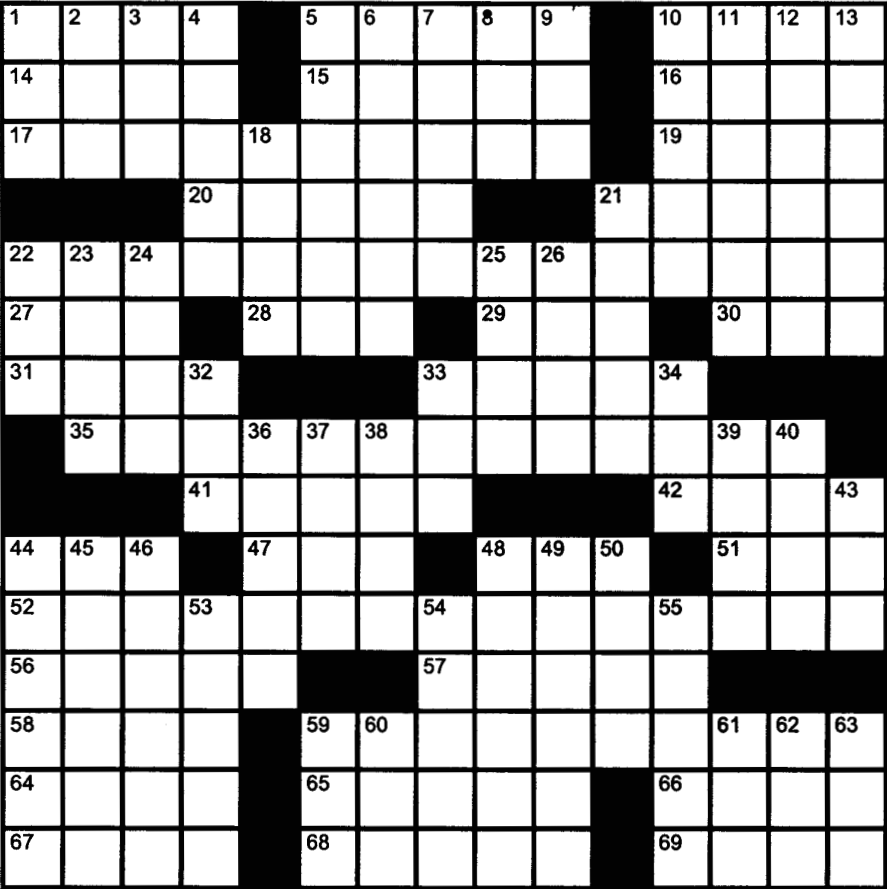
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 - _____ in the bud
 - Bone, in Italian
 - Sow's mate
 - Of _____ (availing)
 - Green of "Austin Powers" films
 - 1961 Elvis Presley song
 - Acceptance on the street, slangily
 - One who yearns
 - Writer Binky
 - 1976 Eagles song
 - Backrub sound
 - _____ the land of the free ..."
 - Watchdog's greeting
 - _____ Lingus
 - Mortarboard tosser
 - Responded to a cattle call
 - 1972 Rolling Stones song
 - Blackthorn fruits
 - Diarist Frank
 - Ending for intellectual
 - Subj. including grammar
 - Epcot center?
 - Director Howard
 - 1960 Ray Charles song
 - "Have fun"
 - Fatboy Slim album "You've _____ Long Way, Baby"
 - Conchita's aunts
 - This puzzle's theme
 - Explosive star
 - Young hooter
 - Score of 100-0, say
 - Things some tunnelers look for
 - It may be proposed in a bar
 - Start of something small?

- Down**
- Flow back
 - "Ha-ha," online
 - Evian offering
 - Brunch serving
 - Subtle distinction
 - "Honest!"
 - Buck or Bailey
 - "Lord, is _____?": Matthew
 - French pronoun
 - Award since 1927
 - Star often circulating near Venus
 - Musical Wonder
 - Worrywart's exclamation
 - Southernmost U.S. city
 - "The _____ read the papers, the less I comprehend" (Ira Gershwin lyric)
 - Cauldron stirrer
 - Boathouse equipment

- Sign of spring
- Fictional hunchback
- Symbol of the WB network
- _____ Plaines, Illinois
- Prefix with play or cast
- Forensic ID
- Poem of lament
- Actress Collette
- "Tom's Diner" singer Suzanne
- Calvary inscription
- Before long
- Outcome
- "_____ kick from champagne" (Cole Porter lyric)
- Kind of moment
- Part of San Bernardino County
- Benjamins
- Bob Dylan's "The Death of _____ Till"
- They're right next to your nose
- Parks and others
- City west of Daytona Beach
- About 10% of New Zealanders
- Lush
- Tango requirement?
- "As if"
- It may be sucked in
- Oink pad?

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 4/28/05.

Of the 61 entrants, 52 were correct.
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- Gale Chapman, *Chula Vista*
- Thomas Sweet, *San Diego*
- Mary Krimmel, *La Jolla*
- David Weim, *San Diego*

ADVENTUROUS, SEXY, funny, real gem, Mexican ancestry, 5'5", 130lbs., nonsmoker. You: 50-60, 5'10+, funny, charming man, values family, romantic, honest. (5/11) ☎34731

TALL, ATTRACTIVE white Latina, Cristian, 47, love travel, beach walks. You: good gentleman, 47-60, works, are single with time for me. Call me. (5/11) ☎34733

ATTRACTIVE, NATIVE Californian, 49, tall, educated, verbal, artistic. Singing, outdoors, homemaking. Aspire to sail! Cooking together, share recipes with lovely guy, right ingredients, chemistry. 45-60. (5/18) ☎34756

PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2", 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga, seeks gentleman 5'10+", 45-55, athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (5/11) ☎34743

CARING, AFFECTIONATE CUTIE with herpes seeks intelligent, handsome funny guy, 40s-50s, for committed relationship. Honest, playful, creative, love music, ro-

mantic, extrovert. North County. (5/18) ☎34777

LONELY, SENSITIVE, CARING, 52-year-old lady interested in a kind-hearted, sincere gentleman for a permanent relationship. Enjoy dining out, movies, home life, romance. (5/11) ☎34728

HONEY FOR ROMANCE or lasting relationship. You are tall, secure, kind man, who wants curvy, warm, happy nonsmoking woman, blue eyes, medium, 5'7". (5/11) ☎34735

ATTRACTIVE, BLONDE Mexican-European, 5'8", 145lbs., 40, fun, easygoing, educated. Seeking attractive Caucasian, 40-50, fun, easygoing, romantic, loving for possible long-term relationship. No games. (5/18) ☎34773

HIKE IN MOUNTAINS? Bike at beach? Slim, athletic female with lots of energy seeks senior guy for outdoor fun. Must like dogs. East County. 65-70. (5/11) ☎34744

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, classy, easygoing, nice legs. Wants to meet very attrac-

tive guy, 40-50, healthy, tender, financially secure, nonsmoking, no drugs for friendship or possible relationship. (5/18) ☎34772

FRIENDS FIRST, then it will all fall into place. Concerts, movies, nice dinners. No drugs or smoking. (5/18) ☎34765

HANDSOME GENTLEMAN SEEKS Asian lady. Successful, late 40s, athletic, green eyes, gray, clean, caring, romantic, homeowner on the beach. Seeking pretty lady for travel, fun, happy, committed relationship. North County. (5/11) ☎48146

HEY GUYS. THIS SEXY, dynamic, fit, African-American lady, who's under 40, articulate, open, affectionate, outgoing seeks a fit, cutie who's under 40. Race open. (5/11) ☎34730

LEFTIST, 51, 5'9", son (17), natural, Ocean Beach, medium energy/drive, blues-classical. Seeking 50ish, progressive, intellectual, easygoing adventurer for slow-growing un/enfolding. Bonus: handyman, cook! (5/18) ☎34760

MS. RIGHT LOOKING FOR MR. Right, not Mr. Right Now. 47, black female seeks 32-55 white male. We're serious. No games. Let's talk! (5/11) ☎34732

PETITE, LATINA LADY, 49 years, honest, sincere, caring, enjoy movies, outdoors. Seeking caring, sincere gentleman, 40-55, financially/emotionally stable, humorous, enjoy similar interest. No games. (5/18) ☎34774

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No. You don't dip your pen in the company ink. I'm from an older school of thought; I think it always ends badly. If I were serious about a coworker, I'd go get another job and then think of dating her. It's a tested and proven situation; if you date someone and then it doesn't go well, you still have to see that person every day and it gets weird. It can be just as bad as living next door to someone you're dating. Maybe in a larger business where you don't have to interact with that person so much, a relationship might be able to work. Maturity plays a large role. Men think with the little head. When one woman gets pregnant, every other woman goes on a witch-hunt to get pregnant too. Once one gets going, you won't be laughing then. You know what the definition of desperate is: a single woman over 40.




Detta Rolling

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North Park

No. Don't mix work with home. I've never tried it in the past, but I've seen it happen enough to know what can result. Arguing at work is the most glaringly obvious downside and then you know that the argument goes home with them. You can't really remain professional. Work should stay at work and home should stay at home. The worst that I've seen is when superiors date people below them. One person gives the other orders and the other thinks they shouldn't have to take orders from the person they're dating. You also have to worry about people playing favorites. I don't think there's a situation where it'd ever work. All of the people who I've known that have owned businesses, their significant other stays out of it. That way there's never any arguments about money.




Marko Gutierrez

English Teacher

Chula Vista

Yeah. It works out for me as a teacher because then I wouldn't have to worry about coordinating vacations. It's important because you don't want to be ready to take off somewhere and have some sort of scheduling conflict. It's nice to be on the same page and be able to spend enough time together. A lot of the time, I don't find myself with much time to talk with coworkers. I don't know any coworkers at the moment who are involved, but I know people who've gotten married after meeting at work.




Kadhir Jones

Student

North Park

I think it's fine to date a coworker. I've known people who've met at their jobs and have been alright with the situation. I realize that it can be a gamble. If it gets bad, somebody usually quits. There's the potential to have arguments at work; it's good to have a rule about keeping it out of the workplace. In that situation, you have to set boundaries.




Gabrielle Stephens

Student

El Cajon

Work is a good place to meet people. It depends on the job. I've had it work, but I also ended up quitting; it got to be too much time together. We worked in different departments and were of equal job rank. When I quit, we stayed together. I guess I might have to say that it works to meet people, but then you have to quit. I really recommend that everyone try it at least once.



Amy Lockaby

Food Server

Clairemont

I've never dated a coworker, so it's hard for me to say whether I would or wouldn't. I don't think I'd want to see them every day at work. I'd become aggravated with someone were I to see them every day at the workplace as well as outside. I wouldn't go so far as to say it'd be a wicked-bad idea, but pretty bad. You see problems all the time when celebrities date. Work can become one of those situations where your relationship becomes scrutinized. Maybe if you work in a bar where you can drink a wicked amount of alcohol, then a relationship might work. I met my boyfriend when he was working at a bar and he looked wicked hot. He became more charming with the more alcohol I drank; that's how he got me.

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LA JOLLA, Renaissance. \$750/month, utilities, negotiable, bedroom/bathroom; 2 room, 2 bathroom condo. Washer/dryer. Near UTC, park, canyon, I-805, UCSD. Male roommate. 858-336-9187.

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LINDA VISTA. \$480, 3 bedroom home, ocean view, central, tropical yard, quiet, new carpet/marble, laundry, \$300 deposit. No smoking/pets, male preferred. Bill, 858-518-1517.

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PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$725. Month or longer. 3 bedroom house, split utilities, huge kitchen, large yard, deck, washer/dryer, Internet, non-smoking, male only, Bruce, 858-945-0017.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$750. Furnished bedroom, with own bathroom in bright, modern 3 bedroom townhouse. Use of kitchen, washer/dryer. Close to all. Nonsmoking. 619-398-5044, 619-235-2415, x21619.

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PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. Room for rent, 3 blocks to beach, hardwood floors, backyard, storage room, \$620/month, available now, male only, non-smoker, 619-235-2415, x23163.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$610 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Share 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Quiet street. Laundry. Nonsmoker. 858-488-8721.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$700. 1 or 2 females to share with male. Nice large house, private yard. Close to bay. Large living room, kitchen, spa room with jacuzzi tub, weights, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Bike to beach. 858-581-3481.

PARADISE HILLS. \$480/month, includes utilities, \$200 deposit. Quiet neighbor-

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POINT LOMA. \$575/month. Share large 4 bedroom house. Utilities, cable, maid included. Washer/dryer, jacuzzi, large kitchen, freeway close. No pets. Available 6/1. 619-995-0807; 619-235-2415, x21537.

POINT LOMA. \$700. Bedroom in 3200-square-foot detached home, Liberty Station development, 1 year old, 3 blocks bay, 5 minutes downtown. Upgraded throughout. 858-344-4000.

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CARMEL VALLEY. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New condo. No pets. Many amenities. 3820 Elijah Court #216. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$1750. Immaculate/spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New appliances/carpet/paint. Fireplace.

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CHULA VISTA. \$400 off first month's rent! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$900. Gated, laundry, parking. No pets. 210 Quintard Street. 858-483-5111 x42. www.melroyproperties.com.

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CHULA VISTA. All new inside. \$825. Deluxe, spacious 1 bedroom. Very spacious condo-style 2 bedroom, 2 bath, from \$995. Sparkling clean! Beautiful new carpet, tile, all appliances, Island kitchen, walk-in closets, more. Gated. Reserved parking. Garage or covered parking. Excellent location with easy access to Freeway 5, 54 and 805. Must see. No pets. Call 619-427-1122.

CHULA VISTA. \$1095. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated, central air/heat, dish-washer, balcony, laundry, off-street parking. Available now. Deposit \$600. No pets. 619-425-6511.

CHULA VISTA. \$725/month. \$150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

CHULA VISTA. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new paint, carpet, appliances. Low deposit. Parking, laundry. 267 H Street. Manager, 619-807-0183.

CHULA VISTA. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment in garden setting. Controlled access. Parking. Laundry. Air conditioning. No pets. \$40 Naples. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-422-5709.

CHULA VISTA, NORTH. \$925. Large, condo-quality 1 bedroom, 1 bath with 1-car garage, washer/dryer and balcony. No pets. 256 Beech Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-585-1959.

CHULA VISTA. \$740. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. \$400 deposit. Quiet courtyard complex. Refrigerator, stove, microwave. Off-street parking. Freeway close. 1051 Del Mar. 619-425-6460.

CHULA VISTA/Z, NORTH. \$810. 1 bedroom, 1 deluxe bath in newer beautiful garden complex. Gated parking. Air conditioning. No pets. 144 Garrett. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-585-1959.

CHULA VISTA, EAST. Tivoli Villas. \$1450. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome, gated neighborhood. 1100 square feet, washer/dryer, air, 1-car garage plus space. Nonsmoking. \$1450. 619-421-5509.

CHULA VISTA. Duplex. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage, fenced yard. New paint, carpet, blinds, vinyl. Easy freeway access. Near Feather Elementary. \$1050/month. 619-425-4555.

CHULA VISTA. Move-in special. \$680-\$995, studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms available. Super clean. Parking, laundry. Section 8 OK. 531 Moss Street. 619-425-2103.

CHULA VISTA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. Upper unit in small complex. Great freeway access. On-site laundry. 583 Park Way. 858-200-9408.

CITY HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. \$925. Quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Completely remodeled. New everything. Laundry, parking. Available April 1. 4064 36th Street. 619-335-3922.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$770. 1 bedroom designer upgraded condo. All new kitchen, bathroom, fireplace and carpet, on-site laundry, assigned parking, air conditioning. Available now. 619-660-1650.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs unit, with garage, hardwood floors and carpeting. No pets. Agent, 619-741-4378.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special! \$350 first month. Deposit \$400. Renovated. Gated, secure parking. 4058 51st Street. Se habla espanol. 619-584-4584.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New kitchen, bathroom, and carpet! Close to all. 3770 40th Street-see manager in #8 or agent, 619-440-4607.

CITY HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Close to transportation. Small pet OK. Call Charlie, 619-501-6631.

CITY HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. \$650. Studio for rent. Private entry, yard, off-street parking. No pets. Call 619-244-3502.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$675 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. Garage available \$50. No pets. At 4329 or 4331 41st Street. 619-299-8515.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Deposit, \$650. 1/2 off first month's rent. No pets. 37th Street. Agent, 619-795-3607.

CITY HEIGHTS. Newly remodeled senior community! 55/up! \$200 off first month. 12 month lease! \$625. Studio available now. Garden setting. Secure gated entry. Underground parking. Near shopping, freeways, bus lines. www.sunriseliving.com, Russ, 619-583-5409.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1000. New condo. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New appliances. Garage. Ceiling fans. New carpet/paint. Gated complex. Laundry onsite. Deposit \$500. No pets. 619-851-5456.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage, storage, large yard. Near freeway, shopping. Newly remodeled, lush landscape. Laundry hookups. Section 8 OK. 619-861-4833.

CITY HEIGHTS/TALMADGE. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Cathedral ceilings, skylights, fireplace, central air, inside laundry, direct garage. \$1700/month with lease. 858-272-5869.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo at end of street (quiet). Assigned parking, laundry room, water paid. 2842 39th #2. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725. 1/2 off first month! Huge, upstairs 1 bedroom. Breakfast bar. New carpet. Walk-in closet. Gated. Bright. Laundry. Parking. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Small quiet complex. Fireplace, laundry on-site. Gated, parking. 4055 36th Street. \$1,100/month. Call: 858-874-5664.

CITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, community patio, fresh paint/tile, clean! Close to freeways. 4417 Idaho Street #1. \$950/month. Available 6/1/05. 619-322-9522.

CITY HEIGHTS. Newly remodeled. Seniors only. Gated community. Elevator. 1 and 2 bedrooms. No pets. Great move-in special! 4262 Estrella. 619-405-5379. www.melroyproperties.com.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$750. One bedroom apartment. Stove, refrigerator. Water paid. No garage. Small common yard. \$800 deposit. Available now. 619-328-5496.

CLAIREMONT. \$1450. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath custom duplex. \$810. Large fenced yard. Pet friendly, washer/dryer included. Quiet seclusion. Private. Owner's pride and joy! 3175 Mandan Way. Call now! 858-232-7900.

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CLAIREMONT. 1 bedrooms, \$925 and up. 2 bedrooms, from \$1100 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios

and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT/BAY HO with Mission Bay/ocean views, 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, clean, updated appliances/fixtures, pool, jacuzzi, parking, \$1250, available 6/1, Barry, 858-922-1953.

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New kitchen/windows. New carpet, flooring, lighting. Laundry hookups. Garage. Nice yard. Gardener/water included. No pets. 3026 Luna Avenue. 619-276-7775.

CLAIREMONT. \$1595. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath downstairs townhouse with private fenced-in yard. Huge living room, large master bedroom with walk-in closet. Second bedroom has separate entrance, dining area, dishwasher and much more. A must see! 6030 Mt. Aguilar. Call 858-270-5500 x56. www.msbrowar.com.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedroom apartments available in gated community. 1 bedroom, \$850. Pool/laundry room on site. All utilities paid with 6 month lease. Small pets allowed on approval and with extra deposit. Call for current specials. www.sdreader.com/rent/2019. 619-286-0441.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, security, central air and heating, underground parking, 1-year lease, 4742 Seminole Drive. Please call 619-469-0031.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1095-\$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Furnished optional. Balconies. Gas stove. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer optional. Gated parking. Near all/golf course. 619-285-3822.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedroom near SDSU and shopping. Gated entry, elevator, parking. Lush gardens, quiet. \$850/month. Beth Jacobs Apartments, 619-229-1953. Manager, 619-801-0204.

COLLEGE AREA. \$695 plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath rear house. Free laundry, large closet, private, storage, yard. Monthly or lease. 602-740-2287. 619-847-6000, 24 hours.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit, stove and refrigerator. Near recreation center. 6696 University Avenue. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedrooms available from \$835. 3 bedrooms at \$1600! Air conditioning. Pool. Gated. Laundry. Parking. Near bus, shopping, freeways! Cat OK. Walking distance to SDSU. Saturday and Sunday by appointment. 6, 9, 12 month leases. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Road. 866-807-3191. www.pacificliving.com. See: www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1200/up. Large 2 bedroom apartment, lower corner unit. Carpets. Appliances, newly refurbished. Laundry facilities. Off-street parking. Pet? 858-455-5956.

COLLEGE AREA. College Park townhomes. Beautiful condo, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Swimming pool, Jacuzzi. Bright and sunny, close to all. \$1600/unfurnished, \$1800/furnished. 3954 60th. 619-889-4389.

COLLEGE AREA. \$850 & up. 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms. Blinds. Central air/heat. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Elevator. Intercom entry. Balcony. 4828 Art Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$795. Spacious 1 bedrooms, kitchen pantry, ceiling fans, on site laundry, pool. Close to all. No pets. Available now. 6295 Stanley Avenue. 619-225-3249.

COLLEGE AREA. 1/2 off first month's rent. \$795 and up. Newly remodeled, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available, hardwood floors, small pet OK, parking. 5955 El Cajon Boulevard. Available 5/15. 858-344-8922.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1250. Condo, Mission Valley location. Patio. Next to pool. Reserved parking, pool and spa. Laundry facilities on-site. Available now. 5432 Adobe Falls Road. 619-233-4182.

COLLEGE AREA. \$850. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath, split-level townhouse. Minutes from everything. Tropical landscaping, pool, laundry, private, gated. 760-753-2654.

COLLEGE AREA. \$695. One month free rent! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, Parking. 4423/29 College Avenue. Close to shopping. Small cozy complex. Contact Ed, 858-597-6100 x322.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$775. Large, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$975, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Air, pool, laundry, security, parking. 4445 Marcellena Road. 619-261-8246; 619-281-1506.

COLLEGE AREA. Spacious 2 bedroom townhome for only \$1150. Gated building, pool, air conditioning, patio, laundry, parking. 4601 63rd Street, San Diego. Call for details, 619-229-9248 or 619-850-6197.

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Street, San Diego. 619-229-9248 or 619-850-6197.

COLLEGE AREA. \$750; \$600 deposit. Nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4546 54th Street #4. No pets. Call 619-698-1400 or 619-992-7754.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$825. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Large rooms. Off-street parking, coin laundry. No pets. 4438 Menlo Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

COLLEGE AREA/LA MESA. \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Attached garage. Clean, quiet. Includes gardener, water. Pet considered. Available now. 4844-A 71st Street. 858-467-1090.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex near SDSU. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard. Laundry. Available now. 4762 College Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

COLLEGE AREA. \$825. Move-in special! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Near shops and bus. No pets. 4836-1/2 Art Street. 619-286-1777.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedrooms from \$895. Open house: Saturday, 11am-3pm. Call about free rent! Minutes to SDSU, shopping, dining, transit. All amenities. Collwood Pines Apartments, 4949 Collwood Boulevard. 619-297-3020. www.rasnyder.com.

COLLEGE AREA. Serene, spacious and affordable studios from \$775. 1 bedrooms from \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1200. All amenities. Villa Del Sol. 5474 Reservoir Drive. 619-582-5195, www.villadelasolapts.com.

COLLEGE AREA. \$2300. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Patio, attached 2-car garage. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis. Quiet neighborhood. Available 6/1. Year lease. No pets. 858-573-2963.

COLLEGE AREA/SDSU. Remodeled condo, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. \$1250/month, \$1000/deposit. New appliances, new carpet/blinds, new paint, washer/dryer hookups, fireplace, gated community. 619-392-3801.

COLLEGE AREA. \$950. Large, 2 bedroom, immaculate, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, close to all. Laundry. North El Cajon Boulevard, off 63rd Street. 858-459-8954; 619-944-5527.

COLLEGE PARK. \$1795. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. New carpet. All appliances. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Inner patio. Pool. 4510 Collwood. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

COLLEGE. \$1425. Nice 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath in quiet gated community. Washer/dryer, walk-in closet, new carpet/paint, nice appliances, patio/balcony. 1-car garage. www.utopiamanagement.com. 858-598-1111 x193.

COLLEGE. \$1200, lease. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath (master upgraded). 2nd floor, 970 square feet, 1-car street parking. No pets. Coin laundry, carpet, blinds. 858-349-1892.

CORONADO. Waterfront apartments. Up to 1 month free! \$99 deposit! Studios from \$960. 1 bedrooms from \$1450. 2 bedrooms from \$1880. Short-term corporate apartments/vacation stays. Pool. Spa. Training facility. Movie theater. Basketball. Volleyball. Golf driving range. Tennis. Coronado Bay Club. 1515 Second Street. www.coronadobayclub.com. 619-435-2254. www.sdreader.com/rent/1094.

CORONADO. Charming, private 1 bedroom apartment, upstairs, fresh paint, new carpet, partial hardwood floors. Small, quiet complex. Laundry. 619-296-2787.

CORONADO. \$925-\$1195. Beautiful 1 and 2 bedrooms with ceiling fans, laundry facilities and a courtyard. Parking available for small fee, within walking distance to Ferry Landing. 129 D Avenue. First month free on 1 bedroom! Call 858-270-5500 x49. www.msbrowar.com.

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CROWN POINT/Pacific Beach. 1 bedroom \$995! Walk to beach. Parking, ceiling fans, gated entry, laundry, peaceful, barbecue. 3833 Jewell Street. 858-483-2869.

CROWN POINT. \$825. Studio in fourplex. Clean and well maintained. Blocks to Bay. Parking. Available now. No pets. timcassidy.com. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

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apartment, half block to bay, pool, on-site laundry, 1 parking, 1-year lease, No dogs, cat OK. \$1450/month, \$1000/deposit. 3820 Haines. 858-837-0364.

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DEL MAR SPECIAL! Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Quiet cozy beach-style complex west of I-5 in Del Mar. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 full bath apartments. Assigned parking, laundry onsite. Year-round heated pool and spa. Less than 1 mile from beach. 858-481-6620.

DEL MAR. Large 1 bedroom condo, great patio, beautiful complex, pools/spa, garage, washer/dryer hookup. 3/4 mile to beach. \$1,250. 858-755-6494.

DEL MAR. \$2250. Move-in special! Luxurious 3 bedroom, 3 bath with loft. Plantation shutters. Patio/spa. 2 car garage. Air conditioning. Pool. Gym. 760-635-1123.

DEL MAR. \$1575. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walk to beach/village. Renovated, painted. Onsite laundry. 425 Stratford Court. Nyla, 858-793-2634.

DEL MAR. \$1498. 2 bedroom, 2 bath new condo. Upstairs corner unit, stainless steel kitchen, washer/dryer, walk-in closet, park view, clubhouse. 619-699-0588.

DEL MAR. \$1375. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse, west of I-5, 1-car garage, pool, spa, barbecue, common laundry, available immediately. No dogs. Lease. 310-470-0250.

DEL MAR. Cambria. \$1800. Beautiful 2 bedroom plus den, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, tennis court, pool, end unit, bright. 858-549-3867.

DEL MAR. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 baths available. Gated, ocean front living from \$1350-\$1695. Patios, ocean breezes, newly upgraded with detached garages. 510 Stratford Court. Call 858-793-7762.

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DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Starting from \$1140! Studio/lofts, 1 bedroom/loft, 2 bedrooms, 2 bedroom/lofts. Ask about our specials! Dishwasher. Balcony. Pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Fitness center. Laundry. Garages available. Near freeway/beach. Cat OK. Esprit Del Sol Apartments, 873 Stevens Avenue. 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Triple Crown. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Top floor. High ceilings, hardwood floors, fireplace, 2 decks, garage, washer/dryer. \$1895. 888-845-8262.

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DOWNTOWN, MARINA DISTRICT. 1 bedroom. Luxury living at City Farm Terrace. Gym, 2-pools, 24-hour concierge/valet parking included. Pets OK. \$2200. Sheldon, 858-220-0680.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable furnished rooms. Community baths/showers, cable TV included, on-site laundry. Convenient location. Within 3 blocks to Petco Park. From \$475-\$600. 619-962-8000.

DOWNTOWN. Studio. Great view, urban-style, high ceilings, kitchenette, Full bath, air conditioning/heat. Includes utilities. No pets. \$775/month. 728 Market. 619-239-1639 x103. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Cozy rooms, \$400-\$550, grab these little jewels today! Very comfortable, convenient location, historic building near C Street trolley. Choice of shared or private bathrooms. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator, no pets. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B, Hughes Management, 619-239-3808. www.sdreader.com/rent/2099.

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DOWNTOWN. Allegro Towers. Elegant, new high rise overlooking the bay, downtown. Fireplace, swimming pool, gym, etc. 1 bedroom, 1 bath from \$1350-\$2000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$1800-\$4300. 1455 Kettner Blvd. Contact leasing office 619-595-7801.

DOWNTOWN. Best value, Gaslamp District, \$360/month, community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x103. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. \$475 and up plus deposit. Furnished room available in residential hotel with shared kitchen/bath. Includes microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. 1545 Second Avenue, between Beech and Cedar. 619-595-0078.

DOWNTOWN. Artist live/work loft, large unit, full kitchen, beautiful courtyard, great location, retail available. \$1200/month. 744 G Street. 619-239-1639 x101. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. \$2495. The Grande. New spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, in most desirable highrise. Fantastic city/bay views. Stainless steel appliances, granite, hardwood floors, balcony, washer/dryer, pool, spa gym, parking. 1199 Pacific Highway. No pets. 619-318-8853.

DOWNTOWN. \$925. Beautiful 2 bedroom upstairs, just restored 1920's hardwood floors. Remodeled throughout, new tile, airy, open, lots of light, beautiful. 619-230-0998.

DOWNTOWN. \$775. 1 bedroom upstairs, just restored, 1920s building, 10 blocks from water, authentic hardwood floors, fresh paint, new tile, new appliances. 619-230-0998.

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DOWNTOWN. Studio, \$725. Quiet complex. Gated parking with remote entry. Laundry on premises. 1830 Market. No pets. Available now. Section 8 OK. 619-405-7368; 619-742-2100.

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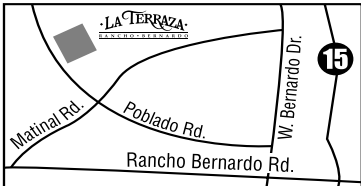
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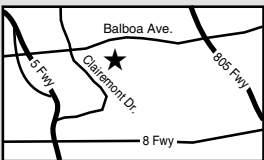


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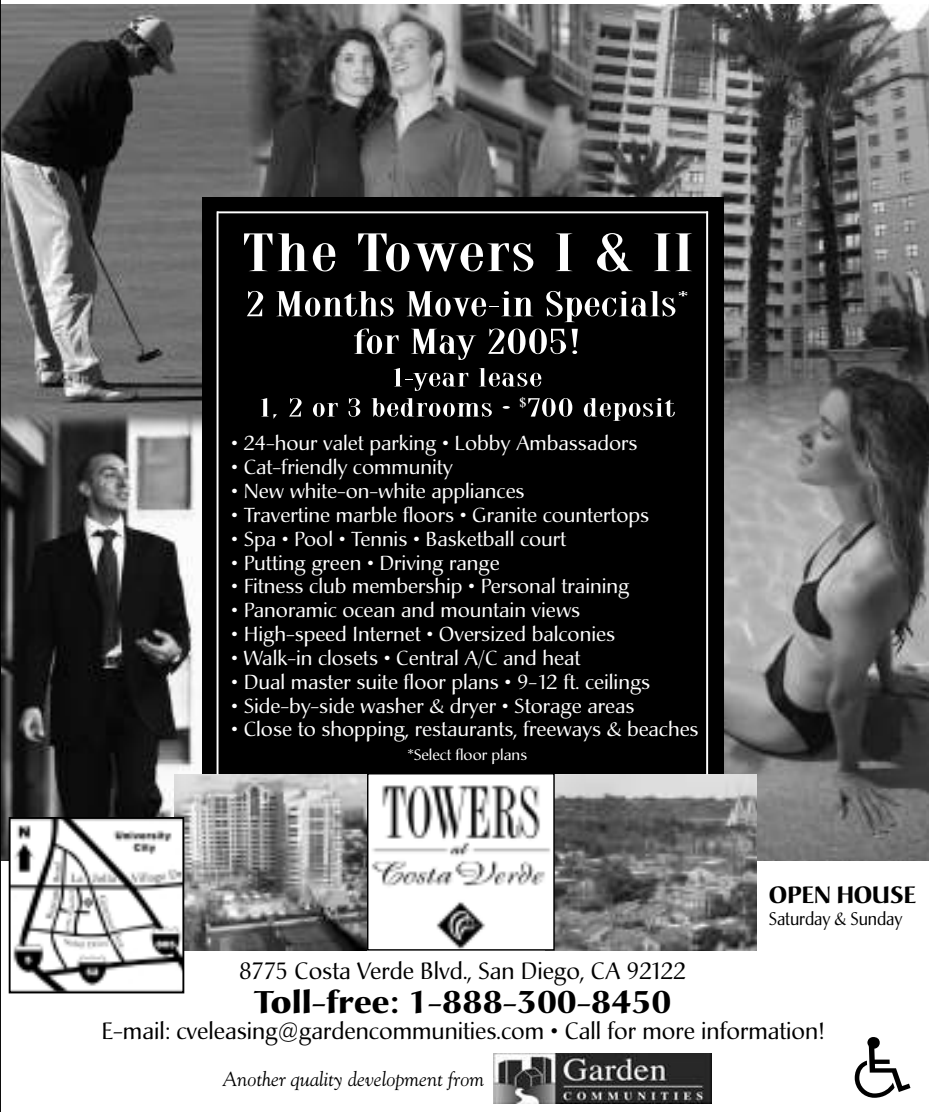
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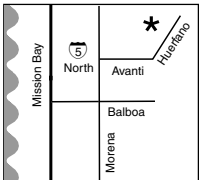
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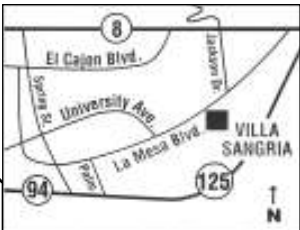


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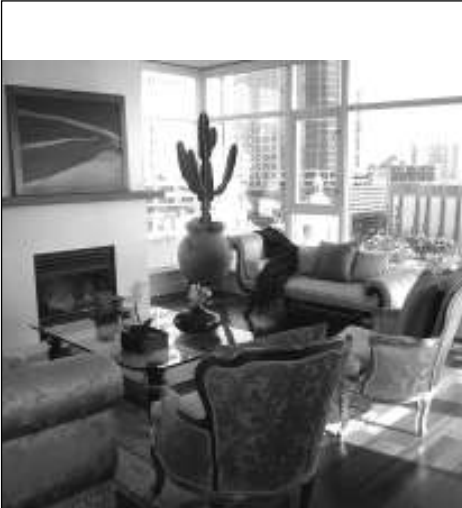
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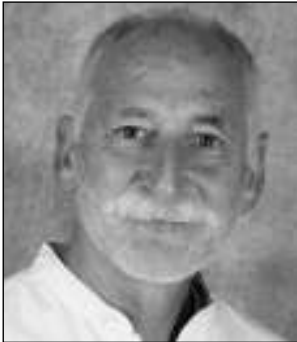
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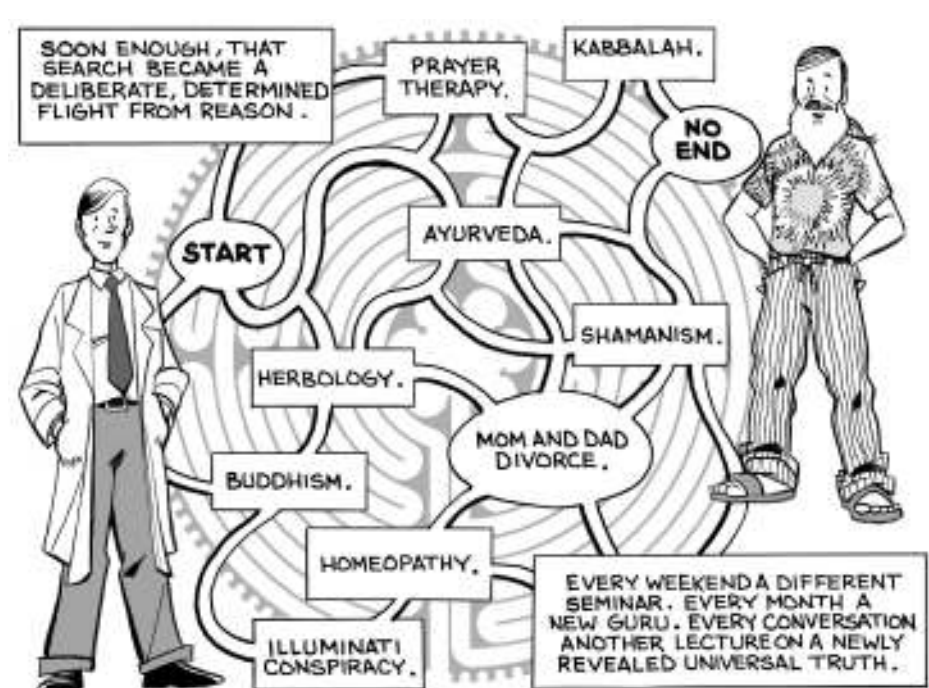
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LEAD STORIES

— Ivy League Blues: In March, a Princeton University graduate student in applied mathematics, Michael Lohman, was arrested, suspected by police of being the guy who has been assaulting Asian women on campus for weeks by snipping locks of their hair or by doctoring their drinks with unspecified “bodily fluids” in the dining hall. ... In Rockport, Mass., a chaired professor of economics at Harvard, Martin Weitzman, was charged with larceny after a farmer said Weitzman has long been trespassing and hauling away manure for his own nearby farm, thus denying the farmer his market price of \$35 per truckload.

Things People Believe

— (1) Mr. Mamadou Obotimbe Diabikile was shot by police and arrested after his unsuccessful attempt to rob the Mali Development Bank in Bamako, Mali, in March. He was hindered by the nearly seven pounds of magic charms he was wearing to make himself invisible. (2) Musician Edna Chizema went on trial in March in Harare, Zimbabwe, for allegedly defrauding Ms. Magrate Mapfumo by convincing her to pay the equivalent of \$5000 for Chizema to fly in four invisible mermaids (folkloric goddesses of revenge, according to the Shona people) from London to help recover Mapfumo’s stolen car. — Kim Chan, 40, of a village in the Cambodian province of Kampot, announced in March that he had a cow that was heavenly possessed and could cure illnesses by exposure to its bodily fluids, but local official Khun Somnang immediately discounted the claim, saying, “We had a holy cow here a year and a half ago [and you] don’t get two that close together.”

Life Imitates Art

— According to a February report in the Israeli daily *Ma’ariv*, Itzik Simkowitz is suing a pet-shop owner in Beersheeba for selling him a sickly Galerita-type cockatoo (for about \$2000) that died shortly after Simkowitz got him home. As in a classic Monty Python sketch, the shop owner initially insisted that the parrot was lethargic and

needed time to adjust to his new surroundings. When the parrot (to use the Python dialogue) was shown to be “a late parrot,” “an ex-parrot,” “a stiff,” and to have “joined the choir invisible,” the shop owner still refused to return the money. — In the Stephen King novel, *Christine* was the name of the demonic car, but Christine Djordjevic of South Haven, Ind., is the owner of a car that started and drove off, unattended, in March and crashed into her neighbor’s home. Police concluded that the culprit was Djordjevic’s remote starter, which had been installed by the previous owner imprudently, in that, on stick-shift cars, it can work in gear.

Police Blotter

— Fred Simunovic was charged with armed robbery of a Key West, Fla., credit union. A pitchfork was his weapon (March). ... A man fled after attempting to rob a shopkeeper in Central Park Plaza in Jacksonville, Ill., in January by first threatening her and then slapping her several times with a fly swatter (January). — William Woodard, 39, suspected by police in the Trenton, N.J., area of more than 50 burglaries, was arrested in March, and authorities said they were confident they could match him to what had become one of the “signatures” of the crime spree: random splotches of excrement at several crime scenes. In the course of the arrest, a highly nervous Woodard failed to control his bowels, and police have submitted samples for DNA testing.

Adventures in Obnoxiousness

— Christopher Garcia, 46, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was turned down for unemployment benefits in March because an administrative judge found that he was properly fired by a convenience store for misconduct in that he would not stop “air drumming” on duty (using real drumsticks), causing some customers to complain of feeling threatened. ... In March in Rajahmundry, India (about 300 miles south of Hyderabad), officials termed “resounding[ly] success[ful]” their tax-collection tactic of sending sev-

eral teams of two drummers to stand outside the defaulters’ homes and pound their instruments until the debtors paid up.

The Important Things in Life

— Tony Young, 35, made the news in January in Flint, Mich., when he tried to stop the theft of his Mustang (“my pride and joy”) by grabbing the spoiler and hanging on for 20 minutes as the thief drove through Flint and on two interstate highways at speeds up to 80 mph, trying to shake him off. Young still managed to call 911 on his cell phone and describe his route until police could join the chase, which ended when the driver fled on foot and was captured. (Two weeks later, “Young” was arrested and charged with breaking into a home, and police discovered that his real name is Anthony Barry and that he has served two stretches in prison.)

Creme de la Weird

— Two groups of Aryan supremacists who fled Germany to establish utopias in South America were in the news recently regarding their descendants’ colonies in southern Chile (“Colonia Dignidad”) and in Paraguay (“Nueva Germania”). Colonia leader Paul Schafer, 83, who reportedly commanded total obedience from his sect of 300 farmers (who remain, culturally and technologically, in the 1940s), was arrested in Argentina as a fugitive from charges of having sex with his camp’s children. And prominent California musician-composer David Woodard was reported by the *San Francisco Chronicle* in March to be carrying musical and electronic equipment to Paraguay to reinvigorate Nueva Germania as an “Aryan vacuum in the middle of the jungle” as per composer Richard Wagner’s vision of an aesthetic outpost of Germanic culture.

Least Competent People

— According to police in New York City, schoolteacher Wayne Brightly, 38, who was having trouble passing the state’s modest certification exam, paid a former mentor, Rubin Leitner, to take

the test for him. Though Leitner is a learned man, he is also age 58, white, chubby, and afflicted with the autism-like Asperger’s syndrome; Brightly is 38, black, and thin. When Leitner (using the fake ID Brightly had supplied) scored high on the test, officials wanted to interview Brightly to ask about his sudden brilliance, but Brightly decided to send Leitner to the meeting, instead, virtually assuring that the ruse would collapse.

Update

— In March 2003, as an edgy Washington, D.C., prepared for possible domestic terrorist reactions to the U.S. invasion of Iraq, David Olaniyi and wife Reena Patel were arrested at the Capitol, where they had embarked on an “art” project consisting of Olaniyi wearing a mask and objects duct-taped to his body, resembling the appearance of a suicide bomber. (Said Olaniyi at the time, “Duct tape is a hot item in D.C. I wanted my art to reflect what was hot here.”) Apparently, Olaniyi continues to believe the Capitol police had no cause to be fearful of suicide bombers, for he filed a lawsuit in March 2005 against police and FBI agents for violating his First Amendment rights by arresting him.

Unclear on the Concept

— (1) A pregnant woman named Akono was quoted in a March Agence France-Presse dispatch from London during demonstrations against U.S. policy in Iraq as saying she planned to intensify her own protest by soon going on a hunger strike, reasoning that she wants “to do everything I can to make sure my child has a secure future.” (2) Montana State University student Jeffrey Pumo, 21, arrested in connection with some shootings of marbles at people in February, was quoted in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* as saying, “I’m looking forward to proving my innocence on the majority of these counts.”

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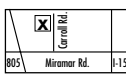
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why unapologetic? well, mostly because the name was available as a dot-com domain back in march 2001 when I started keeping a weblog. that, and it just sounded like a cool thing to say to a motherf@\$%er before I ... oh, whatever — it sounded cool. i figured it was even kind of ironic — i was always more the kind of guy who apologizes for things that aren't even my fault. but over time it's become kind of a self-fulfilling prophecy, something I've come to aspire to in my writing and maybe even in my day-to-day life — being unrepentantly true to myself.

so let's get to the getting to know you: my name is allen boudreaux. half colombian-american, half cajun. I'm twenty-nine — thirty in july, which scares the hell out of me. single, which, taken together with the turning 30 thing, is slowly becoming a frightening thing in itself. I live alone in an apartment on the streetcar line on saint charles avenue in new orleans. I'm a graphic designer at a small agency/film production company in the suburbs — not what most people do after law school, but I tried to make the law thing work for nearly three years, and suffice it to say that after a really tough transition year, I'm happier now than I was before, by whole orders of magnitude. I love my work, something i've found that not too many people can say, and fortunately, i'm damn good at it, too. I still can't believe I actually get paid to be creative. on that note, i've got a few of the standard issue young-creative-type bugs — i'm a compulsive early-adopter and a pretty big indie music geek. "geek" hopefully not being the operative word there, but what can you do?

unapologetic's pretty general as blogs go — it's just my life and thoughts. I write for myself, mostly, and for my friends to know what was going on with me — and I'm continually surprised that there's an audience out there that seems to enjoy reading what I've got to say. I try not to get too sappy or confessional because whiny bloggers are a dime a dozen, and who really cares? I try not to wax poetic because I don't want to sound pretentious; and I try not to get too much into

politics or religion because I've never felt the need for a bully pulpit for my personal opinions. I fail at avoiding most of the above pretty regularly.

so it's spring now, which in new orleans means the few short weeks when summer hasn't quite gotten its shit together yet and the heat and humidity are still gathering steam. it won't last long, which I guess is why we louisianians try and fit in as many festivals as humanly possible into April. The french quarter festival was last weekend, the angola state penitentiary prison rodeo is this weekend, and the new orleans jazz and heritage festival is coming up next. no lack of food and music around here, but then there really never is. did i mention it's the peak of crawfish season? last thursday on my lunchbreak i bought three lbs. of boiled crawfish and two blue crabs and had a picnic on the levee near lake pontchartrain, all by myself. does it count as a picnic if you're alone? Sigh.

i love new orleans, and I guess I spend a lot of time writing about that here, too. it's a magic place with an economy so depressed I'm surprised we leave knives lying around — and I feel a constant pressure to get out of here, to escape to a city where graphic design and advertising are more lucrative

and challenging. most of my friends from high school and college and law school have moved away, gone on to bigger and better metropoli — but for some reason, whenever I resolve to leave, the thick inertia that seeps up through the sidewalks here grabs hold and doesn't let me go.

i was born and raised in



NOLA, but I don't think I really appreciated how unique a place it is until I went to college in memphis, and realized that some cities are alive and some aren't. new orleans has a palpable heartbeat that you can feel in the humid air, it heaves and it sighs and it breathes and its breath smells like the mississippi as it enters the gulf all silt and salt and sex — surprisingly human.

new orleans is an easy place to live — I don't like that moniker, "the big easy" — but it is apt. besides being inexpensive, historic, and on some nights just hauntingly beautiful, it's a nurturing place that makes you want to create and share and find some way to express or channel it so other people will understand and not

think you're a loony for being so in love with a place. I've painted it, photographed it, written about it... but never come close to really expressing what I know this city to be. i guess the best i can dwell, i suppose that's enough for now, and i haven't even gotten a chance to really talk about what's

going on lately with me, but i suppose there's plenty of time for that later. One quick thing, though — if you're not listening to andrew bird's new album, *the mysterious production of eggs*, you really ought to be. It's the best album i've heard this year, and i'm fairly obsessed at the moment. beautiful, whistle, violiny, quiet, catchy pop. just great. anyway. nice to meet you.

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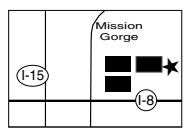
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BATTERY

Location: Unknown area near I-5 fwy and Tecolote off-ramp, Mission Bay
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. on 4/9/05

Investigation: Gregory M. was driving with a friend on the way to play golf. M. and his friend were driving north-bound on the 5 freeway when they exited to get gas. M. believes they

exited somewhere near Mission Bay Drive, possibly Tecolote. M. and his friend pulled into an unknown gas station, possibly near a 7-11. M. exited the vehicle and entered the station. M. asked the clerk if there was a restroom nearby and the clerk told him, "Just go out back."

M. walked behind the station and began urinating in the alley. M. was struck in the head and looked to see an orange bucket falling to the ground. M. then heard someone yelling at him and when he turned, he was punched by an unknown adult male. The unknown suspect yelled, "Who the fuck do you think you are pissing in my alley?" The suspect then told M. to pick up his eyeglasses and leave the alley.

M. got back into his vehicle and returned home. He took a nap for a couple of hours. When he awoke, he was having trouble seeing. M. exited his apartment and spoke with a couple of neighbors who advised M. he should call the paramedics. The paramedics came to his house and left. M. was adamant he wanted a report taken and he wishes to place the suspect under citizen's arrest if the suspect is located and identified.

M. recalls seeing a red fence near where the incident occurred.



DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER

Location: 7760 Fay Avenue, La Jolla
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. on 4/9/05

Investigation: Officer A. Libiran #4435 and I responded to Salon Jose on a report of theft of services. I was met outside by [owner] Jose Figueroa. Figueroa told me that a female had run up a tab of \$401.72 and had left without paying. His sister, Alicia (salon manager), was next door at the Empress Hotel tracking the female down. Alicia and a female, later identified verbally as D.M., walked out of the hotel [and] to the salon. Jose told me that he wanted the money for his services rendered or he wanted to make a citizen's arrest.

I spoke to D.M. She told me that her brother was supposed to come by to pay the bill but was late. I told [her] that she needed to contact a family member that would be willing to pay her bill or she would be going to Juvenile Hall.

She used her cell phone to contact her uncle in New York, David M. David's credit card was declined. David asked for 15 minutes to charge up his card. David called back to say his credit card should be good. The



card was denied. David told me the card should be approved up to \$400. Alicia ran the card. The card was declined. David asked that the card be run for \$200 twice. Alicia ran the card for \$200. The transaction was approved. Alicia ran the card for a section \$200 transaction. The card was declined. I could hear David speaking to someone at a bank about the account. David asked me to have Alicia run the card for \$199. The card was declined. Alicia tried the card a total of 7 or 8 times and could not receive the full amount. Jose said he could not wait anymore and told me he wanted D.M. arrested.

I transported D.M. to Northern for processing. D.M. lives in New York with her grandparents [and] came to San Diego to visit her mother. D.M. does not know where her mother lives. I was working on paperwork when I received a phone call from D.M.'s mother, Michelle. Michelle did not have an address and I did not feel she was capable of taking care of her daughter. I booked D.M. into Juvenile Hall. I admonished her of her Constitutional rights per PD-145. D.M. agreed to waive her rights by answering "Yes I do sir" and "Yes" to the admonishment questions. The following conversation took place:

Q: How did you intend to pay for the services?

A: I got my hair cut at the salon next to that one. They messed up my hair. My friend Brandy in Dallas said

she would help pay for the haircut. I went in there. When they told me how much it was, I got scared. I called Brandy. She said she could pay maybe \$100 but needed a couple of hours to get the money.

ARSON

Location: [14000] Oakline Road, Poway
Time/Date: 2:27 a.m. on 4/22/05

Report: T.L. was arrested by detectives from the Sheriff's Bomb/Arson unit and the Poway Fire Department for his involvement with the fire that occurred at his home. L.'s mother requested deputies check on her son, whom she believed was sleeping in the house that had just burned. She did not feel it was safe for him to be there. Deputies...found L. inside the house covered with ash. L. returned to the Sheriff's station with the deputies voluntarily, and talked with the Bomb/Arson detectives. After the interview, L. was arrested and charged with recklessly starting a fire and causing injury. L.'s stepfather received second and third degree burns to his feet and legs, and L.'s mother suffered from smoke inhalation.

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Ryan Skids His Blazer

Ryan Haywood is from Colorado. Two years ago, when he turned 16, his parents bought him a Chevy Blazer.

"It's a little longer than the Bronco," he says. "I've driven a friend's newer Tahoe, and it's bigger, and it definitely sits higher up. But I love mine. Maybe just because it's my first car and so I have some loyalty to it. But it's always done what I needed it to. It's four-wheel drive, and I've taken it off-road some in Colorado. We skied a lot, so most every weekend we'd drive into the mountains. The Blazer is good for that. I never had a problem. Sometimes I used four-wheel drive just to make it safer, but I don't know how much I needed it. Going to our house in Evergreen, we have a dirt road which isn't well taken care of, so sometimes I needed four-wheel drive on that."

"What kind of motor does the

Blazer have?"

"A V-6. And the transmission is the automatic."

"In something that heavy," I ask, "does the V-6 automatic make it go fast enough?"

"The speedometer stops at 85, and it definitely keeps going after that."

I say, "Some of the SUVs, especially the smaller ones, are rumored to be top-heavy. Did you ever come close to rolling the Blazer?"

"No. It's a great car. I want to keep it. But my little brother turned 15, so he needs a car. And the problem is, I might have to give it to him, for a while at least. The other cars our family has didn't pass the requirements for Master-Drive driving school."

"Master-Drive?"

"In Colorado," he explains, "to get your license you have to go through Master-Drive. You go to a parking lot and do a whole bunch of driving skills. And they have certain

requirements for the car. Our other cars didn't pass."

"What are the requirements?"

"They need to have anti-lock brakes that work, and to pass certain emissions tests, and other requirements that I don't remember. In the class, they go through tests like sharp braking and turning. They have a skid pad and a couple other skills tests."

"Every driver has to take the course?"

"I'm not sure, but I know you have to take it if you want to get your permit at 15. If you don't take it you have to wait until you're 15-1/2. And then to get your license, you have to be 16 and have a certain number of driving hours. You need somebody who is over 21 to sign for you on this chart that tells when you drove with them and how many miles."

"Have you used the skills you learned in Master-Drive?" I ask.

"Some. One time I was driving over Loveland Pass, and it was a nasty



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--- VEHICLE: 1992 CHEVROLET BLAZER TAHOE
--- BOUGHT: IN DENVER, COLORADO, IN 2003
--- PRICE: \$5000
--- MILEAGE: 88,000

day and I kept sliding. So I used what I learned on the skid pad. But normally my car only slides when I make it slide."

"You make it slide?"

"Yeah, in parking lots. You can yank the wheel and put the e-brake on, or slam on the brake and yank the wheel, depending on what you want to do. You can make it spin out. Spinning out is fun. It's a good thing about driving in winter, at least in Colorado."

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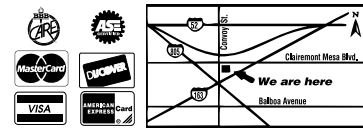
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The waitresses who weren't engaged in spanking, dancing, and singing to the birthday boys circled the restaurant. A clock hung in my line of vision and helped me note the frequency with which a girl arrived at our table. No sooner would I launch into conversation with my friend Doug than another girl would interrupt.

“Hi, how are you guys doing?” a short brunette asked.

“Fine,” Doug and I answered, turning our attention from our plates to the scarcely dressed coed.

When she left we wondered aloud at a napkin situated at the end of our table. “Why did she sign that napkin and leave it there?” I asked.

The birthday party was breaking up, Hooters girls spun away from their patrons, and grown men walked away with orange balloons that floated a foot above their heads at string's end.

“Bye, you guys! Have a great weekend!” a blonde with orangey-tan skin shrieked to departing guests and then made her way to Doug and me.

“Hi, how are you guys?” she asked in a bright, singsongy voice. “Fine,” Doug and I answered. We watched as she spread the mysterious napkin with her left hand and signed it with her right.

Girls who had already signed our napkin would approach our table with felt pen brandished and ask, “How are you guys?” If they saw their own signature they walked on, headed for the next napkin at the next table. They did not wait to hear Doug and me palaver about how we were.

When the next girl popped the cap on her Crayola marker as she approached our table, I asked, “Why do you sign the napkin that's set out at the end of all the tables?”

“Oh, you know,” she said.

“I think I do, actually,” I answered. “Is it because you have to turn it in to a manager? Is it to prove you smiled and asked us how we are doing?”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 5

EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND

KTLA, 7:30 P.M.

I saw a standup special with Ray Romano. His big joke was about the size of the orange juice glass he got at a restaurant. Because that's fresh comedy. Give that guy his own series.

I LOVE THE '70S

VH1, 10:00 P.M.

My dad stopped liking new music in 1975. He

just got off the contemporary music roller-coaster. After that it was all Dolly Parton all the time. Now, when I hear a new song that I like I shout out, “Thank you, GOD! I haven't turned into my father!”

FRIDAY, MAY 6

RUSH HOUR 2 (2001)

FOX, 8:00 P.M.

There's a *Rush Hour 2*? Whatever. On to the important things. Happy birthday to me.

Happy birthday to me.
Happy birthday, dear Ollie.
Happy birthday to me.

KICKBOXING

ESPN2, 11:30 P.M.

I settled in to watch kickboxing last week, and something caught my attention from the corner of my eye. I turned my head to see a sil-verfish crawling across my shoulder. “Oh! Help me!” I screamed and swatted at my T-shirt. “There's a pterodactyl in here! Please! Somebody!” I kept wailing and flinging around my front room. Yeah, I'm tough. I watch kickboxing.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

THE SURREAL LIFE

VH1, 3:30 P.M.

I had an elderly dog that would kick its hind legs out in front of itself and drag its ass across the front lawn. This show makes me want to rub my eyeballs like that over my living room carpet.

ROAD HOUSE (1989)

TNT, 12:00 P.M.

I'd love to manage the Ken Theater for one night. I would splice clips of *Road House* in with the latest award-winning Indie film. The end result would be a movie about an Asian piano teacher trying to make his way past monster trucks and henchmen to confront his childhood-bully at the Double Deuce.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

CHARMED

KSWB, 8:00 P.M.

I watched this show last week. I was half-drunk on whiskey and the TV was muted so I could sing along with the *Buena Vista Social Club* I had in the CD player. From what I remember this show is about Alyssa Milano's cleavage.



Charmed

MONDAY, MAY 9

THE BLUES BROTHERS (1980)

AMC, 10:05 P.M.

Kip and I were discussing the state of comedy. “Candy took over for Belushi, and Farley took over for Candy,” Kip related. “Since Farley died, no one has stepped up to be the fat funny guy.” The time is NOW to seize my birthright!

TUESDAY, MAY 10

THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART

COMEDY, 1:30 A.M.

The most interesting thing about late-night television is the commercials. If I understand the messages correctly, I can go to a vocational school for my GED, learn to play poker, and there are hot women standing by to talk to me. Late-night ads provide only possibility and promise; there is no room for regret or despair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

HARD TARGET (1993)

AMC, 8:00 P.M.

Meegan and I are starting a Wilford Brimley fan club. We're going to petition local VFW halls and bingo parlors for members. Our only problem is that Wilford doesn't get many requests for life-sized posters. It's not like he's a cover-boy for *Teen Beat* and keeps that kind of promotional item in stock. We'll probably have to special order.

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“They weren’t coming here but playing in these dinky-assed little towns.”

By John Brizzolara

It’s a relief to write about a truly pleasant Friday night activity instead of grouching about my personal life. Maybe the antidepressants are kicking in. I had an enjoyable Friday evening at the United Methodist Church at 4650 Mansfield Street in Normal Heights, just off Adams Avenue. This was largely thanks to Carey Driscoll and his nearly two-year-old enterprise, Acoustic Music San Diego.

I kept thinking of the bumper sticker as I listened to Lisa Moscatiello and Clare Muldaur on that Friday night in late April. You know the one, “If it’s too loud you’re too old.” I have to grudgingly admit I now fall into this category, unless it’s me playing an amplified guitar. Moscatiello and her extraordinary cello player, Fred Lieder, as well as Muldaur (daughter of Geoff Muldaur, musician/songwriter and former husband of Maria Muldaur), with her own cello player, Aniela Perry, and electric guitarist Antoine Salem, were all impossibly young (to me that means under 35). Yet they played at a volume one could easily get away with in a crowded apartment building without rousing the asshole neighbor.

The sets were arranged at 25 minutes apiece, two sets each, so there was no issue of who was opening for whom. Indeed it would be excruciatingly difficult (and wrong, so wrong) to judge which act was more talented.

Not having kept track of song titles

on set lists, I feel I should make mention of at least one song each act performed that distinguished itself. Moscatiello performed a number that dated from the Middle Ages in France. She sang it in French, and she has a remarkably fine voice reminiscent of Joni Mitchell at times. The song concerned a lady who decides to poison her husband with viper venom in his wine (I believe the offending husband was messing around). Just as hubby returns from the hunt and reaches for the wine, the couple’s infant son speaks his first words, which happen to be, “Don’t drink the wine, Daddy, it’s poison.” Hubby then makes his wife drink the stuff and she dies — twice it seems.

Muldaur’s standout song was one that invites the audience to whistle along. It is highly whistleable, and I found myself doing just that long after the concert. Any A&R man with any commercial sensibilities whatever should recognize this one as a pop single.

Upcoming shows, as of this writing, include John McEuen from the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on May 7 in a benefit for the Home of Guiding Hands. On May 8, British band the Strawbs are slated to appear; on May 15, Ramblin’ Jack Elliott. Ian Tyson (from Ian and Sylvia) is coming up somewhere, and, as far as recognizable names — to me, anyway — Driscoll has booked Fairport Convention for June 14. The last time I heard them was in Golden Gate Park, I think, in 1969. I was 18 years old and dismissed them as having no balls. These days my attention is a little higher up on the anatomy, and that band has had 36 years to evolve. I’m curious.

Oh, and Randy Sparks and the New Christy Minstrels and then the Limelinters. I may be able to contain my curiosity here.

“I grew up in San Diego in the 1960s,” Driscoll told me, through his white Fu Manchu mustache. His hair is equally white; it is long and trails from a white baseball cap. As master of ceremonies, he wears no tuxedo but a Hawaiian shirt. “And I remember those places like the Heritage and the Back Door, and all those great places like Funky Quarters, where Loggins and Messina, Seals and Crofts, and Cheech and Chong would appear.

“Lately it kind of saddened me, the number of acts that weren’t coming here but were going to other parts of the country. We’re the seventh largest city in the country, and they weren’t coming here but playing in these dinky-assed little towns. People as important in the songwriter category as Guy Clark and Jessie Winchester. There was so much great music San Diego wasn’t hearing, and I was discussing online with music groups. Finally, when I had enough of it, I brought

in one guy and got into it. The first concert was at Valley Music in El Cajon, and then I did the Community Center right across the street from here.

“The series itself started July 25, 2003. I got a real late start as far as artists’ schedules; but we got dynamite concerts: John McEuen, Geoff and Maria Muldaur, who were originally in the Jim Kweskin Jug Band.

“The first concert here was in 2004, and I did 58 concerts here last year. This year it will be a fair number more. I’ve got commitments for February of 2006.

“I was looking for the people who really didn’t have venues to play in San Diego. The local places like Twigg’s and Lestat’s and stuff have the local talent from the top, all the way to open mike and then the Belly Up. But there wasn’t anything for the kind of acts I prefer that will draw from 50 to 450 people.”

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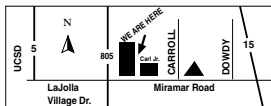
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